



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
District Attorney
Wichita County (Texas) District Attorney
- 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 MENTAL 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 **SCOTUS YEAR-IN-REVIEW**

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 **AUSTIN YOGURT SHOP MURDERS**
Mindy Montford
Co-Founder
National Cold Case Center

Detective Daniel Jackson
Cold Case Unit
Austin Police Department