

LOUISIANA DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION

LDAA FALL SEMINAR

NOVEMBER 14-16, 2023

CROWNE PLAZA EXECUTIVE CENTER BATON ROUGE
BATON ROUGE, LA

AGENDA

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

10:30-5:30 REGISTRATION OUTSIDE EXECUTIVE BOARDROOM

12:45-1:00 WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Honorable Billy Joe Harrington, LDAA President

District Attorney, 10th Judicial District, Natchitoches, LA

Mr. Loren M. Lampert, Executive Director

Louisiana District Attorneys Association, Baton Rouge, LA

Mr. Jacob L. Johnson, ADA Section President

1st Assistant District Attorney, 14th Judicial District, Lake Charles, LA

1:00-2:30 SESSION #1 (1.50 CLE CREDITS)

GENERAL SESSION PREMIER II

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

(Join us as we discuss the eventful 2023 legislative session. The session will update you on relevant changes to the law and give a preview for what is in store for the next year.)

Mr. Loren M. Lampert, Executive Director

Louisiana District Attorneys Association, Baton Rouge, LA

2:30-2:45 BREAK

2:45-3:45 SESSION #2 (1.00 CLE CREDIT)

GENERAL SESSION PREMIER II

RECENT DECISIONS

(Justice never sleeps and neither does the court system. Join us to discuss major and minor cases that affect prosecutors state-wide.)

Judge Katherine Tess Percy Stromberg, Chief Judge

23rd Judicial District Court, Gonzales, LA

3:45-4:00 BREAK

4:00-5:30 SESSION #3 (1.50 CLE CREDITS)

GENERAL SESSION PREMIER II

PROSECUTOR WELLBEING

LAW OFFICE MANAGEMENT

(Prosecutors support and advocate for victims who have often been through

severe trauma. The impact of that role can be profound. Join us as we discuss the mental health implications for those that are dedicated to defending others.)

*Dr. Darrel B. Turner, Licensed Clinical Psychologist
Turner Forensic Psychology, Lake Charles, LA*

5:30-6:30 SOCIAL HOUR ATRIUM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

8:00-5:15 REGISTRATION OUTSIDE EXECUTIVE BOARDROOM

8:30-9:45 SESSION #4 (1.25 CLE CREDITS)

GENERAL SESSION PREMIER II

MULTI-DEFENDANT PROSECUTIONS

(Join us as we review the complex process of prosecuting multiple defendants. The session will address common problems from the institution of prosecution to trial issues.)

*Mr. Jacob L. Johnson, ADA Section President
1st Assistant District Attorney, 14th Judicial District, Lake Charles, LA
Mr. Charles Robinson, Assistant District Attorney - Dy. Chief of Litigation
14th Judicial District, Lake Charles, LA*

SPECIAL TOPICS

CYPRESS I

ASSET FORFEITURES

(Join the discussion on asset forfeitures. From the nuts and bolts of forfeiture to the nationwide trends affecting the practice area, the panel will address this vital tool.)

*Mr. S. Andrew "Andy" Shealy, DARS Board Chairman and
Assistant District Attorney, 16th Judicial District, New Iberia, LA*

HIGHWAY SAFETY TRACK

MISSISSIPPI-DELTA

HEMP DERIVED INTOXICANTS (DELTA-8)

(The passage of the 2018 Farm Bill allowing the production of hemp products created a controversial loophole in the law which seemingly permitted businesses to sell consumable, intoxicating hemp products. As a result, the sale and recreational use of these hemp derived intoxicants increased dramatically in 2020 and continues to remain steady. This presentation will cover the multitude of hemp derived intoxicants currently available on the market, the psychoactive effects of these products, and the public health and safety concerns regarding these products due to a lack of federal and state regulation.)

*Ms. Ashley Schluck, Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor
Wyoming Highway Safety, City of Laramie Attorney's Office, WY*

VICTIMS / VIOLENT CRIME TRACK

BAYOU-LEVEE

LOUISIANA PROTECTIVE ORDER REGISTRY

(This panel will discuss the intricacies and common issues for the Louisiana

Protective Order Registry.)

*Ms. Romona Harris, Deputy Judicial Administrator/LPOR Director
Louisiana Protective Order Registry, New Orleans, LA*

*Ms. Ayn W. Stehr, Legal Consultant,
Louisiana Protective Order Registry, New Orleans, LA*

*Ms. Barbara Davidson, L.M.S.W./LPOR Director
Louisiana Protective Order Registry, New Orleans, LA*

*Mr. Francis E. Robinson, Jr., Technical Program Assistant/LPOR Director
Louisiana Protective Order Registry, New Orleans, LA*

9:45-10:00 BREAK

10:00-11:30 SESSION #5 (1.50 CLE CREDITS)

GENERAL SESSION

PREMIER II

AVOIDING DIGITAL LANDMINES IN CSAM PROSECUTIONS

(Join the discussion on one of the most difficult areas of prosecution: Child Sexual Abuse Material. This session will discuss how to advocate for victims you may never meet and how to avoid the pitfalls of these complex digital prosecutions.)

*Mr. John Russell, Assistant Attorney General
Louisiana Department of Justice, Baton Rouge, LA*

SPECIAL TOPICS

CYPRESS I

BOND FORFEITURES POST-COVID

(Bonds are a vital tool to protect the public and to ensure that defendants appear in court. Join this discussion to refresh on the basics of bonds and get updated on the common issues facing forfeitures post-COVID.)

*Mr. Robert "Bob" S. Kleinschmidt, Jr., Assistant District Attorney
14th Judicial District, Lake Charles, LA*

HIGHWAY SAFETY TRACK

MISSISSIPPI-DELTA

***NEW CDS LAWS & TRIAL STRATEGIES FOR BOTH DUI-DRUG AND VEHICULAR
HOMICIDE CHARGES***

(Wondering how to prosecute those who drive while high on their prescription drugs? Thinking about what new CDS laws have been enacted? Curious about Katie Bug's Law and how it impacts your local law enforcement agency's policies on DUIs with traffic fatalities? Noticing that there may be laws for doctors and pharmacists who unlawfully dispense prescriptions or medications that are later used illicitly in your district? Then this session is for you, as we will cover all of this.)

*Ms. Meredith Smith, Assistant District Attorney
20th Judicial District, Clinton, LA*

VICTIMS / VIOLENT CRIME TRACK

BAYOU-LEVEE

WHY HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIMS ARE DIFFERENT

(Join us for a presentation on why human trafficking victims do not always act the

way we expect "victims" to act, and why we need to change our practices to address issues of trauma, as well as address the role of early contact from law enforcement, prosecutors, victim assistance coordinators (VACs), human trafficking service provider, and peer-to-peer specialists to strengthen cases for prosecution. The Director of the Anti-Human Trafficking Initiative at The Sparrow Foundation and a survivor specialist will explain why trauma-informed care should guide our interaction and interviews with victims of human trafficking.)

*Ms. Alliece Cole, Director, Anti-Human Trafficking Initiative
The Sparrow Foundation, Baton Rouge, LA*

*Ms. Michelle Johnson, Expert Consultant
The Sparrow Foundation, Baton Rouge, LA*

11:30-1:00 LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)

1:00-2:30 SESSION #6 (1.50 CLE CREDITS)

GENERAL SESSION

PREMIER II

DAUBERT CHALLENGES TO BALLISTICS

(A rapidly growing area of attack for Forensic Scientists is coming in the area of ballistic identification. This session will focus on establishing, explaining, and defending the reliability of this long-established forensic science.)

*Mr. Ben McGough, Deputy District Attorney
Montgomery County District Attorney's Office, Montgomery, AL*

SPECIAL TOPICS

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TESTIMONY OF PROTECTED PERSONS

(Join us to discuss the most effective tools available to protect the most vulnerable of victims. Whether you have a child forensic interview or want your victim to testify outside the presence of a jury, this panel will give you the tools to zealously pursue your defendant without allowing abuse to your victims)

*Mr. Matthew S. Belser, Assistant District Attorney
21st Judicial District, Amite, LA*

*Ms. Sonya M. Cardia-Porter, Assistant District Attorney
19th Judicial District, Baton Rouge, LA*

HIGHWAY SAFETY TRACK

MISSISSIPPI-DELTA

"NONE DETECTED"

(This presentation will cover how to handle drug DUI cases with a low or none detected result by providing a comprehensive overview of what to do when laboratory results show "No Drug Detected" in a Drug DUI case. The presentation will explore the various reasons a chemical test result can show "No Drug Detected" and explain how prosecutors and law enforcement officers can use a toxicologist to effectively overcome such a challenge and continue to pursue the Drug DUI case. Additionally, this session will discuss other investigatory and trial skills that both law enforcement officers and prosecutors can use to successfully pursue these daunting cases.)

*Ms. Ashley Schluck, Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor
Wyoming Highway Safety, City of Laramie Attorney's Office, WY*
VICTIMS / VIOLENT CRIME TRACK **BAYOU-LEVEE**
**TALKING TO VICTIM: THE ART OF BUILDING RAPPORT AND PREPARING A VICTIM
FOR TRIAL**

(This session will cover how and when to talk to victims, tips on building rapport with victims of violent crimes and sex crimes, how to prepare a victim for testifying at trial and Brady considerations.)

*Ms. Rochelle Champagne Fahrig, Assistant District Attorney,
29th Judicial District, Hahnville, LA*

*Ms. Casey Allen, Assistant District Attorney
22nd Judicial District, Covington, LA*

2:30-2:45 **BREAK**

2:45-4:00 **SESSION #7** **(1.25 CLE CREDITS)**

GENERAL SESSION **PREMIER II**

STRATEGIES WITH CHILD VICTIMS

(Join us as we explore effective tactics for interacting with and protecting child victims. This session will include strategies to identify and gather resources to strengthen cases and tactics for interacting with young victims.)

*Ms. Andrea "Andi" Neal, Assistant District Attorney
19th Judicial District, Baton Rouge, LA*

*Mrs. Kathleen "Katie" Barrios Heap, Assistant District Attorney
19th Judicial District, Baton Rouge, LA*

*Ms. L. Lucy Melancon, Attorney Supervisor, Bureau General Counsel
Department of Children & Family Services, Baton Rouge, LA*

SPECIAL TOPICS

CYPRESS I

JUVENILE TRANSFERS ISSUES

(There is a wave of violent crimes impacting communities state-wide. An astounding number of them are committed by juveniles. Join this discussion on the steps needed to transfer these violent juveniles into adult court.)

*Mr. Douglas Rushton, Assistant District Attorney - Chief of Juvenile
24th Judicial District, Gretna, LA*

HIGHWAY SAFETY TRACK

MISSISSIPPI-DELTA

THE ROLE OF THE TOXICOLOGIST

(When do you need a toxicologist in a prosecution? What can a toxicologist testify to at trial? Learn how a toxicologist expert witness can enhance your case.)

Mr. Joseph Jones, Owner

J. O. Jones. Consulting, LLC, Stonewall, LA

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***THE EXPERT WITNESS PROJECT, LOUISIANA COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE***

(The Expert Witness Project is a network of qualified experts in Domestic Violence who provide expert witness testimony in both civil and criminal legal matters on behalf of survivors of domestic violence.)

*Ms. Taylor Robison, Director of Public Affairs & Ally Engagement
Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Baton Rouge, LA
Ms. Chelsee Green, Staff Attorney
Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Baton Rouge, LA*

4:00-4:15 BREAK

4:15-5:30 SESSION #8 (1.25 CLE CREDITS)

GENERAL SESSION PREMIER II

TAKING EMERGENCY WRITS

(This session will walk you step by step through the process to challenge a trial court's ruling mid-trial, with samples and techniques to make that process as painless as possible.)

*Mr. David Pipes, Assistant District Attorney
14th Judicial District, Lake Charles, LA*

HIGHWAY SAFETY TRACK

MISSISSIPPI-DELTA

ORAL FLUIDS PILOT PROGRAM

(As the number of drug associated DWI violations increases, and the willingness of some judges to grant a search warrant for blood decreases, we need to find ways to obtain evidence that is more acceptable to everyone involved and is accurate.)

*Captain George F. Breedy
St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office, Luling, LA*

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BAYOU-LEVEE

NOTICE AND MOTION PRACTICES: USE OF 412.2 AND 412.4

(Learn when and how to use C.E. 412.2 and 412.4 as a tool to aid in the prosecution of sex crimes and domestic violence cases: what to file, how to handle hearings and what the higher courts have determined based on factual scenarios.)

*Ms. Rochelle Champagne Fahrig, Assistant District Attorney
29th Judicial District, Hahnville, LA
Ms. Kathleen "Katie" Barrios Heap, Assistant District Attorney
19th Judicial District, Baton Rouge, LA*

EVENING (ON YOUR OWN)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

8:00-11:30 REGISTRATION

OUTSIDE EXECUTIVE BOARDROOM

8:30-9:30 SESSION #9 (1.00 CLE CREDIT)

GENERAL SESSION PREMIER II

***PERSONAL STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE: A CALL TO IDENTITY,
SERVICE & CIVILITY*** **PROFESSIONALISM**

(As lawyers, professionalism requires that we responsibly demonstrate “who we are,” “what we do,” and “how we act.” How we view ourselves and how the public sees us, determines whether we are able to impact our community and elevate the lives of others. This workshop offers practical action steps that can help us to advance the highest ideals of our profession)

***Mr. Ron C. Stamps, Assistant District Attorney, Section Chief - SVU
1st Judicial District, Shreveport, LA***

***Ms. Britney C. Green, Assistant District Attorney
1st Judicial District, Shreveport, LA***

9:30-10:30 GENERAL INFORMATION SESSION – DARS

DARS **PREMIER II**

(It is never too early to think about retirement. Join us with the DARS Board Chairman as we discuss the amazing details and benefits of the DA Retirement System.)

***Mr. S. Andrew “Andy” Shealy, DARS Board Chairman and
Assistant District Attorney, 16th Judicial District, New Iberia, LA***

***Mr. Philip C. Qualls, Director
District Attorneys’ Retirement System, Baton Rouge, LA***

10:30-10:45 BREAK

10:45-11:45 SESSION #10 (1.00 CLE CREDIT)

GENERAL SESSION PREMIER II

PROSECUTORIAL ETHICS WITH BRADY **ETHICS**

***The Honorable Alvin R. Sharp, District Court Judge
4th Judicial District Court - Division I, Monroe, LA***

11:45 ADJOURN

*** THE AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**