

2024 Complex Homicide Conference
January 17-19, 2024 The Classic Center ▪ Athens, Georgia
AGENDA

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

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11:30am - 12:30pm

Registration

12:30pm - 12:45pm

Welcome and Announcements

Ms. Sheila Ross, Director of Capital Litigation
Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia

12:45pm - 2:45pm

Overview of the State Medical Examiner's Office and Q&A

Dr. Geoffrey Smith, Chief Medical Examiner
Georgia Bureau of Investigation

2:45pm - 3:00pm

Break

3:00pm - 5:00pm

Crime Scene Investigations and Bloodstain Pattern Analysis

Mr. Todd Crosby, Special Agent – Retired
Georgia Bureau of Investigation / Fall Line Forensics LLC

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Thursday, January 18, 2024

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- 8:30am - 10:30am **Best Practices in Interviews and Interrogations**
Detective Kevin Leonpacher, Atlanta Police Department
Ms. Sheila Ross, Director of Capital Litigation
Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia
- 10:30am - 10:45am **Break**
- 10:45am - 11:45am **Anticipating and Overcoming Mental Health Defenses**
Ms. Elizabeth York, Senior Assistant District Attorney
Cobb County District Attorney's Office
- 11:45am - 1:15pm **Lunch**
- 1:15pm - 2:15pm **Modern Cellular Telephone Evidence- FBI's CAST Team**
Special Agent Jay Berni, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Auburn, Alabama
- 2:15pm - 2:30pm **Break**
- 2:30pm - 3:30pm **Bulletproof Your Murder Conviction and Sentence**
Ms. Anna Cross, Cross & Kincaid, LLC
- 3:30pm - 3:45pm **Break**
- 3:45pm - 4:45pm **Strategies for Dealing with Difficult Witnesses**
Mr. Edward McCann, First Assistant, Montgomery County
District Attorney's Office, Pennsylvania

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8:30am – 10:00am

Combating Bias in Death-Penalty Election Decisions

Honorable Jarvis Parsons, District Attorney
Brazos County, Texas

10:00am – 10:05am

Break

10:05am – 11:35am

Effective Closing Arguments in Murder Cases

Ms. Jennifer Scacco, Senior Assistant District Attorney
Homicide and Gangs Unit, Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit



Any presentations or handouts provided by speakers can be accessed by scanning the QR code.
This will be updated as speakers provide their content.