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NDAA's 2026 Sexual Assault Conference

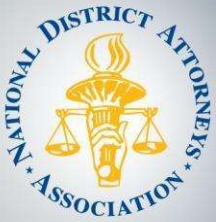
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Tuesday, October 6, 2026

Understanding Victim Behavior & Building the Case

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| 6:00 – 8:45 AM | Complimentary Breakfast Available for Registered Attendees Staying at the Host Hotel |
| 7:30 – 8:30 AM | Check-in & Registration |
| 8:30 – 8:45 AM | Welcome & Course Orientation
Sasha Sencer
Education & Engagement Director
National District Attorneys Association, NC |
| 8:45 – 10:00 AM | Understanding Sexual Assault Survivor & Offender Behavior
Sheri Vanino, PsyD
Forensic and Clinical Psychologist
Denver, CO |
| 10:00 – 10:15 AM | Networking Break |
| 10:15 – 11:15 AM | Know Your Case. Know Your Victim. (Part I: Intake → Investigation)
Deena Pribble
Lead Deputy – Family Violence Unit
San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office, CA |
| 11:15 – 11:30 AM | Networking Break |
| 11:30 – 12:30 PM | Mind the Gap: Meeting Your Jurors Where They Are With Corroboration
Whitney Belich
Child Abuse and Juvenile Resource Prosecutor
NC Conference of District Attorneys |
| 12:30 – 2:00 PM | Networking Lunch (On Your Own) |
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2:00 – 3:00 PM **Technology-Facilitated Sexual Exploitation:
Identifying Patterns & Building Cases**
David Yasinovsky
Assistant District Attorney, Director of Training and Hiring
Middlesex County District Attorney's Office
Woburn, Massachusetts

3:00 – 3:15 PM Networking Break

3:15 – 5:15 PM **Workshop: Building A Case Theory**
Sara Hill
Assistant District Attorney
Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, WI

Wednesday, October 7, 2026 Litigation Strategy & Trial Execution

6:00 – 8:15 AM Complimentary Breakfast Available for Registered Attendees Staying at the Host Hotel

8:30 – 9:30 AM **Know Your Case. Know Your Victim. (Part II: Pretrial → Trial Strategy)**
Deena Pribble
Lead Deputy – Family Violence Unit
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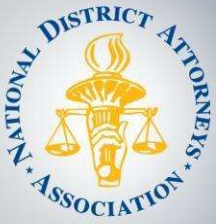
9:30 – 9:45 AM Networking Break

9:45 – 10:45 AM **Motions in Limine in Sexual Assault Cases**
Jennifer Sprague
Second Assistant District Attorney
Plymouth County District Attorney's Office, MA

10:45 – 11:00 AM Networking Break

11:00 – 12:00 PM **Alcohol-Facilitated Sexual Assault: Consent, Memory, and Case Strategy**
Jennifer S. Nesbitt
Senior Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney
Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, VA

12:00 – 1:30 PM Networking Lunch (On Your Own)

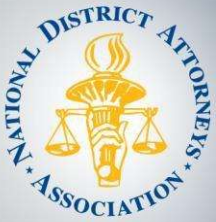


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- 1:30 – 3:30 PM **Medical Forensic Exams & No-Injury Cases: Interpreting Medical Evidence and Framing the Narrative**
Sheridan Miyamoto PhD, FNP, RN, FAAN, SANE-P
Associate Professor
Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing and Child Maltreatment Solutions Network
University Park, PA
- Jenifer Markowitz ND, RN, WHNP-BC, SANE-A, DF-IAFN**
Principal
Forensic Healthcare Consulting, LLC
- 3:30 – 3:45 PM Networking Break
- 3:45 – 5:15 PM **Case Study Workshop**
Erin Karshen
Assistant District Attorney
Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, WI

Thursday, October 8, 2026 Complexity & Emerging Issues

- 6:00 – 8:15 AM Complimentary Breakfast Available for Registered Attendees Staying at the Host Hotel
- 8:30 – 9:30 AM **Jury Selection & Case Framing: Identifying Bias and Shaping the Narrative Early**
Joshua Steward
Chief District Attorney
Sedgwick County District Attorney's Office, KS
- 9:30 – 9:45 AM Networking Break
- 9:45 – 10:45 AM **Expert Testimony: Making Victim Behavior Make Sense to a Jury**
Britt Nicholson
Supervisor, Sex Crimes & Child Abuse Unit
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Special Victims Team
Marion County Prosecutor's Office, IN
- 10:45 – 11:00 AM Networking Break
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11:00 – 12:00 PM

Human Trafficking: Coordinate Response and Case Strategy

Sara Hill

Assistant District Attorney

Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, WI

Erin Karshen

Assistant District Attorney

Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, WI

12:00 – 12:30 PM

Closing: What Changes on Monday?

Sasha Sencer

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Sheri Vanino, PsyD
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Dr. Sheri Vanino is a licensed forensic and clinical psychologist specializing in trauma, including child abuse, sexual assault, and intimate partner violence. She has testified as a trauma expert more than 150 times in criminal, military, and civil cases and is the founder of Trauma Trial Experts, a nationwide organization providing expert consultation and testimony in cases involving interpersonal violence and abuse.

For the past 10 years, Sheri has maintained a private practice in Denver providing therapy to victims of violence. She has delivered more than 100 local and national trainings on trauma, victim behavior, and the neurobiology of trauma. She also regularly trains, consults with, and provides expert testimony for Special Trial Counsel within the Military JAG Corps.

Before entering private practice, Sheri served as Director of Victim Services and Counseling Director at Colorado's largest rape crisis center. She earned a master's degree in marriage and family therapy from Pepperdine University and both a master's and doctoral degree in clinical psychology from the University of Denver.



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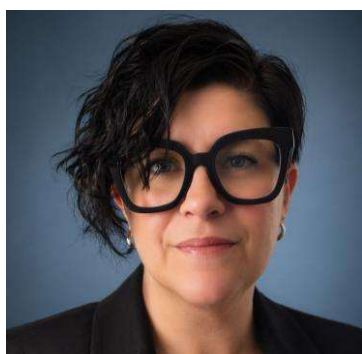
Deena Pribble is Lead Deputy of the Family Violence Unit in the Desert Division of the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office. A prosecutor with more than a decade of experience, she has spent the past eight years focused on cases involving children, older adults, and domestic violence.

Deena has prosecuted crimes against children, domestic violence, adult and child sexual assault, elder abuse, and homicide. She regularly trains law enforcement professionals through the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Academy and other local agencies.

Deena also trains new Deputy District Attorneys and presents nationally on domestic violence and crimes against children.



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Whitney Belich serves as the Child Abuse and Juvenile Resource Prosecutor for the North Carolina Conference of District Attorneys, where she provides statewide training, technical assistance, and resources to prosecutors handling child abuse and juvenile cases.

Whitney began her career with the Johnston County District Attorney's Office, prosecuting cases ranging from impaired driving to special victims cases. In 2014, she joined the North Carolina Attorney General's Office, where she taught law enforcement at the North Carolina Justice Academy and served as counsel to the Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Division.

After serving for several years as an adjunct instructor for the Conference, Whitney joined the organization full time in 2019.

Whitney earned a degree in Criminology from Florida State University and a J.D. from Wake Forest University School of Law.



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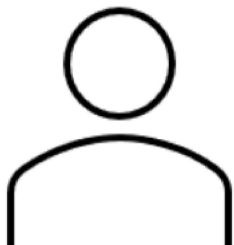


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David Yasinovsky is an Assistant District Attorney and Director of Training and Hiring for the Middlesex County District Attorney's Office, which serves the largest county in New England. In that role, he leads the office's recruitment, hiring, training, and professional development efforts.

In his trial practice, David focuses on sexual assault and domestic violence cases. He also specializes in investigating and litigating claims of selective enforcement by police in violation of the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.

David serves as advisor to the Harvard Law School Mock Trial Association. He earned a B.S. in Psychology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2014 and a J.D., *cum laude*, from Duke University School of Law in 2018.



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Sara Beth Hill has served as an Assistant District Attorney in Milwaukee County for 20 years. She specializes in the prosecution of homicides, sexual assaults, sex trafficking, and sexually violent persons commitments. She also previously served as Wisconsin's Statewide DNA Resource Prosecutor.

Before joining the District Attorney's Office, Sara Beth practiced with corporate law firms in Manhattan and Milwaukee. She earned her J.D., *cum laude*, from Marquette University Law School, where she served as Note and Comment Editor of the *Marquette Law Review*.



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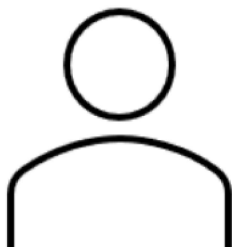
Jennifer Sprague has served in the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office in Massachusetts for 22 years and currently serves as Chief of the Homicide Unit. She is also a member of the Governor's Council to Address Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, and Human Trafficking.

Jennifer previously led the Domestic Violence Unit, the Unsolved Homicide Unit, and the Sexually Dangerous Persons Unit. Since joining the office's Superior Court practice in 2008, she has tried more than 40 major felony cases, including nearly 30 homicide trials.

Her practice has focused on prosecuting complex violent-crime cases, including homicide, sexual assault, domestic violence, and human trafficking matters.



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Sheridan Miyamoto, Ph.D., RN, SANE-P, FAAN, is an Associate Professor in the Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing and faculty member in the Child Maltreatment Solutions Network at Pennsylvania State University. She is the Founder and Director of the Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Telehealth (SAFE-T) System, which expands access to specialized forensic sexual assault care in rural and underserved communities.

The SAFE-T System has received state and national recognition, including Pennsylvania's 2024 Rural Health Program of the Year and honors from the American Nurses Association and the American Academy of Nursing.

With more than 20 years of telehealth experience, Sheridan's research focuses on developing sustainable, scalable approaches to improving access to specialty forensic care.



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Jenifer Markowitz is Principal of Forensic Healthcare Consulting, LLC, a firm she has led since 2013. A women's health nurse practitioner and forensic nurse for more than 30 years, she has spent the last 13 years consulting for military, government, academic, and nonprofit clients. Her work focuses on helping attorneys use medical experts and evidence at trial and on developing national protocols, practice standards, and curricula related to the care of patients who have experienced sexual and intimate partner violence.

Jenifer served as lead writer and editor for the 3rd edition of the National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations, Adult/Adolescent and the National Protocol for Intimate Partner Violence Medical Forensic Examinations. She also served as a technical consultant and writer for the SAFER Act working group, which published the National Best Practices for Sexual Assault Kits.

Jenifer regularly provides expert consultation and witness services in sexual assault, intimate partner violence, and strangulation cases, working primarily in military and federal courts for both government and defense.

Jenifer earned a Bachelor of Arts from Case Western Reserve University and a Doctorate of Nursing and Women's Health Nurse Practitioner Certificate from the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.



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Erin Karshen is an Assistant District Attorney with the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office and Team Captain of the Sensitive Crimes Unit, where she supervises six attorneys. She prosecutes sexual assaults involving child and adult victims, domestic violence sexual assaults, human trafficking, child sexual abuse material (CSAM), sextortion, and other technology-facilitated crimes. Since becoming an Assistant District Attorney in 2005, she has tried more than 350 criminal jury trials, including more than 185 sexual assault cases.

Erin is a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force and has received extensive training on technology-facilitated offenses and related investigative and prosecutorial strategies. She has contributed to legislative discussions involving technology-facilitated crime, presented at statewide and national conferences on video voyeurism, sextortion, and nonconsensual intimate imagery, and consults with prosecutors handling technology-facilitated sexual offenses.

Erin has trained prosecutors, law enforcement, healthcare professionals, and community audiences on human trafficking, sextortion, and internet safety. She also developed an internet-safety program that has reached more than 4,000 students.

Erin serves as the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office Wellness Coordinator and participates in the office's training and mentorship programs. Before entering prosecution, she worked with Centro Legal, providing legal assistance to low-income clients. She earned her J.D. from Marquette University.



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Joshua P. Steward serves as a Chief District Attorney in the General Trial Unit of the Sedgwick County District Attorney's Office in Wichita, Kansas, where he supervises newer attorneys while maintaining a caseload focused on domestic violence, sexual offenses, and homicides.

A prosecutor since 2010, Joshua has specialized in domestic violence and sexual offense cases since 2014. He has tried more than 100 jury trials, ranging from misdemeanor offenses to first-degree murder.

Joshua has trained prosecutors and law enforcement in Kansas, Virginia, Texas, and at the National Advocacy Center on the investigation and prosecution of domestic violence and sexual offenses. In 2024, he launched an annual multi-day training for Kansas prosecutors and law enforcement officers focused on best practices in investigating and prosecuting domestic violence offenses.

Joshua earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Kansas and his J.D. from William & Mary Law School.



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Britt Nicholson is a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney with the Marion County Prosecutor's Office in Indianapolis, Indiana, where she supervises the Sex Crimes and Child Abuse Unit within the Special Victims Team.

Britt prosecutes sexual assault and child abuse cases and remains an active trial attorney, trying more than 10 cases annually, including homicide and child-death cases. She provides training on complex case issues and represents her office on the Marion County Sex Crimes Coalition and the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force.

Britt began her career with the Special Victims Team as a legal intern in 2015 and joined the office after earning her J.D. from the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law in 2018.