

2024 NATIONAL BEST PRACTICES PROSECUTION CONFERENCE



Salt Lake City, Utah • October 7 & 8, 2024



The Prosecutor Office of the Future: Practice and Policy Agenda

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024

5:00pm-6:30pm

Welcome Reception

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024

WELCOME

8:30am

Assistant District Attorney William Carlson, Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office

District Attorney Sim Gill, Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office

THE FUTURE OF PROSECUTOR MANAGEMENT

9:00am

Spotlight – Leading Innovation and Change

Dr. **Jacob Smith**, Innovation Advisor, RTI International

9:30am

Panel: Modern Approaches to Prosecutor Management

Moderator: Chief Deputy District Attorney **Nell Christensen**, Clark County, NV

The Roles of a Modern Prosecutor

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Prosecutor Performance Indicators

Director of Prosecution Projects **Melba Pearson**, Gordon Institute for Public Policy and Co-Manager of Prosecutorial Performance Indicators

Maintaining Funding, Staffing and Retention

District Attorney **Kym Worthy**, Wayne County, MI

Employee Wellness

Former County Attorney **Kirsten Pabst**, Missoula County, MT and Chair of NDAA Wellness Committee

Prosecutor Initiated Sentence Review

Founder and Executive Director **Hillary Blout**, For the People

New Prosecutor Perspective

The panelists will lead a follow-up breakout group on their topic. The four breakout groups will be repeated, so participants can attend two breakout group topics of their choosing. Breakout groups must be selected through the conference website. If the breakout group is filled, participants will be placed in another group.

10:15am

Break and Photo Opportunity

10:30am – 11:15am

First Breakout Group (select one of the topics)

11:15am – 12:00pm

Second Breakout Group (select a second topic)

12:00pm

Lunch and Photo Opportunity

THE FUTURE OF TRIAL PRACTICE

1:15pm

Spotlight #1 – Courtroom of the Future

Chancellor Professor of Law and Director **Fredric Lederer**, Center for Legal & Court Technology, William & Mary Law School, VA

1:45pm

Spotlight #2 – The Victim and Witness Perspective

Engagement Manager **Caitlin Radigan**, Just In Time for Foster Youth

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Panel: Modern Approaches to Trial Practice

Moderator: Assistant County Attorney **Jason Kalish**, Maricopa County, AZ

Victim and Witness Participation Through Peer Support

Deputy Chief for Survivor Services **Beverly Gilchrist** and Victim Services Advocate - Men of Color Team, **Donovan Smile**, New York County, NY

What is Artificial Intelligence and How Can We Use it?

Professor **Frank Coyle**, Southern Methodist University, TX

Statewide Brady Lists and Forensic Training: The Role of the Prosecution

Coordinator

Executive Director **Elizabeth Ortiz**, Arizona Prosecuting Attorney's Advisory Council, AZ

Crime Analysts and Technology Specialists

AUSA Gaelin Bernstein, Trial Attorney, Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section, Criminal Division, Department of Justice

3:00pm

Break and Photo Opportunity

3:15pm – 4:00pm

First Breakout Group (select one of the topics)

4:00pm – 4:45pm

Second Breakout Group (select a second topic)

5:00pm – 6:30pm

Reception

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024

THE FUTURE OF CRIME AND PREVENTION

8:30am

Spotlight #1 – Preserving Prosecutorial Discretion

District Attorney **Sherry Boston**, DeKalb County, GA

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Spotlight #2 – What Can Prosecutors Do to Prevent Crime?

Executive Director **Ben Struhl**, Crime and Justice Policy Lab, University of Pennsylvania, PA

9:30am

Panel: Modern Approaches to Crime and Prevention

Moderator: Chief Deputy Criminal Division **Daniel Clark**, King County, WA

Prosecutors Against Gun Violence (PAGV)

District Attorney **Darcel Clark**, Bronx County, NY

Data, Analysis and the Prosecution of Crime

District Attorney **Jeff Rosen**, Santa Clara County, CA

Organized Retail Theft: New Prosecutorial Approaches and Partnerships

District Attorney **Jeff Reising**, Yolo County, CA

Crisis Management: Are You Ready?

Prosecuting Attorney **Jean Peters Baker**, Jackson County, MO

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Lunch

THE FUTURE OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH

1:00pm

Spotlight #1 – Addressing Fairness Through Data

County Attorney **John Choi**, Ramsey County, MN; Founder and Executive Director **Jared Fishman**, Justice Innovation Lab

1:30pm

Spotlight #2 – Street Outreach Programs and the Community

Damon Bacote, Deputy Commissioner of the Division of Criminal Justice Services, NY; SNUG S.E.T. Trainer, **Ykim Anderson**

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Panel: Community Outreach for the Modern Prosecutor

Moderator: Senior Attorney **Antonia Merzon**, PCE

Community Programs and Deflection from the Criminal Justice System

Prosecuting Attorney **Leesa Manion**, King County, WA

Informing and Including the Community in Public Safety

District Attorney **Eric Gonzalez**, Kings County, NY

Prosecutor as Convener for Community Projects

Chief Deputy District Attorney **Tracy Prior**, San Diego County, CA

Peacemaking Circles and Restorative Justice

District Attorney **Sim Gill**, Salt Lake County, UT

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Closing remarks and survey completion

