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## NDAAs' 2026 Domestic Violence Conference

*Prosecuting Coercive Control: Stalking, Strangulation & Digital Abuse*

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

### Tuesday, August 25, 2026 Understanding Violence Dynamics

- 6:00 – 8:45 AM Complimentary Breakfast Available for Registered Attendees Staying at the Host Hotel  
Location: Floor 8
- 8:00 – 9:00 AM Check-in & Registration
- 9:00 – 9:15 AM Welcome & Opening Remarks  
Glenn Funk  
District Attorney General  
Nashville, TN
- 9:15 – 10:15 AM The Danger Assessment:  
Identifying Domestic Violence Cases Most Likely to Turn Deadly  
Jacquelyn Campbell, PhD  
Anna D. Wolfe Chair and Professor, Johns Hopkins School of Nursing  
Director, Johns Hopkins Center for Global Women's Health and Gender Equity  
Johns Hopkins University  
Baltimore, MD
- 10:15 – 10:30 AM Networking Break
- 10:30 – 11:30 AM Trauma-Informed Prosecution:  
Working with Victims, Reluctance, and Jury Perception  
Anthony Santos  
Chief Trial Deputy District Attorney  
Denver District Attorney's Office  
Denver, CO
- Neillie Fields  
Assistant Chief Deputy District Attorney – Special Victims Unit  
Arapahoe County District Attorney's Office  
Centennial, CO





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Dr. Daffany Baker  
Senior Vice President of Domestic Violence Services  
YWCA Nashville & Middle Tennessee  
Nashville, TN

## Wednesday, August 26, 2026 Litigation Strategy & Evidence

- 6:00 – 8:45 AM Complimentary Breakfast Available for Registered Attendees Staying at the Host Hotel  
Location: Floor 8
- 9:00 – 9:15 AM Morning Briefing: Lessons from Day One  
Sasha Sencer  
Education & Engagement Director  
National District Attorneys Association  
Raleigh, NC
- 9:15 – 10:15 AM When the Victim Won't Testify:  
Using Crawford and Forfeiture to Win Domestic Violence Cases  
Gerald "Jerry" Fineman  
Former Assistant District Attorney  
Riverside County District Attorney's Office  
Riverside, CA  
Founder  
DV Train & Consult  
Colorado Springs, CO
- 10:15 – 10:30 AM Networking Break
- 10:30 – 11:30 AM Making Experts Matter:  
Using Psychology and Forensic Testimony in Domestic Violence Trials  
Allenna Bangs  
Assistant Criminal District Attorney  
Deputy Criminal Division Chief  
Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office  
Fort Worth, TX  
  
Dr. Kathryn Jacob, LMSW  
Licensed Psychologist  
The Archway Institute  
Arlington, TX



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- 11:30 – 1:00 PM      Networking Lunch (On Your Own)
- 1:00 – 2:00 PM      The Deadliest Red Flag: Recognizing Strangulation as a Predictor of Homicide  
Martha Phillips, BSN-RN, CEN, SANE-A, SANE-P  
Executive Director, Forensic Nurse Examiner  
Forensic Education & Relief Nurse Staffing (FERNS)
- Jo Shelton, RN-MSN, CEN, SANE-A, SANE-P, AFN-C  
Director of Clinical Operations  
Forensic Education & Relief Nurse Staffing (FERNS)
- 2:00 – 2:15 PM      Networking Break
- 2:15 – 3:15 PM      Proving Strangulation:  
Using Forensic Nurse Exams and Medical Evidence to Build Stronger Cases  
Catherine Vulcano  
Vulcano Forensic Consulting  
Berkeley Heights, NJ
- 3:15 – 3:30 PM      Networking Break
- 3:30 – 4:30 PM      The Caretaker Trap:  
Using Victim Behavior to Strengthen Domestic Violence Prosecutions  
Jasmine M. Hudgens, CA  
Credentialed Victim Advocate  
Noble County Prosecutor's Office  
Albion, IN

## Thursday, August 27, 2026 Investigation, Collaboration, & Implementation

- 6:00 – 8:45 AM      Complimentary Breakfast Available for Registered Attendees Staying at the Host Hotel  
Location: Floor 8
- 9:00 – 9:15 AM      Morning Briefing: Taking the Work Home  
Sasha Sencer  
Education & Engagement Director  
National District Attorneys Association



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- 9:15 – 10:15 AM      Inside a Domestic Violence Prosecution: From First Report to Trial  
Sean Roberts  
Assistant District Attorney General  
Knox County, TN
- Debbie Malone  
Assistant District Attorney  
Knox County, TN
- 10:15 – 10:30 AM      Networking Break
- 10:30 – 11:30 AM      Coordinated Community Response:  
Building Stronger Domestic Violence Cases Through Collaboration  
Captain Eric K. Threlkeld  
Eddy County Sheriff's Office  
Carlsbad, NM
- 11:30 – 11:45 AM      Closing Remarks  
Sasha Sencer  
Education & Engagement Director  
National District Attorneys Association

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