



**DIMINISHED CAPACITY, ETHICS,
AND PROFESSIONALISM:**

**How to Effectively
Advocate For and
Communicate
With Individuals
With Diminished
Capacity CLE**



**Friday,
September 6, 2024
8:15 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**State Bar of Georgia
Conference Center**
(with a virtual Zoom Option)

104 Marietta St., NW
Atlanta, GA 30303



6 CLE CREDIT HOURS

INCLUDING

1 PROFESSIONALISM HOUR

1 ETHICS CLE HOUR

AGENDA

PROGRAM CO-CHAIRS:

Lauren Shubow, Assistant Public Defender, Office of the Public Defender, Atlanta Judicial Circuit

Brenda King Woodard, General Counsel/Ethics Officer, Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

ORGANIZED AND CONVENED BY:

Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism

Karlise Yvette Grier, Executive Director

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TIME	TOPIC
8:20 – 8:55 AM	HEAVY BREAKFAST (<i>full hot breakfast</i>) Karlise Yvette Grier , Executive Director, Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism, Atlanta
8:55 AM	HOUSEKEEPING INFORMATION
	INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONER TANNER Brenda King Woodard , General Counsel/Ethics Officer, Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
9:00 – 9:15 AM	OPENING REMARKS Kevin Tanner , Commissioner, Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
9:15 – 9:45 AM	INTRODUCTION TO LEGAL CONCEPTS REGARDING DIMINISHED CAPACITY AND DEFINITION OF TERMS THAT MAY BE USED Lauren Shubow , Assistant Public Defender, Office of the Public Defender, Atlanta Judicial Circuit
9:45 – 9:50 AM	INTRODUCTION OF DRS. WILLIAMS AND RISBY Hon. Sarah Harris , Judge, Probate Court of Bibb County
9:50 – 10:50 AM	COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT/DECLINE (CLINICAL PERSPECTIVES REGARDING GEORGIA RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT RULE 1.14 DIMINISHED CAPACITY) AND CONSENT TO TREAT Dr. Alan Williams, Ph.D. , Psychologist, Mercer Medicine Dr. Emile Risby, M.D., J.M. , Chief Medical Officer and Director, Division of Hospital Services, Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
10:50 – 11:55 AM	ETHICS Moderator: Suparna Malempati , Associate Professor, Atlanta's John Marshall Law School Panelists: Sarah E. Kelsey , Disability Integration Project Staff Attorney, Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Inc.; Stacy E. Reynolds , Senior Attorney, Senior Citizens Law Project, Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Inc.; Lashawn E. Mikell, Esq., CPM®, CWLS , Supervising Child Attorney and Child Welfare Law Specialist (CWLS); Fulton County Office of the Child Attorney; Robert W. Bush , Statewide Director, Elder Law Project, Georgia Legal Services Program, Inc.; Sandra Satchell , Chief Assistant Public Defender, Dougherty Judicial Circuit

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11:55 – 12:00 PM	STRETCH BREAK
12:00 – 12:45 PM	<p>LEAP DEMONSTRATION</p> <p>LEAP is a communication process developed by Dr. Xavier Amador, a psychologist at Columbia University, New York to assist families and mental health providers to help someone living with mental illness recognize the signs of their condition and seek treatment. See https://namiga.org/resources/about-mental-illness/leap-assist-someone-accept-help/</p> <p>Celeste Bates, LCSW, Behavioral Health Court Liaison, Office of Adult Mental Health, Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities</p> <p>Joy Bell, MPA, Forensics Manager, Office of Adult Mental Health, Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities</p>
12:45 – 1:05 PM	LUNCH (<i>pick up boxed lunch</i>)
1:05 – 2:10 PM	<p>PROFESSIONALISM</p> <p>Moderator: Hon. Amanda N. Heath, Judge, Superior Court, Augusta Judicial Circuit</p> <p>Panelists: Royce Sago, Owner, The Bluit Law Firm, LLC (family law/dependency); Dana C. Ashford, The Ashford Law Firm, LLC (probate); Christopher K. Gifford, Owner, Gifford Law Firm (worker’s comp./ personal injury/civil); Rachel Gordon, Fulton County Public Defender’s Office; Daniel A. Hiatt, Senior Assistant District Attorney, Griffin Judicial Circuit</p>
2:10 – 2:14 PM	STRETCH BREAK
2:14 – 2:15 PM	<p>INTRODUCTION OF DR. MATTHEW W. NORMAN</p> <p>Lauren Shubow, Assistant Public Defender, Office of the Public Defender, Atlanta Judicial Circuit</p>
2:15 – 3:15 PM	<p>DIMINISHED CAPACITIES ACROSS DIFFERENT CONTEXTS: A PSYCHIATRIC PERSPECTIVE</p> <p>Dr. Matthew W. Norman, Owner, Matthew W. Norman, MD, LLC</p>
3:15 – 3:20 PM	<p>PLENARY CLOSING REMARKS AND DISMISSAL TO GROUP SESSIONS</p> <p>Hon. Bedelia C. Hargrove, Chief Judge, DeKalb County Probate Court Hon. Sarah Harris, Judge, Probate Court of Bibb County</p>
3:20 – 3:40 PM	<p>REFRESHMENT BREAK AND TRANSITION TO BREAKOUT ROOMS</p> <p>Breakout Sessions by Practice Area 5 minutes for intros in breakouts and 1 hour for substantive discussion. The Commission will provide Breakout Room locations when you check in for the CLE</p>
3:40 PM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Juvenile Dependency/Family law General Civil Practice (PI, Worker’s Comp, Other) Criminal law/Delinquency Probate-elder law, guardianship, conservatorship, etc.
4:45 PM	ADJOURN

Thank you to our planning team and student staffers!

PLANNING TEAM

PROGRAM CHAIR: Lauren Shubow, Public Defender, Atlanta Circuit Public Defender's Office

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Suparna Malempati, Professor, Atlanta's John Marshall Law School

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Hon. Constance Russell, Judge, Atlanta Judicial Circuit (*Retired*)

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<https://cjcpga.org/scholarship-application-for-09-06-24-diminished-capacity-ethics-and-professionalism-cle/>

If you have any questions about this CLE, please feel free to contact Karlise Y. Grier, Executive Director of the Chief's Justice Commission on professionalism, directly via email at kygrier@cjcpga.org or via telephone at (404) 225-5040. All attendees must check in upon arrival and are requested to wear name tags. The Commission will provide only digital class materials.

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