



## BASIC PROSECUTOR COURSE

### LOUISIANA DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION

## **BASIC PROSECUTOR TRAINING COURSE**

FEBRUARY 12-14, 2025 - LDAA HEADQUARTERS - BATON ROUGE, LA

#### **AGENDA**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025				
8:00-8:30	Check-In			
	SESSION I (ARREST-BILLING / INDICTMENT)			
8:30-9:00	Welcome / LDAA / DARS Zach T. Daniels, Executive Director     Louisiana District Attorneys Association; Baton Rouge, I Philip Qualls, Director     District Attorneys' Retirement System; Baton Rouge, LA Andrew Shealy, Chairman / Assistant District Attorney     DARS / 16th Judicial District; New Iberia, LA	Ā		
9:00-10:00	Professionalism Dr. Angela White-Bazile, Executive Director Judges And Lawyers Assistance Program, Inc.	[1.00 CLE Hour]		
10:00-10:15	Break			
10:15-11:15	Grand Jury & Plea Negotiations Kurt Wall, Assistant District Attorney 21 <sup>st</sup> Judicial District; Livingston, LA Katie Barrios Heap, Assistant District Attorney 19 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District; Baton Rouge, LA	[1.00 CLE Hour]		
11:15-12:15	Billing/ Screening (Katie-Kurt) Kurt Wall, Assistant District Attorney 21 <sup>st</sup> Judicial District; Livingston, LA Katie Barrios Heap, Assistant District Attorney 19 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District; Baton Rouge, LA	[1.00 CLE Hour]		
12:15-1:30	Lunch – On Your Own			
SESSION II (PRETRIAL-RELATED ISSUES)				
1:30-2:30	<b>Discovery</b> W. Claire Howington, Assistant District Attorney / ADA Board Pr 16 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District; New Iberia, LA Chris Bowman, Special Prosecutor – Special Victims Unit 1 <sup>st</sup> Judicial District; Shreveport, LA	[1.00 CLE Hour] esident		





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2:30-3:45 Pretrial Motions [1.25 CLE Hours]

W. Claire Howington, Assistant District Attorney / ADA Board President

16th Judicial District; New Iberia, LA

Chris Bowman, Special Prosecutor – Special Victims Unit

1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District; Shreveport, LA

3:45 - 4:00 Break

4:00-5:00 Ethics [1.00 CLE Hour]

Chris Bowman, Special Prosecutor - Special Victims Unit

1st Judicial District; Shreveport, LA

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

#### **SESSION III**

9:00-10:30 Introduction of Evidence & Direct [1.50 CLE Hours]

Jacob Johnson, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant District Attorney 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial District; Lake Charles, LA

Charles Robinson, Assistant District Attorney – Chief of Litigation

14th Judicial District; Lake Charles, LA

10:30-12:00 Cross Examination & Objections [1.50 CLE Hours]

Jacob Johnson, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant District Attorney 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial District; Lake Charles, LA

Charles Robinson, Assistant District Attorney – Chief of Litigation

14th Judicial District; Lake Charles, LA

12:00-1:15 *Lunch – On Your Own* 

#### SESSION IV (DWI)

Sergeant Randy Lanoux, Enforcement Agent

Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries; Baton Rouge, LA

2:15-2:30 Break

2:30-3:30 **DWI Issues** [1.00 CLE Hour]

Brett Sommer, Assistant District Attorney 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial District; Livingston, LA

3:30-3:45 *Break* 

Michele Smith, Crime Scene Unit Supervisor

Louisiana State Police Crime Laboratory; Baton Rouge, LA





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### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2025

SESSION V (DOMESTIC VIOLI	ENCE)
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8:45-9:00	Prosecutor Encyclopedia Zach T. Daniels, Executive Director Louisiana District Attorneys Association; Baton Rouge,	[0.25 CLE Hour]		
9:00-9:30	<b>Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses</b> Melanie Fields, ADA, Domestic Violence & Victim Assistant Bure 19 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District; Baton Rouge, LA	[0.50 CLE Hour] eau Director		
9:30-9:45	Break			
9:45-10:45	<b>Domestic Violence</b> Melanie Fields, ADA, Domestic Violence & Victim Assistant Bure 19 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District; Baton Rouge, LA	[1.00 CLE Hour] eau Director		
10:45-11:00	Break			
SESSION VI (TRIAL PRACTICE)				
11:00-12:30	Voir Dire, Opening Statements Monica Doss, First Assistant District Attorney 9 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District; Alexandria, LA Cloyd Benjamin, Jr., First Assistant District Attorney 10 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District; Natchitoches, LA	[1.50 CLE Hours]		
12:30-1:30	Working Lunch (Provided) – <b>Governmental Ethics</b> <sup>1</sup> Otha Curtis Nelson, Jr., Deputy Director Louisiana District Attorneys Association; Baton Rouge,	<i>LA</i>		
1:30-2:30	Closing, Jury Instructions, & Verdict Monica Doss, First Assistant District Attorney 9 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District; Alexandria, LA Cloyd Benjamin, Jr., First Assistant District Attorney 10 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District; Natchitoches, LA	[1.00 CLE Hour]		
2:30-3:30	Appeals, Writs, & Post Conviction Relief Zach T. Daniels, Executive Director Louisiana District Attorneys Association; Baton Rouge, W. Claire Howington, Assistant District Attorney / ADA Board Pr 16 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District; New Iberia, LA			
3:30	Adjourn			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> NO CLE Credits - Satisfies Ethics for Government Employees