



Other Courses and Modular Sessions Taught by NTLC Staff

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Below are examples of some of the variety of presentations available from the experienced staff of the National Traffic Law Center. The staff is happy to develop new or different trainings and presentations depending upon request.

National Traffic Law Center

An overview of the National Traffic Law Center, a program of the National District Attorneys Association. The mission of the NTLC is to improve the quality of justice in traffic safety adjudications by increasing the awareness of highway safety issues. The NTLC, originally created in cooperation with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, provides prosecutors and police with evidentiary and technical assistance on a number of topics in the traffic law realm, tracks national and state legislation, provides training programs on legal issues concerning impaired driving, publishes a number of monographs on specific topics pertaining to traffic safety and a number of other services.

Audience: Law Enforcement Officers, Prosecuting Attorneys and Traffic Safety Professionals
Time: 1 hour

Traffic Safety Resource Program

An introduction to the Traffic Safety Resource Program. The presentation explains the role and advantages of having a Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor to provide training, liaison, education and technical support to prosecutors and law enforcement agencies throughout their state on issues such as alcohol and/or drug impaired driving, vehicular homicide, occupant protection and other highway safety issues.

Audience: Prosecuting Attorneys, State Highway Safety Offices, Law Enforcement Liaisons and other traffic safety professionals
Time: 1 hour

Prosecuting Aggravated DUI And Vehicular Homicide Cases

A discussion and presentation concerning the issues particular to DUI with Death or Serious Bodily Injury cases and the difficulties often encountered by prosecutors.

Audience: Prosecutors (and possibly law enforcement)
Time: 1 ½ hours

Drug Evaluation and Classification Program (Drug Recognition Experts)

An overview of the development and protocol of the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program (Drug Recognition Expert) to identify and prosecute drugged drivers.

Audience: Prosecutors, Law Enforcement, Judges

Time: Varies (3 – 1 hour modules)

Professional Responsibility for Prosecutors

Examines the particular professional responsibility issues faced by prosecutors both in and out of court.

Audience: Prosecutors and Law Enforcement

Time: 1 – 1 ½ hours

Ethical and Victim Considerations in Impaired Driving Cases

Discusses the numerous issues that arise between prosecutors, law enforcement and victims throughout the entire impaired driving case. Focus is made on ethical obligations and constraints faced by law enforcement and prosecutors.

Audience: Prosecutors and Law Enforcement

Time: 1 – 1 ½ hours

Surviving the Courtroom Minefield (Cross Examination)

A discussion of the underlying goals of cross-examination that will enable law enforcement officers to better understand the nature of the attack against their courtroom testimony, anticipate what questions will be asked of them by defense attorneys and handle themselves with confidence on the witness stand.

Audience: Law Enforcement Officers

Time: 1 – 1 ½ hours

Cross-Examination of Expert Witnesses

Examines the rationale and purpose of cross-examination of expert witnesses. Includes consideration of particular areas of cross-examination, common defenses and challenges and suggestions on how to avoid pitfalls.

Audience: Prosecuting Attorneys and potential expert witnesses (including Law Enforcement Officers)

Time: 1 – 1 ½ hours

Daubert and Rule 702

Examines the requirements for the admission or exclusion of scientific evidence and opinions pursuant to Daubert and FRE 702.

Audience: Prosecutors

Time: 1 hour

Search and Seizure Issues in Traffic Cases

An overview and analysis of U. S. Supreme Court case law relating to search and seizure issues affecting law enforcement officers from the traffic stop through search incident to arrest. The session may also include state-specific case law analysis.

Audience: Law Enforcement Officers and Prosecuting Attorneys

Time: 1 – 1 ½ hours

Foundation and Admission of Evidence

An interactive discussion of the Rules of Evidence and the testimony foundations necessary for the admission of various types of evidence, and includes typical challenges to various types of evidence. This session is moderator led.

Audience: Prosecuting Attorneys

Time: 1 hour

DUI Issues: A Framework for Analysis and Decision

This presentation explores the rationale and intricacies of the rules of discovery relating to defendant statements, reports of examinations and tests and documents and tangible objects in a DUI case, together with a discussion of issues relating to exculpatory evidence, the failure to disclose evidence, and handling motions to suppress on search and seizure matters. The session is moderator led and encourages legal analysis for properly deciding legal arguments. Additional modules may include Standardized Field Sobriety Testing and breath alcohol testing. State-specific materials may be included.

Audience: Judges and Prosecuting Attorneys

Time: 2 – 4 hours

Strategies for Success

A module of the *Protecting Lives, Saving Futures* course designed to create an understanding and strengthen the relationships between law enforcement officers and prosecutors. This session is moderator led and interactive.

Audience: Law Enforcement Officers and Prosecuting Attorneys

Time: 1 – 1 ½ hours

The Use of Sobriety Checkpoints in Combating Impaired Driving

Covers the development of sobriety checkpoints through a brief analysis of U. S. Supreme Court decisions, the development of policies and procedures, and the practical application of those procedures for the actual operation of checkpoints. May also include state-specific case law analysis relevant to a particular jurisdiction.

Audience: Law Enforcement Officers and Prosecuting Attorneys

Time: Up to 3 hours

Issues in Vehicular Deaths and Youthful Drivers

Examines the leading causes of vehicular deaths in the United States (including the particular state) and their impact on youthful drivers.

Audience: Traffic Safety Professionals, Drivers Education Teachers, Law Enforcement Officers and others

Time: 1 – 1 ½ hours

DUI Trial Tips

A discussion of the particulars of testimony in a DUI trial by the arresting officer, including suggestions on how to make the testimony more convincing resulting in conviction of the offender.

Audience: Law Enforcement Officers

Time: 1 hour

Electronic Case Management Going Paperless

Looks at options for prosecutors' offices from filing systems, document creation, docket control, e-discovery and courtroom use of electronic files.

Audience: Prosecutors and staff

Time: 1 ½ hours

Impaired Driving Technology

An overview of existing and future technologies to help combat impaired driving.

Audience: Prosecutors and Law Enforcement

Time: 1 hour

Rural Issues in the Use of Ignition Interlock Devices

Examines and discusses issues facing rural jurisdictions in the use of breath alcohol ignition interlock devices.

Audience: Prosecutors, Law Enforcement, Traffic Safety Professionals

Time: 1 hour

ARIDE Introduction

An overview of the ARIDE (Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement) curriculum as an introduction to detection of drug impaired drivers by law enforcement officers. (This is not a Drug Recognition Expert course.)

Audience: Prosecutors, Law Enforcement

Time: ½ hour

Visual Testimony in Trial

Focuses on strengthening the impact of witness testimony by the use of visual language as well as visual aids in the courtroom setting.

Audience: Law Enforcement Officers, Prosecuting Attorneys

Time: 1 – 1 ½ hours

The Power of the Visual: From Reports to Testimony

Focuses on strengthening the impact and effectiveness of report writing and officer testimony in impaired driving cases.

Audience: Law Enforcement

Time: 1 – 2 hours

Voir Dire and Opening Statements in Impaired Driving Cases

The Voir Dire segment addresses topical inquiries of jurors specific to impaired driving cases, and *Batson*, panel, peremptory and cause challenges. The Opening Statement segment will assist the prosecutors to develop a strong, precise and skillful outline of the evidence for the jury.

Audience: Prosecutors

Time: 1 – 1 ½ hours

Legal Aspects of the Technical Investigation

Focuses on the importance of consistent teamwork that is necessary between prosecutors and law enforcement regarding crime scenes, evidence collection and challenges, and trial preparation.

Audience: Prosecutors and Law Enforcement

Time: 1 -2 hours