



# AGACL

ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ATTORNEYS IN CAPITAL LITIGATION'S

## 46TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026**

*Eastern Daylight Time*

- 11:00 - 1:30 **REGISTRATION**
- 1:30 - 1:45 **WELCOME**
- 1:45 - 2:45 **THE BEST OF THE BEST**  
Hon. Rick Hubbard  
Solicitor  
South Carolina's 11th Judicial Circuit
- 2:45 - 3:00 **BREAK**
- 3:00 - 4:30 **THE EVOLUTION OF ADVOCACY**  
John Gillespie
- 6:00 - 8:00 **RECEPTION**

**WEDNESDAY. AUGUST 5. 2026**

- 8:30-10:00 **ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS OF AI USE IN PROSECUTION (ETHICS)**  
The Hon. Todd Hayes  
Solicitor General  
Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit (Georgia)
  
- 10:00 – 10:15 BREAK
  
- 10:30 – 12:00 **MITIGATION, MALINGERING, AND THE MARGINS: A PROSECUTOR’S GUIDE TO MENAL HEALTH EVIDENCE IN DEATH PENALTY CASES**  
Dr. Matthew Norman. MD  
Forensic Psychiatrist  
Atlanta, Georgia
  
- 12:00-1:30 LUNCH (On Your Own)
  
- 1:30 – 3:00 **CAPITAL VOIR DIRE**  
Jacob Putnam  
Criminal District Attorney  
Smith County (Texas) District Attorney’s Office
  
- 2:45 - 3:00 BREAK
  
- 3:00- 5:00 **BULLET-PROOFING YOUR CASE FOR APPEAL**  
Bill Bilderback  
Senior Assistant Attorney General  
Statewide Capital Case Coordinator  
California Department of Justice

**THURSDAY. AUGUST 6. 2026**

**Appellate Breakout**

- 8:30 - 10:00 **METHODS OF EXECUTION**  
  
Sabrina Graham (Lethal Injection)  
Senior Assistant Attorney General  
Georgia Attorney General's Office  
  
Polly Kenny (Nitrogen Hypoxia)  
Division Chief, Capital Litigation Division  
Office of the Attorney General, State of Alabama  
  
Melody Brown (Firing Squad)  
Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General  
Office of the South Carolina Attorney General
- 10:00-10:15 BREAK
- 10:15-11:15 **SCOTUS BEST PRACTICES**  
  
Dan Schweitzer  
Director and Chief Counsel, Center for Supreme Court Advocacy  
National Association of Attorneys General
- 10:15-12:00 **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 **FBI CAST ANALYSIS**  
  
Bobby Blythe  
Special Agent  
Cellular Analysis Survey Team (CAST)  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
  
James Atkinson, Assistant State Attorney  
Targeted Prosecution Division Chief  
State Attorney's Office, 4th Judicial Circuit of Florida
- 9:30 - 9:45 BREAK
- 9:45-10:45 **VICTIM NEXT OF KIN**  
  
Kirsten Valenzuela  
Capital Litigation Bureau Chief  
Maricopa County (Arizona) 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  
  
Lisa Tanner  
Division Chief (retired)  
Texas Attorney General's Office
- 12:00 - 1:30 LUNCH (On Your Own)

**THURSDAY. AUGUST 6. 2026**

**General Session**

- 1:30 - 2:15 **FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME**  
Roe Wilson  
Assistant District Attorney (retired)  
Harris County (Texas) District Attorney's Office
- 2:15 - 2:30 BREAK
- 2:30 - 3:30 **THE MYTH OF INNOCENCE:  
FIGHTING FOR HONESTY ON THE DEBATE OVER CAPITAL PUNISHMENT**  
Joshua Marquis  
Special Deputy District Attorney  
Linn County (Oregon) District Attorney's Office
- 3:30 – 3:45 BREAK
- 3:45 - 5:15 **EXTRANEIOUS OFFENSES**  
Lisa Tanner  
Division Chief (retired)  
Texas Attorney General's Office

**FRIDAY. AUGUST 7. 2026**

- 9:00 - 11:00 **THE KOHBERGER CASE**  
Ashley Jennings  
Senior Deputy Prosecutor  
Latah County (Idaho) Prosecutor's Office