



APA NATIONAL PROSECUTORIAL DATA SUMMIT:

Integrating Research, Analytics, and AI for Enhanced Prosecutorial Practices



JUNE 5-6, 2025

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY | DALLAS, TX



AGENDA

Thursday, June 5, 2025

8:00 – 9:00 AM

Continental Breakfast and Registration

9:00 – 10:00 AM

Welcome Remarks

Jason Nance, Dean, Dedman School of Law, Dallas, TX

Pamela Metzger, Executive Director, Deason Center, Dallas, TX

Kevin Miller, Director, Innovation & Society--Justice Reform Initiative Lead, Tech for Fundamental Rights, Microsoft, Charlotte, NC

David LaBahn, President, Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, Washington, DC

9:30 – 10:00 AM

Opening Remarks/Keynote: Elevating Justice Through Data and Technology

Hon. John Creuzot, District Attorney, Dallas County District Attorney's Office, Dallas, TX

10:00 – 11:00 AM

Opening Session: Innovative Use of Technology In Prosecutor Decision Making

[1.00 CLE Credit]

(This presentation explores how data and technology can enhance prosecutorial decision-making, improve transparency, and promote fairer outcomes in the criminal justice system. It highlights innovative tools such as case screening technology and the use of research partners to measure outcomes and promote evidence-informed practices. The session also covers practical examples of how jurisdictions are using data and technology to allocate resources more effectively.)

Pamela Metzger, Executive Director, Deason Center, Dallas, TX

Ellyce Lindberg, Chief, Grand Jury and Intake Division, Dallas County District Attorney's Office, Dallas, TX

Dr. Victoria Smiegocki, Lead Researcher, Deason Center, Dallas TX

Jared Fishman, Founding Executive Director, Justice Innovation lab, Washington, DC

11:00 – 11:15 AM

Break

11:15 – 12:15 PM

Making the Most out of Data Stories

[1.00 CLE Credit]

(Data storytelling, if used correctly, can create a dynamic and persuasive picture. This presentation focuses on the use of data to elevate your office goals internally and externally. Attendees will learn techniques to craft compelling narratives, visualize data for impact, and engage internal and external stakeholders to turn raw data into persuasive story telling that drive decision making.)

Branden DuPont, Deputy Director of Analytics, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL

Hon. Melinda Katz, District Attorney, Queens District Attorney's Office, Queens, NY

12:15 – 1:15 PM

Lunch (on site catering)

1:15 – 2:15 PM

Breakout Sessions

[1.00 CLE Credit]

Increasing Data Literacy and Effectiveness Amongst Attorneys

(This presentation focuses on strategies to enhance data literacy and improve the effective use of data among attorneys, particularly mid-level management. It will explore the importance of developing a foundational understanding of data concepts, analytics tools, and data-driven decision-making in practice. The session will also cover how organizations can foster a culture that values data, providing the necessary support and resources to increase attorneys' appetite for leveraging data in case strategy, operational decisions, and legal analysis.)

Christopher Handley, *Director of Operations & Chief of Innovation, Harris County District Attorney's Office, Houston, TX*

Wayne Graham, *Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Thurston County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Olympia, WA*

Data Integration: Enhancing Coordination and Collaboration Across Criminal Justice System Actors

(This presentation examines how data integration can improve coordination and collaboration among criminal justice system actors, including law enforcement, prosecutors, courts, and corrections. By streamlining data sharing and ensuring timely access to accurate information, integrated data systems can enhance decision-making, reduce redundancies, promote transparency, and optimize public safety. Attendees will explore strategies for fostering cross-agency cooperation to build a more efficient and effective justice system.)

Dr. Sema Taheri, *Vice President of Research, Measures for Justice, Rochester, NY*

Stephen Talpins, *Chief Assistant State Attorney, Miami-Dade County State Attorney's Office*

Save Time and Money with Better Data Storage and Management

(This presentation provides an in-depth look at effective data storage and management strategies for prosecutors' offices. It covers key topics including selecting the right data storage vendors, planning and budgeting for storage solutions, and addressing common storage limitations. Attendees will receive practical advice on how to build a strong business case for technology investments and what to consider when making technology investment decisions.)

Robert Beiser, *Microsoft*

2:15 – 2:30 PM

Break

2:30 – 4:00 PM

Affinity Group Breakout Sessions

[1.50 CLE Credits]

(There will be three facilitated roundtable discussions and presentations focusing on each of the three affinity groups: Prosecutors and prosecution teams; researchers; and data analysts. The prosecutors and prosecution teams' session will examine the legal implications of using AI and data in case preparation, discovery impact, and appellate issues with such use. The session will explore data security and provide practical examples of technology in use. The research session will bring together researchers to focus on when, why, and how to do multi-state research projects. This session will explore the potential benefits and challenges of such research projects. The data analysts' session will focus on their discussion on the effective use of novel investigative tools and potential benefits in complex investigations, as well as emerging trends and data confidence.)

Prosecutors and prosecution teams

Preston Schaub, *Supervising Deputy District Attorney, Yolo County District Attorney's Office, Woodland, CA*

Michael Works, *Chief of Innovation and Transparency, Yolo County District Attorney's Office, Woodland, CA*

Sara Kurtzberg, *Chief, Kings County District Attorney, Bureau of Litigation and Technology, Brooklyn NY*

Researchers

Dr. Andrew L.B. Davies, *Research Director, Deason Center, Dallas, TX*

Dr. Lauren Gase, *Founder & Principal Consultant, Mindful Metrics*

Joel Zink, *Chief Deputy District Attorney, 18th Judicial District, Colorado*

Data Analysts

Christopher Beason, Director of Information Technology, Norfolk, VA

4:00 – 5:00 PM

Causal Research in Action: Smart Prosecutions

[1.00 CLE Credit]

(This presentation introduces prosecutors to the power of causal research—using rigorous, evidence-based methods to determine what works in criminal justice policy and practice. Focusing on “smart prosecution” strategies, it showcases how randomized controlled trials and data analysis can help offices evaluate the real-world impact of prosecutorial decisions, from diversion programs to sentencing recommendations. Real examples illustrate how causal research has led to improved outcomes, reduced recidivism, and more efficient resource use.)

TBD

5:30-7:30 PM

Reception

Friday, June 6, 2025

8:00 – 9:00 AM

Registration – Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 10:00 AM

AI and Your Office

[1.00 CLE Credit]

(This presentation focuses on ways prosecutors’ offices are using AI to enhance efficiency, decision-making, and workflow. Attendees will learn about real-world AI use in prosecutors’ offices, and lessons learned from integrating AI into prosecution workflows and decision making. Necessary AI policies will be discussed, with a focus on successful implementations and lessons learned from integrating AI into office work culture.)

Brent G. Berkley, Esq., Strategic Relationships Director, Justice, Axon Enterprise, Kansas City, MO

Jeffrey Angermeyer, Deputy Chief, Bergen City Prosecutor’s Office, Hackensack, NJ

Caroline Wong, Deputy District Attorney, Multnomah County District Attorney’s Office, Portland, OR

Christopher Seufert, Deputy District Attorney, Montgomery County District Attorney’s Office, Conroe, TX

10:00 – 11:00 AM

Using Data to Enhance Community Safety

[1.00 CLE Credit]

(This presentation explores how law enforcement and prosecuting agencies can effectively use data, technology, and intelligence to interrupt and prevent violence in communities. Attendees will learn about data-driven strategies that identify patterns, predict potential hotspots, and allocate resources to areas at the highest risk of violent crime. The session will cover the role of real-time crime centers, predictive analytics, and surveillance technology in enhancing community safety.)

Miguel Holguin, Lieutenant, New Jersey State Police, Trenton, NJ

Jill Hollander, Assistant District Attorney, Fulton County District Attorney’s Office, Atlanta, GA

11:00 – 11:15 AM

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Ethics in the Use of Data and Technology

(This presentation examines the ethical considerations prosecutors and allied professionals face when using data, artificial intelligence (AI), and technology in criminal investigations, prosecutions, and office efficiencies. Attendees will explore how these tools can enhance decision-making, identify patterns, and strengthen cases, while also discussing the potential risks of bias, privacy violations, and misuse of data.)

Professor Sonia Gipson Rankin, New Mexico School of Law