



**OSPD & MPDA**  
**2024 Spring Public Defender Conference**  
**April 24-26, 2024**  
**IP Casino – Biloxi, Mississippi**



<b>Wednesday, April 24, 2024</b>	
10:00am – 12:00pm  <b>Ballroom C</b>	<b>MPDA Board Meeting</b> ( <i>lunch provided</i> )
11:00am – 12:45pm  <b>Promenade Foyer</b>	<b>Registration</b>
12:45pm – 1:00pm  <b>Ballroom B</b>	<b>Welcome</b> <a href="#">Andre' de Gruy</a> – State Public Defender, <a href="#">Lenderrick Taylor</a> – MPDA Vice – President, <a href="#">Home of Grace</a> , and <a href="#">Erin Briggs</a> – OSPD Training Director
1:00pm – 2:00pm <b>(1hr)</b>	<b>Session One:</b> <b><i>What's Interrogation Gotta Do With It? - Defending Confession Cases</i></b> <a href="#">Deja Vishny</a> , Public Defense Resource Counsel - NACDL
2:00pm – 2:05pm	<a href="#">Evaluations</a>
2:05pm – 3:05pm <b>(1hr)</b>	<b>Session Two:</b> <b><i>Can They Do That? - Revisiting Evidence Rules</i></b> <a href="#">Jacinta Hall</a> , The J.A. Hall Law Firm
3:05pm - 3:20pm	<a href="#">Evaluations</a> & Break
3:20pm – 4:50pm <b>(1.5 hr)</b>	<b>Session Three:</b> <b><i>SOGIE (ETHICS)</i></b> <a href="#">Amanda Powell</a> , Alternate Defense Counsel Colorado
4:50pm – 4:55pm	<a href="#">Evaluations</a>
5 :00pm – 5 :45pm	<b>MPDA Board Meeting</b>
5 :45pm – 8 :00pm  <b>Ballroom CD</b>	<b>Welcome Reception</b>



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<b>Thursday, April 25, 2024</b>	
7 :00am – 8 :30am  <i>Ballroom A</i>	<b>Breakfast</b>
8:00am – 8:30am  <i>Promenade Foyer</i>	<b>Registration</b>
8 :30am – 9 :30am (1hr)  <i>Ballroom B</i>	<b>Session Four:</b> <i>The Power of Storytelling in Criminal Defense</i> <a href="#"><u>Leslie Jill Patterson</u></a> , Case Storyteller
9 :30am – 9 :35am	<a href="#"><u>Evaluations</u></a>
9:35am – 10:35am (1hr)	<b>Session Five:</b> <i>Alcohol and the Body: A Toxicologist’s Perspective</i> <a href="#"><u>Blake Stutzman</u></a> , Toxicologist, Godoy Medical Forensics
10:35am – 10:50am	<a href="#"><u>Evaluations</u></a> & Break
10:50am – 11:50am (1hr)	<b>Session Six :</b> <i>Opening Statements: Lessons Learned from Practice and the National Criminal Defense College</i> <a href="#"><u>Christopher Routh</u></a> , Deputy Public Defender Hinds County Public Defender Office
11:50am – 1:00pm  <i>Ballroom A</i>	<a href="#"><u>Evaluations</u></a> & Lunch
1:00pm – 2:30pm(1.5hr)  <i>Ballroom B</i>	<b>Session Seven:</b> <i>Mastering the Art of Cross-Examination: Essential Techniques for Public Defenders</i> <a href="#"><u>Cassie Trueblood</u></a> , Felony Supervisor Snohomish County Public Defender Office



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2:30pm-2:35pm	<a href="#"><u>Evaluations</u></a>
2:35pm – 3:50pm (1.25hr)	<b>Session Eight:</b> <b><i>Defending Against Big Data</i></b> <a href="#"><u>Elizabeth Daniel Vasquez</u></a> , Brooklyn Defenders
3:50pm – 4:05pm	<a href="#"><u>Evaluations</u></a> & Break
4:05pm – 5:05pm (1hr)	<b>Session Nine:</b> <b><i>Mental Health Awareness Training</i></b> <a href="#"><u>Christiane Williams</u></a> , Leading By Examples
5:05pm	<a href="#"><u>Evaluation</u></a> & Announcements

<b>Friday, April 26, 2024</b>	
7:00am-8:30am	<b>Breakfast</b>
<b><i>Ballroom A</i></b>	
8:30am-9:45am (1.25 hr)	<b>Session Ten:</b> <b><i>Junk Science in the American Criminal Justice System</i></b> <a href="#"><u>Chris Fabricant</u></a> , Director of Strategic Litigation Innocence Project
<b><i>Ballroom B</i></b>	
9:45am – 9:50am	<a href="#"><u>Evaluation</u></a>
9:50am – 10:50am (1hr)	<b>Session Eleven:</b> <b>Appellate Overview</b> <a href="#"><u>Justin Cook</u></a> , Asst. State Public Defender
10:50am – 11:05am	<a href="#"><u>Evaluation</u></a> & Break



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11:05am – 12:05pm (1hr)	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session Twelve:</b> <i>The Duane Lake Story &amp; Where We Go From Here – Panel Discussion</i> <a href="#">Duane Lake</a>, <a href="#">Christopher Routh</a>, <a href="#">Michael Carr</a>, and <a href="#">Cliff Johnson</a></p>
12:05pm	<p><a href="#">Evaluation</a> &amp; Closing Announcements</p>