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# Appellate Advocacy: Winning Your Case through Persuasive Writing

Tuesday, March 15, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

**CLE Credit:** 3.0 General Hours

**Fees:** \$175 Attorney Rate

\$85 Paralegal Rate

**Registration:** Online: www.MeckBarCLE.org

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**Location**: Bar & Foundation Center

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**Special Info:** 8:30 a.m.: Registration

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.: CLE Training

**Program Planner:** Bonnie Keith Green, *The Green Firm*,

**PLLC** 

#### **Program & Speakers:**

Cases are won and lost on the persuasiveness of briefs. This course will focus on presenting your case in a persuasive manner through effective brief-writing. The speakers will give guidelines and practical suggestions for improving practitioners' brief-writing skills and will discuss practice tips and rules for both the North Carolina Court of Appeals and the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. The Honorable Albert Diaz will provide a judge's view of the qualities that make a persuasive, winning brief.

The Honorable Albert Diaz, Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit: Judge Diaz was confirmed by the Senate to fill a vacancy on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and received his commission on December 22, 2010. Prior to his appointment to the Fourth Circuit, Judge Diaz was a North Carolina Superior Court Judge, from 2001-2005, and a Special Superior Court Judge for the North Carolina Business Court, from 2005-2010. Judge Diaz is a retired U.S. Marine, where he served as an appellate lawyer and as a military trial and appellate judge.

**Bonnie Keith Green**, The Green Firm, PLLC: In 2014, Bonnie formed the Green Firm, PLLC, to provide professional legal services on a freelance basis to other lawyers and law firms. Her services include developing case strategy, writing winning briefs, conducting trial preparation, and handling appeals. Bonnie has written numerous briefs in many complex cases in state and federal courts. She is a former law clerk to the Honorable Karen J. Williams, Circuit Judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, and Sam C. Pointer, Jr., District Judge for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama.

**Norris A. Adams, II**, Essex Richards, P.A.: Norris is a partner with Essex Richards. His practice is principally focused on representing individuals with disability, health coverage, pension, and retirement benefit claims under private insurance contracts and group employment plans governed by ERISA. Norris regularly appears in the state and federal appellate courts of North Carolina and the Fourth Circuit. Before joining Essex Richards, he served as a law clerk to the Honorable Stephen C. St. John in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia in Norfolk.

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