

Catawba Valley Paralegal Association
Seminar November 10, 2009
CVCC Auditorium 6:15 p.m.
Criminal Jurisprudence and Practice
Presentation by Wes W. Barkley, Esq.

- I. Criminal Trial Practice: Myth and Reality
 - A. American Judicial System as Viewed from the Public's Perspective
 - 1. The Criminal Justice Wedding Cake - Four Levels of Crime 5 min
 - 2. Myth of an Adversarial System 3 min
 - B. The Truth Behind Criminal Trial Practice
 - 1. The Court Room Work Group Dynamic and Importance 3 min
 - 2. The Administrative System vs. the Myth of the Adversarial System 2 min
 - 3. The Calendar and the Issues of Judicial Efficiency 3 min
 - 4. The Attorney/Client Relationship 5 min
- II. Criminal Trial Practice - From Consultation to Trial Defense and All in Between
 - A. Meeting the Criminal Defendant 3 min
 - B. Fee Setting - the Hardest Job 3 min
 - C. Facts and Nothing but the Facts 2 min
 - D. To Plea or Not to Plea 3 min
 - E. District Court vs. Superior Court - Major Differences 5 min
- III. The Criminal Trial in a Nutshell
 - A. The Jury Selection 3 min
 - B. Opening Statement 2 min
 - C. Testimony 5 min
 - D. Closing Statement - and the Waiting Game 3 min
- IV. The Image of Criminal Defense vs. the Reality 5 min
- V. Closing and Questions/Answers 5 min