



# COURSE AGENDA

## **NDAА CAREER COURSE The Evolution of Prosecution**

October 4-7, 2021  
The Brown Hotel  
335 W. Broadway  
Louisville, Kentucky

*Gallery Ballroom – 16<sup>th</sup> Floor*

*Attendees must wear their name tags to all events.  
Please turn off cell phones during all sessions.*

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### **SCHEDULE OF INSTRUCTION\***

#### **DAY 1: Monday, October 4, 2021**

8:00 AM	Check-in and Registration
9:00 AM	Welcoming Remarks
9:30 – 11:00 AM	The Effective Use of Visual Evidence During Closing Argument - demonstration and lecture <i>Patrick Muscat</i>
11:00 – 11:15 AM	Break
11:15 – 12:45 PM	Get Ahead of Your Case: How to Anticipate and Rebut Defenses <i>Eric Leafblad</i>
12:45 – 2:00 PM	Lunch (on your own)
2:00 – 3:30 PM	Prosecuting Drug Crimes in 2021 <i>Kelly Orland</i>
3:30 – 3:45 PM	Break
3:45 – 5:15 PM	The Art of Cross-Examination – Approach Point Cross-Examination Method <i>Eric Leafblad</i>

*Adjourn for the day*



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## DAY 2: Tuesday, October 5, 2021

- 9:00 – 10:30 AM Contemporary Issues in Digital Evidence  
*Tracy Walraven*
- 10:30 – 10:45 AM Break
- 10:45 – 11:30 AM How to Keep the Introduction of Digital Evidence Simple - demonstration  
*Patrick Muscat & Tracy Walraven*
- 11:30 – 12:30 PM Lunch (on your own)
- 12:30 – 2:00 PM Overview of Federal Bias Motivated Crimes  
*Hydee Hawkins, Michael Brown, & Zach Dembo*
- 2:00 – 2:15 PM Break
- 2:15 – 3:45 PM DNA Evidence – What Every Prosecutor Needs to Know  
*Amy Watroba*
- 3:45 – 4:00 PM Break
- 4:00 – 5:15 PM Effectively Combatting your Defense Expert Witness – Techniques for Preparation, Litigation, and Cross-Examination  
*Amy Watroba*

*Adjourn for the day*



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## DAY 3: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 (note earlier start time)

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| 8:30 – 10:00 AM  | The Art of Persuasion – How to Win Your Case in Your Opening Statement<br><i>Christie Bevacqua</i>      |
| 10:00 – 10:15 AM | Break   |
| 10:15 – 11:45 AM | The Adolescent Brain – The Intersection Between the Research and the Courtroom<br><i>Anthony Pierro</i> |
| 11:45 – 1:00 PM  | Lunch (on your own)   |
| 1:00 – 2:30 PM   | Prosecuting a Cold Case Homicide – The Michelle Lodzinski Case<br><i>Christie Bevacqua</i>              |
| 2:30 – 2:45 PM   | Break   |
| 2:45 – 4:00 PM   | Prosecutor Wellness – Considerations for Career Prosecutors<br><i>Susan Broderick</i>                   |
| 4:00 – 4:15 PM   | Break   |
| 4:15 – 5:15 PM   | Learning to Lead: Modeling Effective Prosecution Techniques<br><i>Kimberly Spahos</i>                   |

*Adjourn for the day*



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## DAY 4: Thursday, October 7 2021

9:00 – 10:30 AM	Talking to a Jury: Are You Getting Through? <i>Kimberly Spahos</i>
10:30 – 10:45 AM	Break
10:45 – 12:15 PM	Moderated Panel Discussion – 2021 Issues for the Career Prosecutor
12:15 – 12:45 PM	Closing remarks
Course Concludes	

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