



NDAA's 2026 Homicide Conference

Advanced Practice for the Modern Homicide Prosecutor

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Tuesday, November 17, 2026 Building the Case

7:45 – 8:45 AM	Breakfast
8:00 – 9:00 AM	Check-in & Registration
9:00 – 9:15 AM	Welcome & Opening Remarks
9:15 – 10:15 AM	The Modern Prosecutor's Challenge Sara Kurtzberg Chief of Prosecutorial Innovation Brooklyn District Attorney's Office, NY
10:15 – 10:30 AM	Networking Break
10:30 – 11:30 AM	Prosecutorial Judgement: Building the Case Before Building the Theory David Greenwald Senior Assistant District Attorney Wyandotte County District Attorney's Office, KS
11:30 – 1:00 PM	Networking Lunch (on your own)
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Building Murder Cases When Perfect Evidence Doesn't Exist Molly McGuire
2:00 – 2:15 PM	Networking Break
2:15 – 3:15 PM	Expanding Accountability: Prosecuting Beyond the Immediate Offender Dan Cogley Assistant Prosecuting Attorney – Major Crimes Delaware County Prosecutor's Office, OH Beth Matune Assistant Prosecutor, Chief of Juvenile Division



Delaware County Prosecutor's Office, OH

3:15 – 3:30 PM

Networking Break

3:30 – 4:30 PM

The Hardest Decisions You'll Make Before Trial
Molly McGuire

Melissa Kelly

Assistant State Attorney in Charge - Child Fatality & Abuse Unit
Office of the State Attorney, 17th Judicial Circuit, FL

4:30 – 5:30 PM

Losing Your Case Big: How to Recover, Regroup, and Recharge
Wendy Patrick

Wednesday, November 18, 2026 Pressure-Test the Case

7:45 – 8:45 AM

Breakfast Buffet

9:00 – 10:00 AM

Invisible Evidence: Proving Homicide Without Visible Injury
Eric S. Aboulafia

Principal Assistant District Attorney - Homicide Bureau
Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, NY

10:00 – 10:15 AM

Networking Break

10:15 – 11:15 AM

Contested Evidence: Proving Homicide When Experts Disagree
Melissa Kelly

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11:15 – 11:30 AM

Networking Break

11:30 – 12:30 PM

Inferred Evidence: Proving Agreement and Intent Without Direct Proof
Leila Rosini

Chief - Homicide Bureau
Kings County District Attorney's Office, NY

12:30 – 2:00 PM

Networking Lunch (On Your Own)



2:00 – 3:00 PM	Strategic Evidence Use: How Prosecutorial Decisions Shape Violent Crime Outcomes Ivan Bates State's Attorney Baltimore, MD
3:00 – 3:15 PM	Networking Break
3:15 – 4:15 PM	Case Laboratory: Building the Prosecution (<i>State v. Ortiz</i>) Andrew Hanna Chief Deputy Prosecutor Madison County Prosecutor's Office, IN Matt Savage Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Madison County Prosecutor's Office, IN
4:15 – 4:30 PM	Networking Break
4:30 – 5:30 PM	Witness Evidence: Evaluating Credibility, Cooperation, and Risk Brad Bloodworth Chief Prosecutor Summit County, UT

Thursday, November 19, 2026

Presenting the Case

7:15 – 8:15 AM	Breakfast Buffet
8:30 – 9:30 AM	Opening Statements: Framing Complex Evidence Clearly and Credibly Adrienne Belcher Assistant District Attorney Jefferson County District Attorney's Office, AL
9:30 – 9:45 AM	Networking Break
9:45 – 10:45 AM	Cross-Examination: Challenging and Defending Complex Evidence at Trial Sara Kurtzberg Chief of Prosecutorial Innovation Brooklyn District Attorney's Office, NY



- 10:45 – 11:00 AM Networking Break
- 11:00 – 12:00 PM **Human Evidence: From Facts to Meaning in Homicide Prosecution**
(*State v. Moreno De La Cruz*)
Kimberly Hunley
Chief Deputy County Attorney
Pima County Attorney's Office, AZ
- Jose Angel Carrillo**
Health & Safety Superintendent of Program Development
Freeport-McMoRan
- 12:00 – 12:15 PM Networking Break
- 12:15 – 1:15 PM **Closing Arguments: Distilling Evidence into Persuasive Proof**
Brad Bloodworth
Chief Prosecutor
Summit County, UT

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