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Let's Talk About Sex - Part I

Defending Allegations of Child Sexual Assault

Date: January 29–30, 2026

Grand Geneva Resort & Spa

7036 Grand Geneva Way, Lake Geneva, WI 53147, United States

Thursday, January 29, 2026

Time	Session Title	Presenter(s)
8:00 – 8:30 AM	Breakfast (provided) & Registration	
8:30 – 9:00 AM	Why CSA Cases are Different: Overcoming the Presumption of Guilt	Chris Van Wagner
9:00 – 10:00 AM	Talking to Clients Accused of Sexually Assaulting a Young Child	Paul Rifelj
10:00 – 10:15 AM	Break	
10:15 – 11:45 AM	Pre-Trial Investigation in CSA Cases	Mindy Nolan & Chris Ederesinghe
11:45 AM – 1:00 PM	Lunch on your own	
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Themes, Theories, & Storytelling in CSA Cases	Keith Belzer
2:00 – 3:00 PM	Utilizing Experts & Daubert Challenges	Nate Otis
3:00 – 3:15 PM	Break	
3:15 – 4:45 PM	Records after <i>Johnson</i> ; <i>State v. Molde</i> & <i>Haseltine</i> ; Understanding <i>Pulizzano</i> & <i>Dietzen</i>	Katie York & Adam Welch
4:45 – 5:45 PM	Making Your Pre-Trial Litigation Matter in CSA Cases	Andy Martinez

Friday, January 30, 2026

Time	Session Title	Presenter(s)
7:30 – 8:30 AM	Breakfast (provided) & Brainstorming Table Sessions	
8:30 – 10:00 AM	Developing Case Narrative & Crossing Children	Kathy Stilling
10:00 – 10:15 AM	Break	
10:15 – 11:45 AM	DNA Evidence in Child Sexual Assault Cases & Working Optimally with Experts	Jerry Buting
11:45 AM – 1:00 PM	Lunch on your own	
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Pediatric Anatomy, Physiology, and Terminology	Tristen Wristen
2:00 – 3:00 PM	Voir Dire: Strategies in Jury Deselection	Kara Rolf
3:00 - 3:15 PM	Break	
3:15 – 4:30 PM	Directing Your Client	Chris Van Wagner

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