

LOUISIANA DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION PRESENTS



**LDA** **42<sup>ND</sup>**  
**ANNUAL**  
**CONFERENCE**  
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**JULY 7-11, 2019**

SANDESTIN RESORT - DESTIN, FLORIDA  
*PRESUMPTIVELY QUALIFIES FOR 13.25 CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION CREDITS*

## CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

This year's Annual Conference will presumptively qualify for a maximum of **13.25** continuing legal education credits (includes Ethics and Professionalism). If you have any questions, please contact us at LDAA Headquarters at 225-343-0171.

## REGISTRATION

Registration is open to everyone employed within the justice system. The registration fee is \$325 for registrations postmarked or faxed [BEFORE MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019](#), and \$425 if registration is received by [FRIDAY, JULY 5, 2019](#). If registration is confirmed after Friday, July 5, 2019, the registration fee is \$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 prior to the Conference. [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

*Refund policy: If the LDAA office is notified by [MONDAY, JULY 1, 2019](#), 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 billed.*

## ACCOMMODATIONS

The Association has obtained special accommodation rates for attendees at the Conference site, the Sandestin Resort, located at 9300 Emerald Coast Parkway West in Destin, Florida. All rates are subject to applicable state and local taxes and fees in effect at time of check-in (currently 11% and 12% resort fee).

You can secure reservations by calling the Resort reservation desk at (800) 320-8115 or [CLICK HERE](#) to make online reservations. Our group code is 23V43G. A deposit of one night's room rate is required to secure rooms.

*Please note that the room block will be released to the general public on [FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2019](#). Therefore, early response is encouraged.*

## EARLY DEPARTURE FEE

In the event a guest checks out prior to the guest's reserved checkout date, the hotel will add an early checkout fee to the guest's account. Guests wishing to avoid an early checkout fee should advise the hotel at or before check-in of any change in planned length of stay.

*Every effort is made to accommodate guests arriving before the check-in time of 4:00 p.m.; however, rooms may not be immediately available. Also note that check-out time is 11:00 a.m.*

# AGENDA

## DAY 1 - SUNDAY, JULY 7

12:00PM-7:00PM	HOSPITALITY SUITE OPEN <i>All Attendees as well as family/guests are invited.</i>
1:00PM-7:00PM	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DESK OPEN
4:00PM-5:30PM	LDAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
7:30PM	LDAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND PAST PRESIDENTS' DINNER <i>(PRESENT LDAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND PAST LDAA PRESIDENTS ONLY)</i>

EVENING FREE

## DAY 2 - MONDAY, JULY 8

8:00AM-10:00AM	HOSPITALITY SUITE OPEN <i>All Attendees as well as family/guests are invited.</i>
8:00AM-4:30PM	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DESK OPEN
9:00AM-9:45AM	WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND INTRODUCTION OF EXHIBITORS  The Honorable Charles Ballay - LDAA President <i>District Attorney, 25<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Belle Chasse, LA</i> Mr. E. Pete Adams - Executive Director <i>Louisiana District Attorneys Association, Baton Rouge, LA</i> Ms. Cynthia Killingsworth - ADA Section President <i>1<sup>st</sup> Assistant District Attorney, 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Lake Charles, LA</i> Ms. Christie Pepper - DAI Section President <i>District Attorney Investigator, 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Thibodaux, LA</i>
9:45AM-11:00AM	SESSION #1 <span style="float: right;">1.25 CLE CREDITS</span> <b>GENERAL SESSION</b> <b>RECENT DECISIONS</b> <b>The courts have been busy this year. Come hear from our favorite judicial experts what the cases mean for us.</b>  The Honorable Harmon Drew, Jr. (Retired), <i>Minden, LA</i> Mrs. Jean Talley Drew (Retired), <i>Minden, LA</i>

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11:00AM-12:30PM	LUNCH	ON YOUR OWN
12:30PM-1:45PM	SESSION #2 <b>GENERAL SESSION</b> <b>COLLATERAL ATTACKS ON CONVICTION</b> The ins and outs of Post Conviction Relief and other collateral attacks.  Ms. W. Claire Howington, Assistant District Attorney <i>16th Judicial District, New Iberia, LA</i> Mr. Dale R. Lee, Assistant District Attorney <i>19th Judicial District, Baton Rouge, LA</i> Ms. Suzanne M. Williams, Assistant District Attorney <i>1st Judicial District, Shreveport, LA</i>	1.25 CLE CREDITS
1:45PM-2:00PM	BREAK	
2:00PM-3:30PM	SESSION #3 <b>GENERAL SESSION</b> <b>CRITICAL INCIDENT DEBRIEF</b> This presentation will provide an overview of a 17-hour standoff on July 31, 2014. Issues discussed will include, but are not limited to, the critical incident command model utilized, the role of the Crisis Negotiators and Tactical teams as well as the media and public perception. Lessons learned including logistics, lines of communication and mental health will be reviewed.  Mr. Jason Dagate, 1st Assistant District Attorney <i>32nd Judicial District, Houma, LA</i> Staff Sergeant Sean Pollock <i>Winnipeg Police Service - Canada</i>	1.50 CLE CREDITS
3:30PM-3:45PM	BREAK	
3:45PM-5:00PM	SESSION #4 <b>GENERAL SESSION</b> <b>LEGISLATIVE UPDATE</b> Our Executive Director Emeritus tells us all about the activities in the 2019 Legislative session and how they affect prosecutors.  Mr. E. Pete Adams - Executive Director <i>Louisiana District Attorneys Association, Baton Rouge, LA</i>	1.25 CLE CREDITS
5:00PM-9:00PM	SOCIAL FUNCTION	

DAY 3 - TUESDAY, JULY 9	
8:00AM-10:00AM	HOSPITALITY SUITE OPEN <i>All Attendees as well as family/guests are invited.</i>
7:00AM-1:00PM	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DESK OPEN
9:00AM-10:00AM	SESSION #5 <b>GENERAL SESSION</b> <b>PROSECUTOR WORKLOAD STUDY</b> Louisiana prosecutors are the best bargain in state public service.  Ms Kristine Hamann, Founder and Executive Director <i>Prosecutors' Center for Excellence New York, NY</i> Mr. Loren M. Lampert, Associate Director <i>Louisiana District Attorneys Association, Baton Rouge, LA</i> The Honorable Kristine M. Russell, District Attorney <i>17th Judicial District, Thibodaux, LA</i>
	1.00 CLE CREDIT
	<b>DART SESSION</b> <b>PROSECUTING DRUG CASES</b> The changing drug laws impact how you prosecute drug cases. Prosecutors will offer insights on what you need to know.  Mr. Darwin Miller, Assistant District Attorney <i>4th Judicial District, Monroe, LA</i> Ms. Charlotte Farshian, Assistant District Attorney <i>4th Judicial District, Monroe, LA</i>
	<b>VICTIM RIGHTS/VIOLENT CRIME</b> <b>IN THEIR SHOES – TEEN DATING VIOLENCE</b> Join us for an interactive domestic violence training which puts participants in the shoes of a teen domestic violence victim. Participants will gain a greater understanding of the dynamics of teen dating violence and the issues facing victims.  Ms. Penny Davis, Victim Services Liaison <i>Louisiana District Attorneys Association, Baton Rouge, LA</i> Ms. Leigh Anne Wall <i>Attorney at Law, Mandeville, Louisiana</i>
10:00AM-10:15AM	BREAK

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10:15AM-11:45AM	SESSION #6 GENERAL SESSION <b>DNA FOR PROSECUTORS</b> Join us to learn the fundamentals of DNA evidence and learn practical tips and strategies on how to best prepare and present DNA evidence at trial, anticipate and defend legal challenges, and address a defense witness.  Ms. Amy Watroba, Assistant State's Attorney, Forensic Science Unit <i>Cook County State's Attorney's Office, Chicago, IL</i>	1.50 CLE CREDITS
	DART SESSION <b>BAIL AND BOND FORFEITURE 101</b> Experts in the area of bail and bond forfeiture will review the law and make a complex area of the law easy to understand.  Ms. Jessica Brewster, Assistant District Attorney <i>22nd Judicial District, Covington, LA</i> Ms. Sarah Tirrell, Staff Attorney <i>Louisiana District Attorneys Association, Baton Rouge, LA</i>	
	VICTIM RIGHTS/VIOLENT CRIME <b>COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS</b> Building strong community relationships is crucial to ensuring victim and witness cooperation. Find out how these strong relationships are built from a former prosecutor.  The Honorable Laurie R. Brister <i>District Judge, 6th Judicial District Court, St. Joseph, LA</i>	
11:45AM-1:00PM	ADA SECTION BUSINESS LUNCHEON MEETING  DAI SECTION BUSINESS LUNCHEON MEETING	
AFTERNOON AND EVENING FREE		
<b>DAY 4 - WEDNESDAY, JULY 10</b>		
8:00AM-10:00AM	HOSPITALITY SUITE OPEN <i>All Attendees as well as family/guests are invited.</i>	
11:30AM-5:00PM	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DESK OPEN	
11:45AM-12:45PM	LDAA PRAYER BRUNCH	

1:00PM-2:15PM	SESSION #7 GENERAL SESSION <b>VOIR DIRE WORKSHOP</b> Join us for this interactive workshop to learn tips on how to pick a jury in a felony impaired driving trial.  Mr. Clay Abbott, Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor <i>Texas District and County Attorneys' Association, Austin, TX</i>	1.25 CLE CREDITS
	DART SESSION <b>RICO AND ASSET FORFEITURE</b> Civil Asset forfeiture is under attack around the country. Learn from an experienced forfeiture attorney how Louisiana law handles asset forfeitures.  Mr. David B. Wheeler, Assistant District Attorney <i>24th Judicial District, Gretna, LA</i>	
	VICTIM RIGHTS/VIOLENT CRIME <b>313 / GWEN'S LAW HEARINGS</b> Learn from an experienced domestic violence prosecutor and victim assistance coordinator how to handle these important pretrial hearings.  Ms. Melanie Fields, Assistant District Attorney <i>19th Judicial District, Baton Rouge, LA</i> Ms. Suzanne Hamilton, DV Victim Assistance Coordinator <i>19th Judicial District, Baton Rouge, LA</i>	
2:15PM-2:30PM	BREAK	
2:30PM-3:45PM	SESSION #8 GENERAL SESSION <b>IMMUNITY OFFERS</b> Learn about this tricky area of law and how to apply the practice to your cases.  Mr. Robert Odinet, Assistant District Attorney <i>15th Judicial District, Lafayette, LA</i>	1.25 CLE CREDITS
	TRAFFIC SAFETY SESSION <b>PRESENTING VIDEO EVIDENCE IN AN IMPAIRED DRIVING TRIAL</b> Learn tips to most effectively introduce your video evidence in an impaired driving motion hearing or trial.  Ms. Jennifer Knudsen, Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor <i>Colorado District Attorneys Council, Denver, CO</i>	

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**VICTIM RIGHTS/VIOLENT CRIME****PROSECUTING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE CASES**

A former prosecutor discusses how best to use medical testimony in your child sexual abuse prosecution.

Ms. Stacie Schrieffer LeBlanc, M.Ed., J.D., Vice President  
American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children  
Columbus, OH

3:45PM-4:00PM

BREAK

4:00PM-5:00PM

SESSION #9

1.00 CLE CREDIT

**GENERAL SESSION****U.S. ATTORNEYS AND COOPERATIVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

Join Louisiana's U.S. Attorneys for a discussion on criminal prosecutions and cooperation between offices.

Mr. Brandon J. Fremin, United States Attorney  
Middle District of Louisiana, Baton Rouge, LA  
Mr. David C. Joseph, United States Attorney  
Western District of Louisiana, Shreveport, LA  
Mr. Peter G. Strasser, United States Attorney  
Eastern District of Louisiana, New Orleans, LA

**JOINT DART AND VICTIMS/VIOLENT CRIME SESSION****USING FORFEITED FUNDS TO SUPPORT VICTIMS**

Hear how one prosecutor has developed a program to use civil asset forfeiture proceeds to obtain restitution for exploited seniors.

Ms. Joy Biedermann, Deputy Yavapai County Attorney  
Yavapai County, Prescott, AZ

**TRAFFIC SAFETY SESSION****THE FUTURE OF ORAL FLUID TESTING FOR USE IN DWI CASES**

Join us to learn about the "new" chemical test that is being offered in other parts of the country. This session will address the use and efficacy of different products being used for oral fluid testing in DWI cases around the country.

Mr. William "Bill" Lindsey, Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor  
Alabama Office of Prosecution Services, Montgomery, AL

5:00PM-7:30PM

SOCIAL FUNCTION

**DAY 5 - THURSDAY, JULY 11**

8:00AM-10:00AM

HOSPITALITY SUITE OPEN  
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7:00AM-12:00PM

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DESK OPEN

8:00AM-9:00AM

LDAA GENERAL BUSINESS BREAKFAST MEETING  
All conference registrants are invited to attend.

9:00AM-9:15AM

BREAK

9:15AM-10:15AM

SESSION #10

1.00 CLE CREDIT

**GENERAL SESSION****ETHICS**

Ms. Shea R. Denning, Professor of Public Law and Government  
University of North Carolina School of Government  
Chapel Hill, NC  
Mrs. Kimberly Overton Spahos, Chief Resource Prosecutor  
North Carolina Conference of District Attorneys  
Cary, NC

10:15AM-10:30AM

BREAK

10:30AM-11:30AM

SESSION #11

1.00 CLE CREDIT

**GENERAL SESSION****PROFESSIONALISM**

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