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NDAA's 2026 Complex & Organized Crimes Conference *Turning Sophisticated Investigations into Stronger Trials*

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

Tuesday, May 12, 2026 **Enterprise Foundations & Trial Mechanics**

- 7:45 – 8:45 AM Breakfast Buffet
The Bluegrass Ballroom, 2nd Floor
- 8:00 – 9:00 AM Check-in & Registration
- 9:00 – 9:15 AM **Welcome Remarks**
Sashas Sencer
Education & Engagement Director
National District Attorneys Association, NC
- The Honorable Gerina Whethers**
Commonwealth's Attorney
Jefferson County, KY
- 9:15 – 10:45 AM **Elements, Structure and Strategy: How to Build a RICO/VICAR Indictment**
Gerald Collins
Deputy Chief
Criminal Division
United States Attorney's Office, MD
- Kelly Pearson**
Deputy Chief
Violent Crime and Racketeering Section
United States Department of Justice
- 10:45 – 11:00 AM Networking Break
- 11:00 – 12:00 PM **It's (Almost) Always the Bookkeeper!**
Brian Dasserio
Assistant District Attorney
Special Investigations & Prosecutions Bureau
Erie County, NY
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- 12:00 – 1:15 PM Networking Lunch Break
- 1:30 – 2:45 PM **Using RICO to Take Down the Hoovers in Portland, Oregon**
Lewis Burkhart
Assistant United States Attorney
District of Oregon
- Brendon Parenti**
Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Portland Division, OR
- 2:45 – 3:45 PM **Interrupting the Enterprise:**
What Prosecutors Need to Know About Group Violence Intervention
Joshua Crawford
Director of Group Violence Intervention
Louisville Metro Government, KY
- 3:45 – 4:00 PM Networking Break
- 4:00 – 5:00 PM **Digital Evidence at Scale: From Data Overload to Trial-Ready Strategy**
Yolanda Lippert
Director of Major Crimes
Office of the DeKalb County District Attorney, GA
- Craig Smith**
Deputy Chief Investigator
Office of the DeKalb County District Attorney, GA
- 5:00 PM Adjournment



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Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Financial Intelligence, Emerging Enterprises, & Risk Management

- 7:45 – 8:45 AM Breakfast Buffet
- 9:00 – 10:30 AM **NETFORCE:**
An Interagency Model of Cooperation to Tackle Drug Trafficking Organizations
Richard J. Montecalvo
Chief Assistant State Attorney
20th Judicial Circuit, FL
- J.D. Miller**
Assistant State Attorney
20th Judicial Circuit, FL
- 10:30 – 10:45 AM Networking Break
- 10:45 - 12:00 PM **The Scamdemic: Why the Whole-of-Society Needs Prosecutors in the Room**
Erin West
Founder
Operation Shamrock
- 12:00 – 1:15 PM Networking Lunch Break
- 1:30 – 2:45 PM **Organized Retail Crime:**
From Enterprise Structure to Charging Decisions and Trial Strategy
Brian Harrell
Detective
Office of the Kentucky Attorney General
- 2:45 – 3:45 PM **From Intelligence to Indictment: Building Prosecutable Enterprise Cases Through Multi-Agency Coordination**
Vic Brown
Executive Director
Appalachia HIDTA, TN
- 3:45 – 4:00 PM Networking Break
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4:00 – 5:00 PM **10 Steps to a Human Trafficking Conviction:
Overcoming the Common Barriers to Securing Human Trafficking Convictions**
Hannah Palmquist
Senior Assistant Attorney General
Office of Attorney General Chris Carr, GA

5:00 PM Adjournment

Thursday, May 14, 2026 Persuasion & Sustainability

7:45 – 8:45 AM Breakfast Buffet

9:00 – 10:15 AM **Finding and Fostering the Jury Your Complex Case Deserves**
Andre Miksha
Deputy Director
Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council

10:30 – 11:30 AM **Building and Prosecuting an Emerging Gang When No One Talks**
Jason Manning
Chief Counsel – Violent Crime Unit
Office of Shayla D. Favor
Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney, OH

Steven C. Schott
Director – Major Crimes Unit
Office of Shayla D. Favor
Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney, OH

11:30 AM Closing Remarks

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