

2025 Annual Defender Conference

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 13, 2025

	Regency Ballroom (2nd Floor) “Main Track” (Livestream)	Lakeshore Ballroom (1st Floor)	Executive Room AB (2nd Floor)	Executive Room CD (2nd Floor)	Milwaukee Room (2nd Floor)
8:30–10:00	The Science Behind the Chapter Method & How Storytelling Wins Cases <i>Larry Pozner</i>	<i>Larry Pozner overflow viewing</i>	Investigation that Changes Lives <i>Cole Ruby & Andrew Martinez</i>	Trauma, Decision-Making, & Criminal Behavior <i>Corey Smith, AZ</i>	Emotional Labor <i>Dr. Amber Ault</i>
10:00–10:10	BREAK				
10:10–11:45	The Chapter Method & Constructing Chapter Bundles <i>Larry Pozner</i>	<i>Larry Pozner overflow viewing</i>	Law Enforcement Vehicle Data: Tracking, Collection & Analysis <i>Dennis Carroll & Rob Walensky</i>	Sexual Assaults, Cycles of Abuse, and Mitigation Strategies <i>Corey Smith, AZ</i>	IT Tips/Tricks for Core Staff <i>Patrick Hughes</i>
11:45–1:00	LUNCH (on your own)				
1:00–2:25	Constructive Cross & Sequences of Cross <i>Larry Pozner</i>	<i>Larry Pozner overflow viewing</i>	Skopenow Essentials: From Clues to Conclusions <i>Nick Castleberry & Alex Richardson</i>	CSS Roundtable <i>Yulonda Anderson</i>	“The Gavel Games!” Brodee Schwarm & Ashley Lauersdorf
2:25–2:35	BREAK				
2:35–4:00	Page Prep of Chapters, The Only 3 Rules of Cross, & Control and Use of Anxiety <i>Larry Pozner</i>	<i>Larry Pozner overflow viewing</i>	How to Use AI and Ethical Considerations (CSS, Investigators, & Paralegals) <i>Patrick Hughes, Bridget Krause & Jeremy Perri</i>		Can we appoint? How do you know? <i>Jaclyn Shelton</i>
4:15–5:00	Awards Ceremony				

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8:30–9:30	Wisconsin & U.S. Supreme Court Updates <i>Dustin Haskell</i>	Crossing Forensic Experts & Using Cross to Elicit Bias and Other Weaknesses in the Government’s Case <i>Jennifer Friedman, CA</i>	The Feds are Doing What?! Understanding your Client’s Federal Sentence <i>Shelley Fite</i>	Litigating Race on Appeal <i>Travis Streamns & Lei Young, WA</i>	Raising Competency in Delinquency Cases <i>Devon Lee</i>	
9:35–10:35	There’s no Such Thing as Color Blindness: Uncovering Racial Bias Through Cross Examination <i>Deja Vishny</i>	Litigating Issues of Cognitive Bias <i>Jennifer Friedman, CA</i>	Enhanced Cross with Digital Evidence <i>Melanie Foote, KY</i>		Voir Dire in TPR <i>Alex Gelhar & Matt Giesfeldt</i>	Dispositional Options for Youth in Wisconsin <i>Eileen Fredericks</i>
10:35–10:50	BREAK					
10:50–12:00	Theory-Driven Impeachment: Using the “Basics” to Tell Stories That Win <i>Heather Rogers, CA</i>	Advanced Topics in DNA: STRmix and its Complexities <i>Elizabeth Vasquez, NY</i>	Challenging NCMEC Cyber Tips & Hashes <i>Mark Kozlowski, Garrett Discovery</i>	TPR Updates <i>Chris Sobie</i>	Cheating During Opening Statements <i>Paul Rifelj</i>	Department of Juvenile Corrections Update <i>Casey Gerber, DOC</i>
12:00–1:15	LUNCH (on your own)					
1:15–2:25	Impeachment by Bias: Finding the Witness’s Truth & Using it to Expose Their Mistakes, Exaggerations and Lies <i>Heather Rogers, CA</i>	AI Roadmap for PDs <i>Elizabeth Vasquez, NY</i>	Historical Cell Site Analysis Defenses <i>Mark Kozlowski, Garrett Discovery</i>	Bring Your Appeal to Life through Theme, Theory, & Storytelling <i>Travis Streamns & Lei Young, WA</i>	Why TPRs Made Me A Better Lawyer <i>Ryan Reid, Cassie Van Gompel, Kate Drury & Cana Kohn</i>	Immigration Enforcement Updates and What You Need to Know as a Defense Attorney Assisting Non-citizen Clients <i>Melissa Nepomiachi</i>
2:25–2:40	BREAK					
2:40–3:40	Ethical Use of Artificial Intelligence– <i>Melanie Foote, KY (ETHICS)</i>					
3:40–4:40	OLR & IAC – <i>David Beller, CO(ETHICS)</i>					