



1st Annual Local Government
Conference for Attorneys & Paralegals
(hosted by Moore County Attorney's Office)
Friday, October 26, 2012
Little River Golf Resort, Carthage, NC
8:00 am – 4:00 pm

8:00 - 8:15	Registration
8:15 – 8:30	Overview of Conference/Welcome <i>T. Cary McSwain, County Manager</i>
8:30 – 10:00	Overview of Child Welfare (DSS/CS) <i>Ward Medlin, Associate County Attorney (DSS)</i> <i>Brenda White, Deputy County Attorney (Child Support)</i>
10:00 – 10:15	<i>Break</i> (Refreshments served)
10:15 – 11:15	Defense Counsel/Judges (Their role in local government) <i>Attorney Kathleen Shelton-Yow (Kathleen Shelton-Yow, PLLC)</i> <i>The Honorable Scott Etheridge, District Court Judge</i>
11:15 - 12:15	The Art of a Good Title Search & Real Estate Issues in Government <i>Attorney Mia Lorenz, (Van Camp, Meacham & Newman, PLLC)</i>
12:15 - 1:15	<i>LUNCH</i> (provided)
1:15 – 2:15	Ethics/Professionalism (Balancing family, career & community involvement) <i>Maureen Krueger, Moore County District Attorney</i>
2:15 – 2:30	<i>Break</i> (Refreshments served)
2:30 – 3:30	Bidding/Contracts (Process & Drafting) <i>Attorney John May (Robbins, May & Rich, LLP)</i>
3:30 – 4:00	Q&A (<i>complete evaluation form & hand out certificates</i>)

DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTENT IN CONFERENCE

Registration & Overview of Conference/ Welcome (8:00 – 8:30)

Registration sign up; County Manager will welcome everyone to conference. (not included in credit hours)

8:30 – 10:00

OVERVIEW OF CHILD WELFARE (DSS/CS)

A basic and general overview regarding the North Carolina Statutes on Child Protection Services and Adult Protection Services as related to Department of Social Services. What is the role of the Agency; what is the role of the Attorneys; what is the role of the other local government agencies and what is the role of the community? We will look at these and more to give you a basic understanding of your local Department of Social Services Agency. (PowerPoint presentation& discussion)

An overview of the DHHS division of Child Support as defined for the State of North Carolina. We will examine the responsibilities of the IV-D Child Support Agency in establishing paternity, establishing and enforcing child support, interstate issues, collecting arrears, and responding to motions filed by non-custodial parents; an overview of the North Carolina Child Support Guidelines and the statutory requirements which regulate child support, including the roles of the attorney and the child support agent. We will provide you with a basic understanding of your child support department. (PowerPoint presentation& discussion)

10:00 – 10:15 - BREAK

10:15 – 11:15

DEFENSE COUNSEL/JUDGES (Their role in local government)

An attorney and District Court Judge discuss their role in court when local government agencies are plaintiffs or prosecuting entities. When individual respondents/defendants face agencies such as the Child Support Enforcement Agency or the Department of Social Services in court, they may feel overwhelmed, frightened and confused. Attorneys must advocate for these individuals, but also educate their clients about the process and applicable law, analyze the facts of the particular situation, advise the client of potential outcomes, and attempt (where possible) to negotiate an outcome that satisfies the client and the agency bringing the action. The Judge in such actions insures that the rights of individuals are protected during the process, and attempts to fairly administer the applicable law in contested cases between the agency and individuals. This can be particularly difficult in DSS cases involving the interests of several parties, each represented by counsel. (Group discussion/scenarios, as well as presentation) The Honorable Scott Etheridge, District Court Judge and Kathleen Shelton-Yow, Attorney.

11:15 – 12:15

THE ART OF A GOOD TITLE SEARCH AND REAL ESTATE ISSUES IN GOVERNMENT

Presenting information dealing with title searches in general. Also, the presenter will discuss the intricacies of dealing with real estate as it relates to local government law. (PowerPoint presentation)

12:15 – 1:15 - LUNCH

1:15 – 2:15

ETHICS/PROFESSIONALISM (Balancing family, career & community involvement)

Information and discussion, as well as scenarios presented for group discussion, regarding balancing your family, career and community involvement. The presenter will also discuss how to handle potential unethical situations when people know your role in local government.

2:15 – 2:30 - Break

2:30 – 3:30

BIDDING/CONTRACTS (Process & Drafting)

The presenter will discuss information regarding the bidding process in local government law as prescribed by the North Carolina General Statutes. In addition, the presenter will discuss the essentials of a good contract and the pitfalls to avoid. (PowerPoint presentation)

3:30 – 4:00

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS (PRESENTING CERTIFICATES)

Q&A and evaluation form; hand out certificates of attendance for credit

Bio & Qualifications of Presenters

Attorney Brenda B. White: Is the *Deputy County Attorney* with the Moore County Attorney's Office and has over twenty years of service as an attorney in local governments. She received her J.D. in 1990 from UNC Chapel Hill and her undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice from North Carolina Wesleyan College, which named her Distinguished Alumni of the Year in 2006. She has served as a presenter for the UNC School of Government at its DSS Paralegal Conference and taught in the Paralegal Curriculum at Central Carolina Community College from 1991-1997. Her favorite position, however, is grandmother to 7-year old Thomas.

Attorney R. Ward Medlin: Is the *Associate County Attorney* with the Moore County Attorney's Office. He has worked with Moore County since September 2007. He works principally with the Moore County Department of Social Services handling all of the Child Protective Services and Adult Protective Services matters. Additionally he shares responsibilities and duties for the Moore County Child Support Enforcement Agency; handling child support enforcement matters. In addition to the services provided to MCDSS and MCCSEA, he will work on special projects for various other departments as may be assigned by the County Attorney for Moore County. He received his undergraduate degree from Western Carolina University in 1974 and his Juris Doctorate from Nova University School of Law in 1977. He is licensed to practice law in the states of North Carolina (1986) and Florida (1977). Prior to joining the Moore County Attorney's Office he engaged in a private practice of law; initially handling tort litigation including medical malpractice in the state of Florida and thereafter a practice in North Carolina concentrating on family and criminal law. His criminal practice included the full spectrum from traffic infractions to capital murder jury trials. He is an active member of the Stanly County Bar Association.

The Honorable Scott Etheridge: Has been a *District Court Judge* since 2002. He is a certified Juvenile Court Judge. Before his election, he was a partner in private practice with the law firm of Gavin, Cox, Pugh, Etheridge, and Wilhoit, LLP. He practiced primarily in criminal and family court. Judge Etheridge has also served in the capacity of Public Defender, Commonwealth's Attorney, and is a former member of the Board of Elections in Randolph County.

Attorney Kathleen Shelton-Yow: Is a solo practitioner at the law office of Kathleen Shelton-Yow, PLLC located in Carthage, North Carolina. Since establishing her own practice in 2006, Kathleen has concentrated primarily in the areas of domestic law, including but not limited to divorce, child custody, child support, adoptions, termination of parental rights and equitable distribution and juvenile law including representing parents involved with the Department of Social Services. During the 2007 calendar year, Kathleen served as a contract attorney for the Moore County Department of Social Services where she addressed all Child Protective Services and Adult Protective Services matters. Kathleen is a 2004 graduate of Campbell University's Norman A. Wiggins School of Law and is a member of the North Carolina State Bar, North Carolina Bar Association, American Bar Association, American Association of Justice and Moore County Bar. Kathleen practices primarily in the counties of Moore, Montgomery and Randolph. Kathleen and her husband of eight years, Richard Yow, reside in Pinehurst.

Attorney Mia Lorenz: Margaret A. Lorenz (known as Mia Lorenz) received her Juris Doctorate from Wake Forest University School of Law in 1993. In 1993, she began practicing law with the firm of Dameron and Burgin, PA in Marion, NC where she engaged in transactional work, including real property, estate, elder law, and corporate law concentrations. Additionally, the law firm represented local municipalities including the City of Marion and the Town of Old Fort and the McDowell County Board of Education. She assisted those public entities with their transactional law needs. Upon moving to Moore County in 2007, she joined the law firm of Van Camp Meacham and Newman and continues to practice law in the same areas of law, and is fortunate to

assist Michael Newman, attorney for the Village of Pinehurst, when real property needs for the Village arise. She is a member of the Real Property, Estate Planning and Fiduciary Law, and Elder Law Section of the NC Bar Association where she is a member of the Elder Law council. She enjoys her volunteer work as Chairman of the Whispering Pines Planning and Zoning Board, Vice Chairman of the Linden Lodge Foundation (a 501c3 entity that provides housing and assistance to adults with severe, persistent and diagnosed mental illness), and the Member of the Board of Directors of the STARS charter school of Moore County. Mia Lorenz is a resident of Whispering Pines with her husband of 20 years, John, and their two children, Matthew and Nicole.

Attorney John May: Is in private practice with the law firm of Robbins, May & Rich, practicing in Southern Pines, NC. The area of practice includes: Acquisition and General Representation of Golf and Country Clubs; Trust and Estate Planning and Estate Administration; Real Property Acquisition, Development, Operation, and Disposition and Related Financing Transactions; Taxation; Mergers and Acquisitions. Mr. May represents developers as well as landlords and tenants in all types of real estate transactions including land acquisitions and sales, zoning and land use regulation, financing, development and leasing of office buildings, retail shopping centers, and mixed-use developments. He also assists clients in the creation of succession planning strategies, including tax-efficient plans for transfers of ownership and control of the business either during the owner's lifetime or at death, for owners of privately-held businesses. Further, after the death of a client, Mr. May works with families, businesses, and related professionals to ensure respect for and implementation of the client's plan. With an advanced degree in tax law, Mr. May uses a proactive approach to estate planning situations and his priorities include clear recommendations and efficient implementation. His tax planning experience includes advising clients with respect to state and federal taxation of corporations, partnerships, and limited liability companies as well as advising clients on state and federal tax compliance issues. Mr. May focuses on solutions and offers sophisticated advice that enables clients to meet their estate, tax, and business planning goals. Mr. May graduated from Wake Forest University (B.A., 1970); Wake Forest University (J.D, 1972); New York University (L.L.M., Taxation, 1985). He is active in civic activities and continues to sit on numerous boards as either the Director or Trustee of such boards.

Maureen Krueger, Moore County District Attorney

District Attorney Maureen Krueger is a 1993 graduate of the Northern Kentucky University and a 1996 graduate of the University of Cincinnati, College of Law. While in college and law school, Maureen was on the Dean's List, Who's Who Among Law Students, and received the American Jurisprudence Award. She interned in the Campbell County, Kentucky Prosecutor's Office and clerked in the Hamilton County, Ohio Prosecutor's Office. Maureen began working in Moore County in 1997 as an Assistant District Attorney. As an Assistant District Attorney, Maureen handled all types of criminal cases ranging from simple speeding tickets to murder, including bench and jury trials. Maureen opened a private practice in 2002 representing clients in custody matters, personal injury and criminal defense. In 2007, Ms. Krueger was appointed to a two-year term as the District Attorney for Moore County. Within a few months, Maureen prepared and subsequently prosecuted a quadruple homicide. In 2008, Maureen successfully ran for election to retain her position as the Moore County District Attorney. Maureen is a very active member in the Moore County criminal justice community. She is a former President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Moore County Bar Association. She organized and launched the 19D District Bar and held the office of President. She is the chairperson of the Moore County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council and the Moore County Criminal Justice Partnership Advisory Board. Maureen is a member of the Moore County Community Child Protection Team, the Moore County Gang Prevention Task Force, Moore County Domestic Violence Task Force and the Moore County Child Fatality Review Team. She is a past board member of the Moore Buddies and a current member of the Carthage Rotary. Maureen is also a former member of the executive committee of the North Carolina Conference of District Attorneys.