



INVESTIGATING & PROSECUTING THE IMPAIRED DRIVER

LOUISIANA DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION PRESENTS
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AUGUST 13-14, 2026 | BATON ROUGE, LA

AGENDA

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

DAY 1 (THURSDAY, AUGUST 13)

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.

Katie LeLeux, Staff Attorney / Victim Services Liaison

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 practical, interactive session examines drug-impaired driving cases from screening and charging through trial preparation. Using case-based exercises, attendees will apply the law to evaluate evidence, make charging decisions, and develop effective prosecution strategies in collaboration with law enforcement.

Norma DuBois, Assistant District Attorney

Chief, Parish Courts, 24th Judicial District, 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

21st Judicial District Attorney's Office, Livingston, LA

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DAY 2 (FRIDAY, AUGUST 14)

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

Lieutenant 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.

Taylor Prejean, Assistant District Attorney

14th Judicial District, Lake Charles, LA

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