



2025 Spring OSPD & MPDA Public Defender Conference
April 23-25, 2025
Westin Hotel
Jackson, Mississippi



Wednesday, April 23, 2025

- 10:00am – 12:00pm MPDA Board Meeting
- 10:00am – 12:45pm Conference Registration
- 12:45pm – 1:00pm **Welcome**
Andre' de Gruy, *Office of State Public Defender*
Lenderrick Taylor, *MS Public Defender Association*
Erin Briggs, *OSPD Training Director*
- 1:00pm – 2:15pm (1.25hr) **Session One: Understanding DWI Detection and Standard Field Sobriety Tests**
Blake Stutzman, Active Education Forensics, LLC
- 2:15pm – 2:20 pm Evaluations
- 2:20pm – 3:20pm (1hr) **Session Two: Guiding the Way: Supporting Clients with Mental Health Challenges** - Stacy Ferraro, MacArthur Mental Health Navigator Program
- 3:25pm – 3:40pm Evaluations and Break
- 3:40pm – 4:55pm (1.25hr) **Session Three: A Look Through the Client's Eyes**
Benny Ivey and Terun Moore, Strong Arms of Jackson
- 4:55pm Evaluations and Announcements
- 5:00pm – 5:30pm **MPDA Meeting**
- 5:30pm – 8:00pm **Welcome Karaoke Reception**

Thursday, April 24, 2025

- 7:00am – 8:45am Breakfast Buffet
- 8:45am – 10:00am(1.25hr) **Session Four: MS Public Defender Trial School Recap: Strategies, Skills and Surprises** -Arthur Calderon, Calderon Law
- 10:00am – 10:05am Evaluations



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- 10:05am – 11:05am (1hr) **Session Five: *Brainstorming Your Case: A Critical Part of Building the Story*** -Shawna M. Geiger, Colorado Office of Respondent Parents' Counsel
- 11:05am – 11:20am Evaluations and Break
- 11:20am – 12:20pm (1hr) **Session Six: *ABA Ten Principles of a Public Defender Delivery System*** – Malia Brink, Deason Criminal Justice Reform Center
- 12:20pm – 1:30pm Evaluations and Lunch
- 1:30pm - 2:30pm (1hr) **Session Seven: *"Tickets to the Show": Demonstrative Aids and What to Pack in Your Trial Briefcase***
Michael S. Carr, Carr Law Firm
- 2:30pm – 2:35pm Evaluations
- 2:35pm – 3:35pm (1hr) **Session Eight: *Collateral Consequences: Navigating Family Defense in Felony Cases*** -Shawna M. Geiger, Colorado Office of Respondent Parents' Counsel
- 3:35pm – 3:50pm Evaluations and Break
- 3:50pm – 5:05pm (1.25hr) **Session Nine: *Motions in Motion: Practical Tips to Advance Your Defense*** - Graham Carner, Graham P. Carner, PLLC

Friday, April 25, 2025

- 7:00am – 8:45am Breakfast Buffet
- 8:45am – 10:00am (1.25hr) **Session Ten: *Appellate Law Update***
Justin Cook, Office of State Public Defender
- 10:00am – 10:05am Evaluations
- 10:05am – 11:05am (1hr) **Session Eleven: *Day One Representation***
Pamela Metzger, Deason Criminal Justice Reform Center
Richard Carter, Carter Law Office
- 11:05am – 11:15am Evaluations and Break



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- 11:15am – 12:15pm (1hr) **Session Twelve: *ETHICS: The Power of Clear, Compassionate, Client Communication***- Demetrice Williams Wells, Williams -Wells Law Firm
- 12:15pm Evaluations, Announcements & Conclusion



MPDA Hospitality Suite
Open: Wednesday night (after Welcome Reception) & Thursday evening (after conference)