

# AGENDA

LDAA 16th Annual VAC / Victim-Witness Assistance Seminar  
October 23-25, 2019 - Doubletree by Hilton Lafayette | Lafayette, LA

## **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2019**

**11:00-5:00 REGISTRATION**

**1:00-1:15 WELCOME**

*Honorable Keith Stutes, District Attorney  
15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office, Lafayette, LA*

**1:15-2:15 ENHANCED CRIME VICTIM RESOURCE [1.00 CLE HOUR]**

(Victims are better served when VAC's have better resources. LDAA plans to develop a computer program to assist VAC's in helping victims. VAC's will be able to view LDAA's Virtual Trial Notebook and provide information and feedback on what should be included in a similar VAC computer program.)

*Mrs. Sarah Tirrell, LDAA Staff Attorney  
Louisiana District Attorneys Association, Baton Rouge, LA*

**2:15-2:30 BREAK**

**2:30-3:45 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FIREARM SURRENDER [1.25 CLE HOURS]  
OVERVIEW AND ENFORCEMENT**

(Join this session to learn more about the domestic violence firearm surrender overview and enforcement.)

*Lt. Valerie Martinez-Jordan  
Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office, Thibodaux, LA*

**3:45-4:00 BREAK**

**4:00-5:00 ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS / NETWORKING [1.00 CLE HOUR]**

(Knowledge is power! Come prepared to share ideas, procedures, problems, etc., with your peers. Attendees will be divided into facilitated focus groups with VAC committee members as facilitators. And remember, there are no silly questions.)



## **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2019**

- 8:00-5:00**      **REGISTRATION**
- 9:00-10:30**      **FIRST, DO NO HARM: TRAUMA-INFORMED INTERVIEWING**      **[1.50 CLE HOURS]**  
*Mr. Jonathan H. Kurland, Attorney Advisor  
AEquitas, Washington, DC*
- 10:30-10:45**      **BREAK**
- 10:45-11:45**      **APPELLATE PROCEDURE, PROBATION AND PAROLE, AND DOC VICTIM NOTIFICATION**      **[1.00 CLE HOUR]**  
*Mr. Craig Colwart, Assistant District Attorney  
16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office, New Iberia, LA*
- 11:45-1:00**      **LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)**
- 1:00-2:00**      **IS HE / SHE JUST CRAZY? HELPING ADVOCATES RESPOND TO VICTIMS / WITNESSES WITH MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS**      **[1.00 CLE HOUR]**  
*Ms. Sharie A. Brock, MSPC, Criminal Justice & Court Administrator  
Steward Health Choice Integrated Care, Flagstaff, AZ  
Ms. Amy S. Bacon, Justice Coordinator  
Steward Health Choice Integrated Care, Flagstaff, AZ*
- 2:00-2:15**      **BREAK**
- 2:15-3:15**      **IS HE / SHE JUST CRAZY? HELPING ADVOCATES RESPOND TO VICTIMS / WITNESSES WITH MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS (CONT.)**      **[1.00 CLE HOUR]**
- 3:15-3:30**      **BREAK**
- 3:30-4:45**      **VAC 101 – PANEL DISCUSSION**      **[1.25 CLE HOURS]**  
(Come participate in a panel discussion about organizing and operating a successful and productive VAC Program.)  
*Ms. Leone Fitzgerald, Director, Victim Assistance Coordinator  
1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office, Shreveport, LA  
Ms. Catalene Theriot, Director, Victim Assistance Coordinator  
16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office, New Iberia, LA  
Ms. Kristen Raby, Director, Victim Assistance Coordinator  
19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office, Baton Rouge, LA  
Ms. Nancy Michel, Chief, Victim Assistance Coordinator  
24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office, Gretna, LA*



## **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2019**

**8:00-12:00 REGISTRATION**

**8:00-9:30 WITNESS RELOCATION, THREATS AGAINST VICTIMS AND WITNESSES, CHALLENGES FOR VACS, AND AVAILABLE RESOURCES [1.50 CLE HOURS]**

(This session will provide you with resources and information to help you better serve victims and witnesses.)

***Ms. Nancy Michel, Chief, Victim/Witness Assistance Unit  
24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office, Gretna, LA***

***Mr. Luis Munguia, Investigator  
24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office, Gretna, LA***

**9:30-9:45 BREAK**

**9:45-10:45 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE / JUSTICE REINVESTMENT [1.00 CLE HOUR]**

(Our LDAA Executive Director tells us about justice reinvestment and all about the activities in the 2019 Legislative session and how they affect victims and victim services.)

***Mr. Loren Lampert, Executive Director***

***Louisiana District Attorneys Association, Baton Rouge, LA***

**10:45-11:00 BREAK**

**11:00-12:00 SELF CARE / STRESS MANAGEMENT [1.00 CLE HOUR]**

***Mr. Leon C. Winters, MSW, LCSW / Owner***

***Winters Mental Health & Consulting, LLC, Lafayette, LA***

**12:00 ADJOURN**

