

Summary of Presentation for Fall Seminar at Wrightsville Beach, October 18-19, 2018

Title: Ethical Considerations When Representing Mentally Ill Clients

Presenters: AFD Joe Craven and Joseph Gilbert

Format:

This presentation will begin with a power point presentation of NC Rules of Professional Conduct (RPC) applicable to clients with mental disability or mental illness. The presentation will then include group discussion of problems and solutions that have arisen in pretrial, trial and sentencing cases during the last 12 months in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina. The session will also include role play, with one instructor acting as a mentally ill client and selected attorneys chosen to conduct a client meeting/interview at various stages of the trial process. Group discussion and suggestions for best practices will be included in the role play section.

Select RPC's and information designed to improve representation of mentally ill clients will also be provided to attendees as a paper handout for future reference.

Time: This session will be one hour.