

# 45<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE

LOUISIANA DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION

“ F O R E V E R G O L D E N ”

**JUNE 26-30, 2023**

**SANDESTIN RESORT**  
9300 EMERALD COAST PKWY W  
MIRAMAR BEACH, FL 32550



## Continuing Legal Education

This Seminar presumptively qualifies for a **MAXIMUM of 13.25 continuing legal education credits.**  
Includes: Ethics | Professionalism

## Hospitality Suite Hours of Operation

Monday, June 26	12:00-7:00 PM
Tuesday, June 27	8:00-10:00 AM
Wednesday, June 28	8:00-10:00 AM
Thursday, June 29	8:00-12:00 Noon
Friday, June 30	8:00-10:00 AM

## Registration Desk Hours of Operation

Monday, June 26	1:00-7:00 PM
Tuesday, June 27	8:00-5:00 PM
Wednesday, June 28	8:00-1:00 PM
Thursday, June 29	11:00-5:00 PM
Friday, June 30	7:00-12:00 Noon

## DARS Mobile Office Hours of Operation

Tuesday, June 27	8:00-5:00 PM
Wednesday, June 28	8:00-1:00 PM
Thursday, June 29	11:00-5:00 PM

## Registration Information

Before Wednesday, May 31, 2023	On or After Wednesday, May 31, 2023	On or After Friday, June 23, 2023
\$325	\$425	\$525

The registration fee includes all training sessions, handouts and coffee breaks for the registrant, and planned social functions for the registrant and spouse/guest. Accommodations, travel expenses, and incidentals are the responsibility of the registrant. Payment may be made at a later date, **but in all instances prior to the Conference.**

**Refund policy:** If the LDAA office is notified by Friday, June 16, 2023, in writing or by telephone, a full refund will be made. After this cutoff date, there will be no refunds. Please note that **NO SHOWS** will be fully billed.

**[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER TODAY!](#)**

## Accommodations

Location	Sandestin Resort 9300 Emerald Coast Parkway West Miramar Beach, FL 32550
Reservation Code	24M58W
Contact	Sandestin Group Reservations: 1-800-320-8115
Book Online	<a href="https://www.sandestin.com/24M58W">https://www.sandestin.com/24M58W</a>

The Association has obtained special accommodation rates for attendees at the Conference site, the Sandestin Resort, located at 9300 Emerald Coast Parkway West in Miramar Beach, Florida. Early booking is recommended.

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# Agenda (Subject to Change)



## Day 1: Monday, June 26 (Travel Day)

Time	Session/Event Title
12:00-7:00 PM	LDAA Hospitality Suite Open
1:00-7:00 PM	LDAA Registration Desk Open
4:00-5:30 PM	LDAA Board of Directors Meeting
7:30 PM	LDAA Board of Directors and Past Presidents' Dinner <i>(Present LDAA Board of Directors and Past LDAA Presidents Only)</i>
Evening Free	

## Day 2: Tuesday, June 27

Time	Session/Event Title
8:00-10:00 AM	LDAA Hospitality Suite Open
8:00-5:00 PM	LDAA Registration Desk Open
9:00-9:45 AM	<b>WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND INTRODUCTION OF EXHIBITORS</b>  <i>The Honorable Bridget A. Dinvaut, LDAA President District Attorney, 40<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Edgard, LA</i> <i>Mr. Loren M. Lampert, Executive Director Louisiana District Attorneys Association, Baton Rouge, LA</i> <i>Mr. Jacob L. Johnson, ADA Section President 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant District Attorney, 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Lake Charles, LA</i> <i>Mr. Scott Elfert, DAI Section President District Attorney Investigator, 32<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District, Houma, LA</i>
9:45-10:45 AM	<b>Session 1</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>1.00 CLE CREDIT</b></span> <b>General Session</b> <b>WHAT THE PUSH FOR DECARCERATION GETS WRONG</b>  <i>Mr. Rafael Mangual, Senior Fellow, Head of Research for the Policy &amp; Public Safety Initiative Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, New York, NY</i>
10:45-11:00 AM	<b>BREAK</b>

11:00-12:30 PM	<b>Session 2</b>	<b>1.50 CLE CREDITS</b>
<b>General Session</b>		
<b>RECENT DECISIONS</b>		
The courts are working hard! Join us to learn how recent cases will affect your prosecutions.		
<i>Honorable Associate Justice Jay B. McCallum</i>		
<i>Louisiana Supreme Court, New Orleans, LA</i>		
<i>Mrs. Deanna Dunham McCallum, Assistant District Attorney</i>		
<i>Child Support, Drug Court, 3rd Judicial District, Ruston, LA</i>		

12:30-2:00 PM	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>On Your Own</b>
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2:00-3:15 PM	<b>Session 3</b>	<b>1.25 CLE CREDITS</b>
<b>General Session</b>		
<b>HOT WASH</b>		
Learn about the vital first steps after a major crime which set the stage for a successful prosecution.		
<i>Mr. Loren M. Lampert, Executive Director</i>		
<i>Louisiana District Attorneys Association, Baton Rouge, LA</i>		
<i>Mr. Jacob L. Johnson, First Assistant District Attorney</i>		
<i>14<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Lake Charles, LA</i>		
<i>Mrs. Kathleen Barrios Heap, Assistant District Attorney</i>		
<i>19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Baton Rouge, LA</i>		

3:15-3:30 PM	<b>BREAK</b>	
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3:30-4:45 PM	<b>Session 4</b>	<b>1.25 CLE CREDITS</b>
<b>General Session</b>		
<b>SCREENING A CASE</b>		
This session is a deep dive into the intricacies of a screening division, including intake, organization of casefiles, calendaring & tickling, avoiding 701 releases, supervising horizontal and vertical screeners, and the specific of grand jury presentation.		
<i>TBA</i>		

4:45-7:30 PM	<b>Social Function</b>	
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## Day 3: Wednesday, June 28

Time	Session/Event Title
8:00-10:00 AM	LDAA Hospitality Suite Open
7:00-1:00 PM	LDAA Registration Desk Open

9:00-10:30 AM	<b>Session 5</b>	<b>1.50 CLE CREDITS</b>
<b>General Session</b>		
<b>VOIR DIRE</b>		
This session will cover how to use the jury selection process to make a strong first impression, educate jurors about your case, and make the best choices when it comes to selecting, or de-selecting, your jury in a criminal trial.		
<i>The Honorable Tony M. Clayton, District Attorney</i>		
<i>18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Plaquemine, LA</i>		
<i>Mr. Loren M. Lampert, Executive Director</i>		
<i>Louisiana District Attorneys Association, Baton Rouge, LA</i>		

## Traffic Safety

### THE THREE PHASES OF A DWI INVESTIGATION

This presentation will cover the basics of DWI investigation from initial contact through standardized field sobriety testing. Students will gain insight into what officers are looking for to determine when a stop is appropriate, how to determine what happened in a crash, what information can be gained on-scene, and what the SFSTs are and why they work.

*Master Trooper Joshua Legan  
North Carolina Department of Public Safety  
North Carolina State Highway Patrol, Raleigh, NC  
Lieutenant Eric Sweden (Retired)  
City of Raleigh, North Carolina Police Department, Raleigh, NC*

## Juvenile

### Juvenile 305 Transfers

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

## Trial Advocacy

### FOOL ME ONCE: OTHER CRIMES EVIDENCE

Join us as we explore the effective introduction and presentation of other bad acts evidence within a trial.

*Mrs. Kathleen Barrios Heap, Assistant District Attorney  
19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Baton Rouge, LA*

10:30-10:45 AM

BREAK

10:45-12:00 PM

Session 6

1.25 CLE CREDITS

## General Session

### PROFESSIONALISM - COMMUNICATING EFFECTIVELY WITH JURORS

Communicating effectively with jurors who have had little to no contact with the criminal justice system is becoming a lost art. From the first moment prospective jurors enter the process, it is critical to build a trust relationship and get your message and evidence across to jurors in a consumable way. Join us for a discussion of the best ways to overcome this challenge and effectively engage with juries.

*Mr. Stephen B. Street, Jr., State Inspector General  
Louisiana Office of State Inspector General, Baton Rouge, LA*

## Traffic Safety

### BRINGING A DRE CASE ALIVE

A DRE adds a whole extra element to DWI prosecution, but the process is lengthy. This presentation will offer ideas to prosecutors on how to present a DRE case to the trier of fact to where the maximum amount of information is shared for the maximum benefit.

*Lieutenant Eric Sweden (Retired)  
City of Raleigh, North Carolina Police Department, Raleigh, NC  
Ms. Sarah Z. Garner, Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor  
North Carolina Conference of District Attorneys, Whiteville, NC*

## Trial Advocacy

### THE CURRENT STATE OF TrueAllele AND DAUBERT

This session will explore DNA technology TrueAllele and common issues faced by attorneys in trial.

*Mr. Frederick L. "Fritz" Welter, Assistant District Attorney  
15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Lafayette, LA*

## Victim Rights/Violent Crimes

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE...LET'S DISCUSS

Join us for a discussion of the dynamics of domestic violence, applicable state and federal domestic violence laws, and federal domestic violence firearm prohibitions.

*The Honorable Sandra C. Jenkins, Judge, Louisiana 4th Circuit Court of Appeal  
Louisiana Protective Order Registry, New Orleans, LA  
Ms. Ann W. Stehr, Legal Consultant  
Louisiana Protective Order Registry, Baton Rouge, LA*

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12:00-1:00 PM      **ADA Section Business Luncheon Meeting**

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Afternoon and Evening Free

## Day 4: Thursday, June 29

Time	Session/Event Title	
8:00-12:00 PM	LDAA Hospitality Suite Open	
11:00-5:00 PM	LDAA Registration Desk Open	
11:45-12:45 PM	LDAA Prayer Brunch (All conference attendees and families are invited to attend.)	
1:00-2:15 PM	Session 7	1.25 CLE CREDITS

### General Session

#### WINNING WITHOUT VICTIMS

It is all too common for various types of victims to avoid Court. In this session, you will hear how this can be explained from a mental health standpoint and how a prosecutor can use this type of testimony to win without the victim.

*Dr. Shauna "Rae" Taylor  
Rev. Joseph H. Fitcher, S.J. Distinguished Professor  
Chair, Department of Criminology and Justice  
Director, General Violence Research Project  
Loyola University New Orleans, New Orleans, LA*

### Traffic Safety

#### IMPAIRMENT PROFILE - CRYSTAL METH

In this presentation, we will review the current knowledge of crystal meth (CM) pharmacology, metabolism, and toxicity, and discuss the most common findings at the roadside and through expert evaluations. Additionally, we will highlight the challenges of interpreting CM impairment profiles and provide recommendations for optimizing interpretation of impairment in the courtroom.

*Mr. Joey Jones, Owner  
JO Jones Consulting, Stonewall, LA*

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2:15-2:30 PM      **BREAK**

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2:30-3:45 PM      **Session 8**      **1.25 CLE CREDITS**

### General Session

#### THE WITNESS IN YOUR POCKET: CELL PHONE LOCATION DATA

Join in a discussion about how much data can be collected from cell phones and how that information can be used effectively with a jury

*Ms. Alisa A. Gothreaux, Assistant District Attorney  
27<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Opelousas, LA*

### Traffic Safety

#### IT'S JUST WEED

It's really not "just weed". It's an impairing substance...and it's also difficult to prosecute. This class will offer ideas and methods to prove that cannabis is impaired, and that the driver was impaired, leading to successful prosecutions.

*Ms. Sarah Z. Garner, Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor  
North Carolina Conference of District Attorneys, Whiteville, NC  
Lieutenant Eric Sweden (Retired)  
City of Raleigh, North Carolina Police Department, Raleigh, NC  
Master Trooper Joshua Legan, North Carolina Department of Public Safety  
North Carolina State Highway Patrol, Raleigh, NC*

## Victim Rights/Violent Crimes

### SAFETY DECISION MAKING: PREVENTING OR ELIMINATING THE NEED FOR REMOVAL

This session will unpack the safety assessment variables: threats of danger to the child, the child's vulnerability to the identified threats of danger, and the caretaker's protective capacities. A discussion of practical examples of circumstances that indicate the type of safety plan with the family that is needed, if any.

- Ms. Sherry Ann Powell, Deputy General Counsel  
Child Welfare, Department of Children & Family Services  
Bureau of General Counsel, Baton Rouge, LA*
- Ms. Lori Miller, Registered Social Worker  
Department of Children & Family Services, Baton Rouge, LA*
- Ms. Samantha M. Morrison, Peer and Equity Specialist  
Louisiana Court Improvement Program  
Pelican Center for Children and Families, Baton Rouge, LA*

3:45-4:00 PM

BREAK

4:00-5:00 PM

Session 9

1.00 CLE CREDIT

## General Session

### STOP SHOOTING FROM THE HIP- FIREARMS EXPERTS IN TRIAL

This session will combine the expertise of the Louisiana State Police Crime Lab with an experienced trial attorney to describe how ballistics testimony can be effectively presented to a jury.

- Ms. Monica D. Doss, First Assistant District Attorney  
9<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Alexandria, LA*

## Victim Rights/Violent Crimes

### WHAT DID THEY SAY??

This session will cover how victims speak in emotion and police/prosecutors speak in facts. We will cover techniques to build a bridge to assist in the prosecution.

- Lieutenant Joel Callahan (Retired)  
Baton Rouge Police Department, Baton Rouge, LA*

## Traffic Safety

### APPEAL TO REASON, NOT A REASON TO APPEAL

Join an experienced appellate attorney as she discusses common issues that arise after conviction. The discussion will focus on the steps that can be taken to win these appellate issues before or during the trial stage.

- Ms. W. Claire Howington, Assistant District Attorney  
16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, New Iberia, LA*
- Mr. David Pipes, Assistant District Attorney  
14<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Lake Charles, LA*

5:00-7:00 PM

Social Function

EVENING FREE

## Day 5: Friday, June 30

Time

Session/Event Title

8:00-10:00 AM

LDAA Hospitality Suite Open

7:00-12:30 PM

LDAA Registration Desk Open

8:00-9:00 AM

LDAA GENERAL BUSINESS BREAKFAST MEETING

*(All conference registrants are invited to attend)*

9:00-9:15 AM

BREAK

9:15-10:15 AM

Session 10

1.00 CLE CREDIT

**General Session**

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Join us for a lively discussion about the 2023 Legislative Session and what is on the horizon for prosecutors.

*Mr. Loren M. Lampert, Executive Director*

*Louisiana District Attorneys Association, Baton Rouge, LA*

*Mr. S. Andrew "Andy" Shealy, ADA and DARS Board Chairman*

*16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, New Iberia, LA*

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10:15-10:30 AM

**BREAK**

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10:30-11:30 AM

Session 11

1.00 CLE CREDIT

**General Session**

**ETHICS**

*Mrs. Le'Anne H. Malnar, Assistant District Attorney*

*21<sup>st</sup> Judicial District, Amite, LA*

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**Adjourn and Depart**