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NDAA's 2026 Forensic Evidence Conference

*From Evidence Overload to Evidentiary Clarity:
Interpreting, Challenging, and Using Complex Evidence in High-Stakes Cases*

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

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

Understanding Complex Evidence: From Information to Meaning

7:45 – 8:45 AM	Breakfast Buffet
8:00 – 9:00 AM	Check-in & Registration
9:00 – 9:15 AM	The Problem of Too Much Evidence Sasha Sencer Director, Education & Engagement National District Attorneys Association Raleigh, NC Ben Jackson CEO Guardify Omaha, NE
9:15 – 10:15 AM	Defining Evidentiary Clarity: What Makes Evidence Reliable, Relevant and Defensible Christopher Sperry Chief Deputy District Attorney Fulton County, GA
10:15 – 10:30 AM	Networking Break
10:30 – 11:30 AM	Understanding Activity Level Reporting: From Science to the Courtroom Susan Horan DNA Specialist, Forensic Science & Cold Case Unit Kings County, NY Rachel Singer Chief, Forensic Science & Cold Case Unit Kings County, NY



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- 11:30 – 1:00 PM Networking Lunch (on your own)
- 1:00 – 2:00 PM **Using Biological and Trace Evidence to Reconstruct – or Misconstruct – Events**
Danielle Grootenboer
Senior Assistant Prosecutor
Hackensack, NJ
- 2:00 – 2:15 PM Networking Break
- 2:15 – 3:15 PM **When Evidence Conflicts: Reconciling Competing Forensic Narratives**
April Gould, Ph.D., M.A., M.P.H.
Park Dietz & Associates
- 3:15 – 3:30 PM Networking Break
- 3:30 – 4:30 PM **Deciding What Matters: Charging and Strategy in Evidence-Heavy Cases**
Nicole Keary
Deputy Attorney General in Charge
White Plains, NY

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Testing the Evidence: Strategy, Risk, and Prosecutorial Decision-Making

- 7:45 – 8:45 AM Breakfast Buffet
- 9:00 – 9:15 AM **Reframing the Challenge: Where Risk Hides in Evidence**
Sasha Sencer
Director, Education & Engagement
National District Attorneys Association
Raleigh, NC
- Mickey Sulkin**
Senior Sales Director, State and Local Government
Cellebrite
Naperville, IL
- 9:15 – 10:15 AM **Defending the Evidence: Admissibility, Daubert, and Strategic Positioning**
Mike Carlson
Executive Assistant District Attorney
Lawrenceville, GA



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10:15 – 10:30 AM	Networking Break
10:30 – 11:30 AM	Evaluating Digital Evidence: Reliability, Context and Evidentiary Meaning Matt Beers Digital Forensic Investigator Boulder County, CO Patricia Mittelstadt Deputy District Attorney Boulder County, CO
11:30 – 1:00 PM	Networking Lunch (on your own)
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Don't Believe Everything You Read: When Digital Evidence Misleads Ian Whiffin Senior Customer Engagement Manager Cellebrite
2:00 – 2:15 PM	Networking Break
2:15 – 3:15 PM	Case Dissections: When Too Much Digital Evidence Complicated the Case Jamie Mosser Kane County State's Attorney St. Charles, IL Michael Zeigler Investigator St. Charles, IL Zeus Flores Director of Digital Forensics St. Charles, IL
3:15 – 3:45 PM	Networking Break
3:45 – 4:45 PM	From Evidence Overload to Evidentiary Clarity: Interpreting, Challenging, and Using Complex Evidence in High-Stake Cases Donna Papsun Forensic Toxicologist and Business Scientist NMS Labs



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Thursday, September 3, 2026 Presenting Complex Evidence: Experts, Partnerships, and Persuasion

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| 7:45 – 8:45 AM | Breakfast Buffet |
| 9:00 – 10:00 AM | Preparing Forensic Experts: Clarity, Boundaries, and Credibility
Dawn Weber
Senior Chief Deputy District Attorney
Denver, CO |
| 10:00 – 10:10 AM | Networking Break |
| 10:10 – 10:55 AM | Beyond the Lab: Leveraging Forensic Toxicology Partnerships to Strengthen Investigations
Kristen Burke
Regional Toxicology Liaison
Western Region |
| 10:55 – 11:00 AM | Stretch Break |
| 11:00 – 12:00 PM | Translating Forensic Evidence: Communicating Complexity Without Losing the Jury
John Melvin
Chief Assistant District Attorney
Lawrenceville, GA |
| 12:00 – 1:00 PM | Capstone Lab: Turning Evidence Overload into a Clear, Defensible Case
Ray Grogan
Marion County Prosecuting Attorney
Marion, OH |

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