



**September 5 - 6, 2024**  
**The Cook Hotel and Conference Center at LSU**  
**Baton Rouge, LA**

**AGENDA**  
 Subject to Change

**Day 1 (Thursday, September 5)**

- 8:00 – 4:00**            **REGISTRATION**
- 8:30 -8:45**            **WELCOME**  
 Ms. Wanjennia Atkins, Administrative Director/Victim Services  
 Coordinator  
 Louisiana District Attorneys Association, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Ms. Katie LeLeux, Victim Services Attorney  
 Louisiana District Attorneys Association, Baton Rouge, LA
- 8:45 – 9:45**            **SEXUAL ASSAULT TRACKING KIT UPDATE**  
 Beginning July 1, 2024, LSP will now track all Sexual Assault Kits for the  
 state. Join us as we go over the history of why this was implemented, how  
 the kits are tracked, and why this is important.  
 Ms. Heather Furnas, Administrative Program Manager 2  
 Louisiana State Police Crime Laboratory, Baton Rouge, LA
- 9:45 – 10:00**        **BREAK**
- 10:00 – 11:00**        **2024 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**  
 Join us as we discuss the eventful 2024 Legislative Sessions. This session  
 will update you on relevant changes in the law and give a preview of what  
 is in store for next year.  
 Mr. Zachary T. Daniels, Executive Director  
 Louisiana District Attorneys Association, Baton Rouge, LA
- 11:00 – 11:15**        **BREAK**
- 11:15 – 12:15**        **PARDON & PAROLE BOARD – NEW BOARD! NEW RULES!**  
 We will discuss the composition of the Board and its new members along  
 with several laws surrounding the Board and how those laws are being  
 implemented.  
 Mr. Francis Abbott, Executive Director  
 Louisiana Board of Pardons & Committee on Parole,  
 Baton Rouge, LA
- 12:15 – 1:30**        **LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)**

**1:30 – 3:00****TRAUMA INFORMED CARE AND BRADY**

In this session, we will focus on the trauma informed care approach to working with victims. We will also discuss what ACEs is, how trauma impacts a victim, trauma informed techniques to use in cases, and self-care techniques for VACs. We will also cover exculpatory evidence and how to handle it in the DA's office.

Mr. Otha "Curtis" Nelson, Jr., Deputy Director  
Louisiana District Attorneys Association, Baton Rouge, LA

**3:00 – 3:15****BREAK****3:15 – 4:00****VAC BOARD ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

Mr. Zachary T. Daniels, Executive Director  
Louisiana District Attorneys Association, Baton Rouge, LA

Ms. Wanjennia Atkins, Administrative Director/Victim Services Coordinator  
Louisiana District Attorneys Association, Baton Rouge, LA

Ms. Katie LeLeux, Victim Services Attorney  
Louisiana District Attorneys Association, Baton Rouge, LA

**4:00****ADJOURN****Day 2 (Friday, September 6)****8:00 – 11:00****REGISTRATION****8:30 – 9:30****ANNUAL GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS TRAINING**

All public servants are required to take one hour of training on the Code of Governmental Ethics. A public servant is defined as a public employee or an elected official.

Mr. Otha "Curtis" Nelson, Jr., Deputy Director  
Louisiana District Attorneys Association, Baton Rouge, LA

**9:30 – 9:45****BREAK****9:45 – 10:45****CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS BOARD**

Join us as we discuss the Crime Victims Reparations Board and resources that are helpful for victims.

Mr. Bob Wertz, Law Enforcement Training Manager  
Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement, Baton Rouge, LA

**10:45 – 11:00****BREAK**



**11:00 – 12:00**

**JUVENILE UPDATE**

This session will focus on juvenile laws and the impacts on victims. Join us as we cover all the changes in the laws regarding juveniles, as a result of the 2024 Legislative Session.

Mr. S. Andrew “Andy” Shealy, Assistant District Attorney  
16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, New Iberia, LA

**ADJOURN – SAFE TRAVELS!**