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THE MISSION of the LDAA is as follows:

To improve Louisiana's justice system and the office of District Attorney by enhancing the effectiveness and professionalism of Louisiana's district attorneys and their staffs through education, legislative involvement, liaison and information sharing.

2016 – is coming fast. Elections this fall will give us a new Governor and a significant turnover in the Legislature. They will face another \$700 million budget shortfall and are expected to meet in a special session shortly after being sworn in on January 11. The regular session begins 9 weeks later, on March 14. Do you know who is running for the House and Senate seats in your area? Do they know what you do for the community? Now is the time to meet them and request that they consult you on issues that affect your office.

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY – has and will be a major concern for the foreseeable future. Between now and next spring, a special committee will be studying alternative ways to fund the entire criminal justice system (HCR 134); and another will be studying ways to save cash through sentencing reform (HCR 82); another will be studying the fiscal priorities of the LPDB (HCR 196). Meanwhile, everyone is eyeing everyone else's funding sources: court costs; diversion fees; fines and forfeitures. We have appointees to each of these studies and LDAA President Hillar Moore has appointed a committee to monitor these studies and to advise the Board on all funding matters.

3 IMPORTANT TRAFFIC SAFETY REMINDERS – 1) Some of the current intoxilyzers are past the certification dates: to be sure, check with your Clerk of Court; 2) 2nd or subsequent DWI or DWI-related offenses require an interlock device as a condition of bail: see Act 381 of 2005; and 3) Act 299 of 2014 requires all DWI arrests to be booked!

WORTHLESS CHECK COLLECTIONS – are worth less every month. The ADA Board will be exploring an idea from Warren Montgomery's office to expand the statute to cover all worthless payments. It is time to start working on this and other ideas for member legislative proposals for 2016.

BEST PRACTICES – in a reaction to national news events, several state Legislatures have proposed changes to grand jury practices; mandatory use of body cameras by police; and de-emphasis on drug crimes. We must be prepared to provide leadership on these and other emerging issues. Kristine Hamann has founded the Prosecutors' Center for Excellence to assist state prosecutors across the country with expertise and research on these and other policy issues facing us. For more information, please go to www.pceinc.org.

THE ADA AND LDAA BOARDS – are scheduled to meet on Wednesday, September 16, at LDAA Headquarters. The ADA Board meets at 9:30 a.m. and the LDAA Board meets at 1:30 p.m. All members are welcome to attend. All LDAA committee members are especially encouraged to attend the LDAA Board meeting.

REGIONAL MEETINGS AND THE FALL MEETING of Elected District Attorneys are scheduled for October and November. Regional Meeting #1 will be held on October 6 in Grand Isle and Regional Meeting #2 will be held on October 20 in Ragley. The Fall Meeting of Elected DAs will be held on November 15-17 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Lafayette.

THE FALL SEMINAR – is scheduled for November 18-20 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Lafayette. Visit our website at WWW.LDAA.ORG for more information.

PROSECUTORS' ENCYCLOPEDIA (PE) – This exhaustive and handy reference for all of these and other difficult issues is available for free to only prosecutors through PE. Actually, PE includes much more than best practices. It is an excellent research tool that you will use almost daily...but you have to register first. To find out more and how you can access PE, go to the members-only website at WWW.LDAA.ORG and look under "General Information."

THE LOUISIANA DAs' TRAINING FOUNDATION (LDATF) will be seeking donations to fund the unmet training needs of Louisiana prosecutors. ADAs are requested to make a \$50 annual donation / membership fee to become members of the Foundation. Hoping to build a multi-million dollar corpus, the Foundation Board of Trustees will consist of two active District Attorneys, a retired District Attorney, and four citizens from the public at-large. The Foundation's first director is J. Phil Haney, who is a retired District Attorney and an LDAA Past President.

DEFERRED COMP – The LDAA offers a Deferred Compensation Plan for DAs and ADAs. Call Darrell Ourso at (225) 229-4329 for details.

PAROLE BOARD DOCKETS – You can view the Parole Board dockets on the LDAA members-only website by accessing WWW.LDAA.ORG, then click on "Parole Board Dockets."

THE 12TH EDITION OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT HANDBOOKS is available at a cost of \$5 each. In addition, the Handbook **is also available electronically**. You may order both by logging onto the LDAA website at WWW.LDAA.ORG and accessing "Publications."

UPCOMING LDAA MEETINGS AND TRAINING PROGRAMS

- **LDAA ADA Section Board of Directors Meeting** – Wednesday, September 16, 9:30 a.m. – LDAA Headquarters
- **LDAA Board of Directors Meeting** – Wednesday, September 16, 1:30 p.m. – LDAA Headquarters
- **LDAA Regional Meeting #1** – Tuesday, October 6 – Grand Isle Community Center – Grand Isle, LA
- **LDAA DWI Prosecution and Enforcement Training** – Thursday, October 15 – Natchitoches Event Center – Natchitoches, LA
- **LDAA Regional Meeting #2** – Tuesday, October 20 – Dry Creek Ranch – Ragley, LA
- **LDAA Fall Meeting of Elected District Attorneys** – November 15-17 – DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Lafayette – Lafayette, LA
- **LDAA Fall Seminar** – November 18-20 - DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Lafayette – Lafayette, LA
- **LDAA Highway Interdiction & Drug Asset Forfeiture POST Certification Fall Seminar** – December 2-4 - DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Lafayette – Lafayette, LA
- **LDAA 42nd Annual Support Staff Training Conference** – April 6-8, 2016 – DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Lafayette – Lafayette, LA
- **LDAA 39th Annual Conference** – June 26-30, 2016 – Sandestin Resort – Destin, FL

CALENDAR

(A complete listing of upcoming training programs may be found at WWW.LDAA.ORG)

AUGUST 2015

- Training Force Stress Free Testimony Webinar Aug 20
2:00-3:30 p.m. ET [Call Mark Booher at 479.871.7580 for information]
- Training Force Introduction to UAS (Drone) Operations for Law Enforcement Aug 24
Missouri City Texas Police Department, Missouri City, TX [Call 850.251.1223 for information]
- Training Force Introduction to Body Worn Cameras for Law Enforcement Aug 25
Missouri City Texas Police Department, Missouri City, TX [Call 850.251.1223 for information]
- NDAA The Digital Prosecutor Aug 31-Sept 4
Hyatt Regency Long Beach, Long Beach, CA [WWW.NDAA.ORG to register]

SEPTEMBER 2015

- The Reid Technique of Interviewing and Interrogations Sept 1-4
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, New Orleans, LA [WWW.REID.COM to register]
- LSU Recent Developments in Legislation & Jurisprudence Sept 11-12
LSU Law Center, Baton Rouge, LA [WWW.LSUCLE.ORG to register]
- Training Force Secrets to Conducting Suspect interviews Webinar Sept 14
2:00-3:30 p.m. ET [Call Mark Booher at 479.871.7580 for information]
- Training Force Budgeting Strategies for Criminal Justice Professionals Sept 14
Missouri City Texas Police Department, Missouri City, TX [Call 850.251.1223 for information]
- Training Force Criminal Profiling Let the Crime Scene Tell the Story Sept 14
Lenexa Police Department, Lenexa, KS [Call 850.251.1223 for information]
- Training Force Criminal Profiling: Let the Crime Scene Tell the Story Sept 15
St. Louis County & Municipal Police Academy, St. Louis, MO [Call 850.251.1223 for information]
- Texas Public Policy Foundation: The Right Prescription for Mental Health in Criminal Justice Sept 16
Texas Public Policy Foundation, Austin, TX [WWW.TEXASPOLICY.COM for information]
- LSU Recent Developments in Legislation & Jurisprudence Sept 17-18
Shreveport Convention Center, Shreveport, LA [WWW.LSUCLE.ORG to register]
- TDCAA Annual Criminal & Civil Law Update Sept 23-25
American Bank Center, Corpus Christi, TX [WWW.TDCAA.COM for information]
- Training Force Juvenile Interviews (the Right Way) Webinar Sept 24
2:00-3:30 p.m. ET [Call Mark Booher at 479.871.7580 for information]

OCTOBER 2015

- LSU Recent Developments in Legislation & Jurisprudence Oct 1-2
Cajundome Convention Center, Lafayette, LA [WWW.LSUCLE.ORG to register]
- NDAA Prosecuting Drug Cases Oct 12-16
Golden Nugget Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV [WWW.NDAA.ORG to register]
- LDAA DWI Prosecution and Enforcement Training Oct 15
Natchitoches Event Center, Natchitoches, LA [Call LDAA, 225.343.0171, for information]
- Training Force Use of Force Investigations Oct 26
Lincoln Parish Sheriff's Office, Ruston, LA [Call 850.251.1223 for information]
- National Symposium on Domestic Violence: Re-envisioning Evidence-based Prosecution Oct. 28-29
San Diego, CA [WWW.NDAA.ORG to register]

LSU Recent Developments in Legislation & Jurisprudence L'Auberge du Lac Resort, Lake Charles, LA [WWW.LSUCLE.ORG to register]	Oct 29-30
NBI: The Rules of Evidence: A Practical Toolkit Belle of Baton Rouge Casino, Baton Rouge, LA [Call 800.930.6182 for information]	Oct. 29
<u>NOVEMBER 2015</u>	
LSBA Advanced Appellate Practice Seminar Westin New Orleans Canal Place, New Orleans, LA [Call 504.619.0137 for information]	Nov. 6
NDAA Office Administration and Management The Westin Tampa Harbour Island Hotel, Tampa, FL [WWW.NDAA.ORG to register]	Nov 9-13
LSU Recent Developments in Legislation & Jurisprudence Monroe Convention Center, Monroe, LA [WWW.LSUCLE.ORG to register]	Nov 12-13
LDAA Fall Seminar – DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Lafayette, Lafayette, LA [Call LDAA Headquarters, 225.343.0171, for information]	Nov 18-20
LSU Recent Developments in Legislation & Jurisprudence LSU Law Center, Baton Rouge, LA [WWW.LSUCLE.ORG to register]	Nov 20-21
<u>DECEMBER 2015</u>	
LDAA Highway Interdiction & Drug Asset Forfeiture POST Certification Seminar DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Lafayette, Lafayette, LA [Call LDAA, 225.343.0171, for information]	Dec 2-4
LSU Recent Developments in Legislation & Jurisprudence Kenner Pontchartrain Center, Kenner, LA [WWW.LSUCLE.ORG to register]	Dec 3-4
NDAA Forensic Evidence The Hilton Savannah Desoto, Savannah, GA [WWW.NDAA.ORG to register]	Dec 7-11
LSU Recent Developments in Legislation & Jurisprudence New Orleans Marriott at the Convention Center, New Orleans, LA [WWW.LSUCLE.ORG to register]	Dec 11-12
LSU CLE by the Hour LSU Law Center, Baton Rouge, LA [WWW.LSUCLE.ORG to register]	Dec 16-18