



Continuing Legal Education

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Includes: Ethics | Professionalism

**Hospitality Suite
Hours of Operation
Location:
Mezzanine Presidential Suite**

Tuesday, June 16	2:00-7:00 PM
Wednesday, June 17	2:00-5:00 PM
Thursday, June 18	2:00-4:00 PM

**Registration Desk
Hours of Operation
Location: University Room**

Tuesday, June 16	9:00-5:00 PM
Wednesday, June 17	8:00-5:30 PM
Thursday, June 18	8:00-4:30 PM
Friday, June 19	8:00-10:00 AM

**DARS Mobile Office
Hours of Operation
Location: Academy Room**

Wednesday, June 17	8:00-5:00 PM
Thursday, June 18	9:00-4:00 PM

Registration Information

Before Wednesday, May 20, 2026	On or After Wednesday, May 20, 2026	On or After Wednesday, June 8, 2026
\$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 Monday, June 1, 2026, 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.

Accommodations

Location	Hilton Baton Rouge 201 Lafayette Street Baton Rouge, LA 70801
Contact	Hilton Reservations: 1-800-955-6962
Book Online	https://book.passkey.com/e/51169415

The Association has obtained special accommodation rates for attendees at the Conference site, the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center, located at 201 Lafayette Street in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Early booking is recommended.

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AGENDA (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2026

9:00-5:00	Registration	University Room
11:00 – 12:00	ADA Annual Business Luncheon Meeting	Heidelberg Ballroom
1:00-3:00	LDAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS & GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING	Heidelberg Ballroom
3:30-5:30	Past Presidents Engagement <i>(Present LDA A Board of Directors and District Attorneys)</i>	Tiger Stadium Tour
6:00 – 9:00	LDA A Legacy Reception <i>(Present LDA A Board of Directors and District Attorneys)</i>	Hilton Hotel -The Speakeasy Tunnel /Kingfish Restaurant

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2026

8:00-5:30	Registration	Registration Table
11:00-11:30	Welcome, Announcements, And Introduction of Exhibitors <i>Hon. Bradley R. Burget – District Attorney, LDA A President</i> <i>7th Judicial District, Vidalia, LA</i> <i>Mr. Zachary T. Daniels – Executive Director</i> <i>Louisiana District Attorneys Association, Baton Rouge, LA</i> <i>Ms. W. Claire Howington – Assistant District Attorney, ADA Section President</i> <i>16th Judicial District, New Iberia, LA</i>	Riverview Ballroom

Plenary

11:30-11:45	Riverview Ballroom
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Driving Safety Forward: Forensic Toxicology & Grant Funding in Louisiana

This discussion will explore the critical role of forensic toxicology in advancing Louisiana highway safety efforts. Participants will gain insight into how toxicological analysis supports impaired driving enforcement, strengthens case outcomes, and informs data-driven safety initiatives. The session will also highlight grant funding opportunities available to support toxicology services, enhance local capacity, and expand access to resources that improve overall public safety outcomes across the state.

- Ms. Lisa Freeman, Executive Director*
Louisiana Highway Safety Commission, Baton Rouge, LA
- Ms. Kristy M. Miller, Planner*
Louisiana Highway Safety Commission, Baton Rouge, LA

Keynote Speaker

11:45-12:45	SESSION #1	1.0 CLE CREDITS
GENERAL SESSION		Riverview Ballroom

High Profile Prosecution Cases

This session will focus on the complexities and challenges of managing high-profile cases where public interest, media scrutiny, and the pressure for a successful outcome and heightened. We will explore strategies for maintaining objectivity, managing media relations, and ensuring legal integrity throughout the trial process. Additionally, we will discuss the importance of teamwork, preparing witnesses, and leveraging resources to build a compelling case, while



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balancing the ethical obligations of the prosecution in the public eye. Join us as we delve into best practices for handling high-profile cases with professionalism and efficiency, ensuring justice is served while navigating the intricate dynamics of public perception and legal scrutiny.

*The Honorable George H. Brauchler, District Attorney
District Attorney's Office, 23rd Judicial District, Castle Rock, CO*

12:45-1:00 BREAK

1:00-2:30 SESSION #2 1.5 CLE CREDITS

GENERAL SESSION

Riverview Ballroom

Legislative Update

Join us for a discussion about the Legislative Action for 2026 and what is on the horizon for prosecutors.

*Ms. W. Claire Howington – Assistant District Attorney, ADA Section President
16th Judicial District, New Iberia, LA*

*Mr. Zachary T. Daniels - Executive Director
Louisiana District Attorneys Association, Baton Rouge, LA*

2:30-2:45 BREAK

2:45-3:45 SESSION #3 1.0 CLE CREDIT

GENERAL SESSION

Riverview Ballroom

Smith v. Arizona

This session will explore the foundational cases leading up to *Smith v. Arizona*, provide an in-depth discussion of the Court's holding, and examine how Louisiana courts have applied *Smith* in practice.

*The Honorable Timothy Marcel, Appellate Court Judge
5th Circuit of Appeal, Gretna, LA*

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

3:45-4:00 BREAK

4:00-5:30 SESSION #4 1.5 CLE CREDITS

GENERAL SESSION

Riverview Ballroom

You Go Back Jack Do It Again – The admission use of other bad acts evidence under articles 404(B) and 412.4 of Louisiana Code of Evidence

This class will explore the procedural methods for the admission of other bad acts evidence in the Louisiana Code of Evidence. The class will also explain for what purposes evidence can be admitted under the different laws and teach prosecutors how to strengthen their records for appeal.

*Mr. Christopher Bowman, Special Prosecutor
Caddo Parish District Attorney's Office, Shreveport, LA*

*Mr. Jason Waltman, Section 1 Chief, Assistant District Attorney
Caddo Parish District Attorney's Office, Shreveport, LA*



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THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2026

8:00-4:30 Registration Registration Table

8:30-9:45 SESSION #5 1.25 CLE CREDITS

GENERAL SESSION

Riverview Ballroom

RECENT DECISIONS

Stay ahead of the curve with the fast-paced review of recent court decisions that impact prosecutorial practice. This session will highlight key rulings, explain their practical implications, and provide strategies for applying these decisions in your cases. Attendees will gain the knowledge needed to anticipate challenges, adapt courtroom strategies, and ensure their cases remain strong in light of evolving legal precedent.

*The Honorable Associate Justice Jay B. McCallum
Louisiana Supreme Court, New Orleans, LA*
*Mrs. Deanna Dunham McCullum, Assistant District Attorney
Child Support, Drug Court, 3rd Judicial District, Ruston, LA*

5A BREAKOUT – HIGHWAY SAFETY TRACK

Louisiana Room

From Crash to Conviction: Leveraging Forensic Toxicology in Impaired Driving Cases

Through a real-world vehicular homicide case, this session demonstrates how collaboration between prosecutors, law enforcement, and a forensic toxicologist can enhance impaired driving investigations and prosecutions. Attendees will also learn how to access and utilize the toxicology call-out program to support complex cases.

*Mr. Brett Sommer, Assistant District Attorney
21st Judicial District Attorney's Office, Livingston, LA*

9:45-10:00 BREAK

10:00-11:30 SESSION #6 1.5 CLE CREDITS

GENERAL SESSION

Riverview Ballroom

Preparing to Defeat a Claim of NGBRI

Defeating an NGBRI claim requires a strategic approach that blends legal expertise with a strong understanding of mental health evidence. This session will provide practical tools for evaluating expert testimony, identifying weaknesses in the defense, and building a persuasive case for the courtroom.

*Dr. Jose F. Artecona, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry
Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, LA*
*Mr. Brad Cascio, Assistant District Attorney
21st Judicial District, Livingston, LA*

6A BREAKOUT – HIGHWAY SAFETY TRACK

Louisiana Room

Advanced Impaired Driving Detection and Investigation

This session reinforces impaired driving enforcement fundamentals with an emphasis on detection, SFSTs, and effective investigation. The session also examines how these consistent indicators of impairment translate



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across dynamic and non-traditional operating environments, strengthening case development and prosecutorial outcomes.

*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*

6B BREAKOUT – IV-D TRACK Paramount Room

The State of IV-D: A Federal and State Update

This session provides a comprehensive overview of the current landscape of the IV-D Child Support Program. It will examine recent federal and state policy developments, legislative changes, and administrative priorities shaping the program today. Participants will gain insight into evolving enforcement strategies, technological advancements, data-sharing initiatives, and ongoing challenges affecting child support agencies nationwide. The course also highlights emerging trends, including family-centered approaches, equity considerations, and intergovernmental collaboration. Designed for professionals in child support services and related fields, this session equips attendees with up-to-date knowledge to navigate and respond effectively to the dynamic IV-D environment.

*Ms. Dana Huckabee, Regional Program Manager
Office of Child Support Enforcement, Dallas, Texas*
*Ms. Tinishia Cummings, Program Specialist
Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE), Washington, DC*
*Mrs. Konitra Jack, Child Support Enforcement Director
Louisiana Child Support Enforcement, Baton Rouge, Louisiana*

6C BREAKOUT – PROFESSIONAL WELLNESS TRACK: PROSECUTORIAL SELF-CARE Heidelberg Ballroom

Playing the Long Game: How Golf Lessons Can Improve Your Practice (Does not qualify for CLE credit)

This course will discuss how lessons learned from years of playing golf are applicable to professionalism both in and out of the courtroom. Just as golfers must respect the course, attorneys must treat the court, fellow lawyers and members of the public with respect and dignity. Just as one must think of their image of the golf course when choosing appropriate clothing required for play, one has a responsibility to protect the image of the profession. As a golfer would help a new player, an attorney should help those new to court proceedings when interacting with members of the public and officers of the court.

*Mr. Aaron Brooks, Retired Assistant District Attorney
18th and 20th Judicial District, Louisiana*

11:30-1:00 LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

**1:00-2:30 SESSION #7 1.5 CLE CREDITS
GENERAL SESSION Riverview Ballroom**

Prosecution Powered: Leveraging AI for Smarter Justice

Artificial intelligence is rapidly transforming the legal landscape, and prosecution is no exception. *Prosecution Powered: Leveraging AI for Smarter Justice* introduces attendees to innovative tools that can streamline workflows, strengthen



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case strategies, and improve overall efficiency. The session will also address ethical challenges and best practices, ensuring that AI is used responsibly and effectively in support of justice.

*Ms. Abbey Vaughn Lockwood, Director, Criminal Justice Solutions
Pelican Intelligence, McLean, VA*

*Ms. Katie Barrios Heap, Assistant District Attorney
16th Judicial District, New Iberia, LA*

*Ms. Dana Cummings, Chief of Litigation, Assistant District Attorney
19th Judicial District, Baton Rouge, LA*

7A BREAKOUT – VICTIMS TRACK

Louisiana Room

CAC's and MDT's Working Together to Combat Human Trafficking

In this session, we will feature Children's Advocacy Centers, the Forensic Interview process, and coordinating human trafficking cases. We will identify key roles and responsibilities in the criminal investigation and prosecution process and how to effectively collaborate across organizations. This will lead into outlining the importance of working with the court system on how best to utilize services to support cases of child abuse, human trafficking, and child witnesses to violent crimes.

*Mrs. Rachael Johnson; Child and Youth Trafficking Regional Care Coordinator
Gingerbread House Children's Advocacy Center; Shreveport, LA*

*Ms. Meaghan Hughes; Director of Forensic Interviewing
Gingerbread House Children's Advocacy Center; Shreveport, LA*

7B BREAKOUT – IV-D TRACK

Paramount Room

Why Do We Do That? Understanding the Nuts and Bolts of Today's Child Support Case Process

This session explores the reasoning behind common child support case actions by answering practical "why" questions from staff. It breaks down key procedures and sequencing decisions to build shared understanding and improve consistency in case handling.

*Mrs. Konitra Jack, Child Support Enforcement Director
Louisiana Child Support Enforcement, Baton Rouge, Louisiana*

*Mrs. Darlene C. Simmons, CSE Manager 2
Louisiana Child Support Enforcement, Baton Rouge, Louisiana*

7C BREAKOUT – PROFESSIONAL WELLNESS TRACK: PROSECUTORIAL SELF-CARE

HEIDELBERG BALLROOM

Color Your Calm: A Stress-Free Watercolor Session (*Does not qualify for CLE credit*)

Research suggests that experiencing art and creativity, even for a few minutes a day, has tangible effects on our mental and physical health. Engaging in art helps slow cognitive decline, reduces the risk of heart disease and increases well-being as we age. Creating art is as important as our diet, exercise, and being in nature. In this session, you will create multiple watercolor postcards. All materials will be provided. The paint is washable, so there is no need for an outfit change. We believe in your ability to paint!

*M. W. Smith, Assistant District Attorney
20th Judicial District, Clinton, LA*

2:30-2:45

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2:45-4:00

SESSION #8

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From Expert to Impact: Maximizing Testimony at Trial

Expert witnesses can be the key to strengthening your case—or the biggest challenge in the courtroom. This session will provide prosecutors with practical strategies for selecting, preparing and presenting expert testimony effectively. Learn how to clearly translate complex information for the jury, strengthen your direct examination, and confidently challenge opposing experts on cross. Walk away with tools to ensure your expert testimony is credible, compelling, and impactful.

Dr. Yen Van Vo, Forensic Pathologist

East Baton Rouge Coroner's Office, Baton Rouge, LA

Mr. Quoc-Huu Vincent Nguyen, Assistant District Attorney

19th Judicial District, Baton Rouge, LA

Ms. Katie Barrios Heap, Assistant District Attorney

16th Judicial District, New Iberia, LA

8A BREAKOUT – VICTIMS TRACK

Louisiana Room

Vexatious Litigants

Join us as we discuss domestic violence cases in Family Court and Criminal Court and litigation being used as a means of ongoing harassment for a perpetrator.

Ms. Laurie Marien, Executive Director of Women's Policy

Office of the Governor, Baton Rouge, LA

Ms. Melanie Newkome Jones, APLC/Parish Attorney's Office

Baton Rouge, LA

Honorable Pamela J. Baker (Retired), EBR Family Court Judge

Baton Rouge, LA

8B BREAKOUT – JUVENILE TRACK

Paramount Room

Juvenile Justice: Legislative Priorities in Action

This session will provide an overview of current legislative priorities impacting the juvenile justice system and the communities it serves. Attendees will gain insight into recent policy developments, key challenges, and emerging opportunities for reform.

Andy Shealy, Assistant District Attorney

16th Judicial District/New Iberia, LA

4:00-4:15

BREAK

4:15-5:30

SESSION #9

1.25 CLE CREDITS

GENERAL SESSION

Riverview Ballroom

Protecting the Public: Effective Bond and Asset Forfeiture

This session will provide prosecutors with practical strategies for navigating bond hearings and pursuing assets, challenge improper claims, and effectively present forfeiture arguments in court. Gain the tools to maximize recovery, strengthen cases, and ensure justice is served while protecting public resources.

Mr. Andy Shealy, Assistant District Attorney

16th Judicial District, New Iberia, LA

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5:30-7:30 SOCIAL HOUR Heidelberg Ballroom

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2026

8:00-10:00 Registration Registration Table

8:30-9:30 SESSION #10 1.0 CLE CREDIT

GENERAL SESSION Riverview Ballroom

Professionalism

Being a prosecutor remains a noble thing – one of the noblest, in fact. But, with public trust in government institutions at an all-time low, the environment for prosecutors has never been more challenging. How do we ensure that our profession remains above reproach? Join us for a candid discussion about the issues modern day prosecutors are facing, and what we can do to achieve justice with integrity.

*Honorable Van H. Kyzar, Judge, Third Circuit Court of Appeal
Louisiana Third Circuit Court of Appeal, Natchitoches, LA*

9:30-9:45 BREAK

9:45-10:45 SESSION #11 1.0 CLE CREDIT

GENERAL SESSION Riverview Ballroom

Ethics – Prosecuting Ethically

The role of the prosecutor is a special one, burdened by what is often daunting disclosure obligations, conflict of interest concerns, and the duty to do justice.

*Mr. Charles B. Plattsmier, Retired Chief Disciplinary Counsel
Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board, Baton Rouge, LA*

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