

FUNDAMENTALS OF TESTIFYING IN COURT

“Effective Courtroom Performance For Law Enforcement Officers”

Law Enforcement Officers cite testifying in court as one of the most stressful aspects of their job, perceiving it as an adversarial system where defense attorneys may skewer them during aggressive cross-examination. While some officers will testify only a few times in their careers, others such as traffic officers, drug investigators and criminal investigators, court testimony may become a regular part of their daily work routine. As witnesses, law enforcement officers must ensure that the facts they present communicate the complete story and that their delivery of those facts makes their testimony clear and credible.

Course content will include discussions regarding the make-up of District and Superior Court. Pre-trial, trial and post-trial events are all part of the courtroom process. Procedures to follow when preparing for both District and Superior Court. Preparation for pre-trial hearings, discovery issues and the pitfalls and problems you could face if not honest, thereby causing the officer credibility issues that could lead to loss of a career and/or criminal charges.



Assistant District Attorney Tony Berk

After earning his Juris Doctorate at New York University Law School, Tony Berk worked as a New York Assistant District Attorney for 20 years. During that time he ran a Special Investigation Unit prosecuting a variety of cases and served on the Emergency Response Team where he was on a rotating 24 hour call to respond to major crimes to advise and assist police personnel.

After retiring, Tony spent 3 years in private criminal law practice. In 1996, Tony moved to North Carolina where he has spent the last 18 years as an Assistant District Attorney handling major cases in Superior Court. Tony has lectured for the International Association of Police Chiefs in Washington State and in Nashville, Tennessee and has taught law enforcement classes in both New York and North Carolina.



Retired Assistant District Attorney Jon Stieber

Jon Stieber is a retired Robeson County Assistant District Attorney with more than 20 years experience in the Criminal Justice System. Jon has been employed as an Assistant Public Defender and as an Adjunct Professor at Fayetteville State University. He has lectured in the field of Criminal Justice at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

Jon is a graduate of National University and National University School of Law in San Diego, California where he received his Juris Doctorate.

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