



ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ATTORNEYS IN CAPITAL LITIGATION'S

## 45TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2025**

*Central Daylight Time*

- 11:00 - 1:30 **REGISTRATION**
- 1:30 - 1:45 **WELCOME**  
The Honorable Jonathan Skrmetti  
Attorney General of the State of Tennessee
- 1:45 - 2:45 **THE BEST OF THE BEST**  
Brian Baker  
First Assistant District Attorney  
Brazos County (Texas) District Attorney's Office
- 2:45 - 3:00 **BREAK**
- 3:00 - 4:00 **HISTORY OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT IN THE UNITED STATES**  
Roe Wilson  
Assistant District Attorney (retired)  
Harris County (Texas) District Attorney's Office
- 4:00 - 4:15 **BREAK**
- 4:15 - 5:15 **SUPREME COURT YEAR-IN-REVIEW**  
Bill Bilderback  
Senior Assistant Attorney General  
California Department of Justice
- 6:00 - 8:00 **RECEPTION**

**THURSDAY, JULY 31, 2025**

- 8:30 - 10:00 **NO-BODY MURDER PROSECUTION**  
The Honorable Rick Hubbard  
Solicitor  
South Carolina's 11th Judicial Circuit
- 10:15 - 10:30 BREAK
- 10:30 - 12:00 **DNA LIKELIHOOD RATIOS**  
Lynn Garcia  
General Counsel  
Texas Forensic Science Commission
- 12:00 - 1:30 LUNCH (On Your Own)
- 1:30 - 2:30 **EXPERT EVIDENCE UNDER SCRUTINY: SUCCESSFULLY HANDLING DAUBERT IN THE COURTROOM**  
Kirsten Valenzuela  
Capital Bureau Chief  
Maricopa County District Attorney's Office  
  
Jennifer Carper  
Assistant Capital Bureau Chief  
Maricopa County District Attorney's Office
- 2:30 – 2:45 BREAK
- 2:45 – 3:45 **CONTEXTUALIZING *GLOSSIP v. OKLAHOMA***  
Matt Ottoway  
Assistant Attorney General  
Texas Attorney General's Office  
  
Ronald Eisenberg  
Senior Appellate Counsel  
Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office
- 3:45 – 4:00 BREAK
- 4:00 – 5:00 **DEALING WITH THE MEDIA (ETHICS)**  
Britt Imes  
Chief Deputy District Attorney  
San Bernadino County District Attorney's Office

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 2025**

**Appellate Breakout**

- 8:30- 9:30 **FEDERAL EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS**  
Shira Markovich  
Deputy Attorney General  
California Department of Justice  
  
Dana Ali  
Supervising Deputy Attorney General  
California Department of Justice
- 9:30 -9:45 BREAK
- 9:45 -10:45 **SECOND OR SUCCESSIVE FEDERAL PETITIONS**  
Gwen Vindell  
Assistant Attorney General  
Texas Attorney General's Office
- 10:45 - 11:00 BREAK
- 11:00 - 12:00 **ROUNDTABLE**  
Ronald Eisenberg  
Senior Appellate Counsel  
Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office
- 12:00 -1:30 LUNCH (On Your Own)

**Trial Breakout**

- 8:30-9:30 **FED-HABEAS-PROOFING YOUR CASE**  
Brenda Leikala  
Senior Assistant Attorney General  
Ohio Attorney General's Office
- 9:30 - 9:45 BREAK
- 9:45-10:45 **PRESERVATION OF PERIMORTEM TESTIMONY**  
Ashley Rich  
Supernumerary District Attorney  
Mobile County (Alabama) District Attorney's Office
- 10:45 - 11:00 BREAK
- 11:00 - 12:00 **ROUNDTABLE**  
Ashley Rich

Supernumerary District Attorney  
Mobile County (Alabama) District Attorney's Office

- 12:00 -1:30 LUNCH (On Your Own)

**FRIDAY. AUGUST 1. 2025**

**General Session**

- 1:30 - 2:30 **LESSONS LEARNED FROM PROSECUTING MASS MURDER CASES**  
Raymond Lepone  
Assistant Attorney General  
Office of the Tennessee Attorney General
- 2:30 - 2:45 BREAK
- 2:45 - 3:45 **NITROGEN HYPOXIA**  
Polly Kenny  
Division Chief  
Alabama Attorney General's Office
- 3:45 -4:00 BREAK
- 4:00 - 5:00 **AI, THE FINAL FRONTIER (ETHICS)**  
Jesse Evans  
Chief Assistant District Attorney  
Cobb County District Attorney's Office  
  
Mark Cheatham  
Chief of Police  
Acworth Police Department

**SATURDAY. AUGUST 2. 2024**

- 9:00 - 11:00 **THE DAVID TEMPLE CASE**  
Lisa Tanner  
Division Chief (retired)  
Texas Attorney General's Office