



# INVESTIGATING & PROSECUTING THE IMPAIRED DRIVER

LOUISIANA DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION PRESENTS  
**INVESTIGATING AND PROSECUTING THE IMPAIRED DRIVER**  
SEPTEMBER 4-5, 2025  
BATON ROUGE, LA

## **AGENDA** SUBJECT TO CHANGE

### **DAY 1 (THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4)**

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**8:00-8:45 REGISTRATION**

**8:50-9:00 WELCOME AND COURSE OVERVIEW**

*Jacqueline Sanchez, Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor  
Louisiana District Attorneys Association, Baton Rouge, LA*

**9:00-10:00 SESSION 1 – BLOOD DRAWS & READING TOX REPORTS [1.00 CLE HOUR]**

Attendees will learn what drugs are currently trending in blood samples taken from DUI drivers and the sources of these drugs in Louisiana. Attendees will also gain insight into how to read toxicology reports.

*Rebecca Chiasson, Chemistry Manager  
Louisiana State Police Crime Lab, Baton Rouge, LA*

**10:00-10:15 BREAK**

**10:15-11:00 SESSION 2 – HIGHWAY SAFETY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE [0.75 CLE HOUR]**

Join us for an inside look at the latest legislative updates shaping highway safety. We'll break down the key bills that passed this session and what they mean for law enforcement and prosecutors.

*Zachary T. Daniels, Executive Director  
Louisiana District Attorneys Association, Baton Rouge, LA  
Jacqueline Sanchez, Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor  
Louisiana District Attorneys Association, Baton Rouge, LA*

**11:00-11:15 BREAK**

**11:15-12:15 SESSION 3 – CDS ANALYSIS [1.00 CLE HOUR]**

Attendees will learn how the state lab analyzes controlled dangerous substances.

*Rebecca Chiasson, Chemistry Manager  
Louisiana State Police Crime Lab, Baton Rouge, LA*

**12:15-1:15 LUNCH – PROVIDED**

**1:30-3:00 SESSION 4 – SCREENING, CHARGING, EVALUATING, & PREPARING THE DRUG IMPAIRED DRIVING CASE [1.50 CLE HOURS]**

This session will dive into the key decisions prosecutors face in impaired driving cases. Topics include screening, bond and interlock considerations, trial preparation and practical strategies for handling non-English-speaking defendants in DWI cases.

*Jessica Raines, Assistant District Attorney  
First Parish Court, 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office, Gretna, LA*



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**3:00-3:15 BREAK**

**3:15-4:30 SESSION 5 – DWI CHALLENGES AND HOW TO COMBAT THEM [1.25 CLE HOURS]**

Learn about common DWI challenges, from an invalid stop to an officer's finding of impairment, and how to anticipate and refute these challenges.

*Brett Sommer, Assistant District Attorney*

*21<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office, Livingston, LA*

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**DAY 2 (FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5)**

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**8:30-10:00 SESSION 6 – THE INS AND OUTS OF SFSTs AND THE DRE PROGRAM [1.5 CLE HOURS]**

This course provides an overview of Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFSTs) and their role in impaired driving investigations. Attendees will also explore the history of the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) program, the 12-step evaluation process, and the seven drug categories DREs are trained to identify.

*Sergeant Randy Lanoux, Enforcement Agent*

*Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries, Baton Rouge, LA*

*Sergeant Michael Hebert, Enforcement Agent*

*Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries, Lake Charles, LA*

**10:00-10:15 BREAK**

**10:15-11:45 SESSION 7 – DIRECT AND CROSS EXAM [1.50 CLE HOURS]**

Learn how direct and cross exam work, what to expect, and what common pitfalls you might encounter in an impaired driving case.

*Jessica Raines, Assistant District Attorney*

*First Parish Court, 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office, Gretna, LA*

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*THIS EVENT PRESUMPTIVELY QUALIFIES FOR 8.5 HOURS OF CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION.*