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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

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| 6:00 – 8:45 AM | Complimentary Breakfast Available for Registered Attendees Staying at the Drury 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, CO

Neillie Fields
Assistant Chief Deputy District Attorney – Special Victims Unit
Centennial, CO |
| 11:30 – 1:00 PM | Networking Lunch (On Your Own) |



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- 1:00 – 2:00 PM **Victims' Rights in Action: Partnering with Advocates to Strengthen Domestic Violence Prosecutions**
Renee Williams, Esq
Chief Executive Officer
National Center for Victims of Crime
Washington, DC
- Guy D'Andrea**
Attorney
Laffey Bucci
Philadelphia, PA
- 2:00 – 2:15 PM Networking Break
- 2:15 – 3:15 PM **Justice Has No Age Limit: Prosecuting Domestic Violence in Later Life**
Lisamarie Bristol
Solicitor General
Lawrenceville, GA
- Ann Laatsch**
Senior Attorney Advisor
National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life
Madison, WI
- 3:15 – 3:30 PM Networking Break
- 3:30 – 4:30 PM **Stalking: The Overlooked Crime that Predicts Escalating Violence**
Amy N. Blackett
Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Resource Prosecutor
Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council
- 4:30 – 5:30 PM **Survivors FIRST: Reframing Justice Through Trauma-Informed Diversion**
Christina Johnson
Assistant District Attorney – Domestic Violence Lead
Nashville, TN
- Dr. Daffany Baker**
Senior Vice President of Domestic Violence Services
YWCA Nashville & Middle Tennessee



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Wednesday, August 26, 2026 Litigation Strategy & Evidence

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| 6:00 – 8:45 AM | Complimentary Breakfast Available for Registered Attendees Staying at the Drury Hotel
Location: Floor 8 |
| 9:00 – 9:15 AM | Morning Briefing: Lessons from Day One
Sasha Sencer
Education & Engagement Director
National District Attorneys Association |
| 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, CA
<div>Founder
DV Train & Consult
Colorado Springs, CO</div> |
| 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
Fort Worth, TX

Dr. Kathryn Jacob, LMSW
Licensed Psychologist
The Archway Institute
Arlington, TX |
| 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 |



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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
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

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



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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 PM Closing Remarks
Sasha Sencer
Education & Engagement Director
National District Attorneys Association

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