

DEPARTMENT OF INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES

6th Annual Conference: Litigating in the Era of AI and Tech

March 18-20, 2026 | Embassy Suites by Hilton Convention Center

Date/Time	Topic	Speaker	Skills Training
Wed, March 18			
1:00- 1:15	Program Welcome and Intro	DIDS	
1:15-2:45	<u>Fusion and Law Enforcement Tech: What they do & how we get Discovery</u>	Megan Graham	
2:45-3:45	<u>Case Studies in Crime Defense Successes</u>	Brian Chase	
3:45-4:00	Break		
4:00-5:00	<u>Using AI for Trial Prep</u>	Felix Valenzuela	
5:00-5:30	<u>Ethics of AI</u>	Melanie Foote	
Thurs, March 19			
7:30-8:45	Breakfast		
8:45-9:45	<u>Admissibility Issues with Digital Evidence</u> (Body Cam & Dash Cam, Business Cam)	Melanie Foote	Accelerating Trial Prep with AI Felix Valenzuela
9:45-10:00	Break		
10:00-11:00	<u>How Flock Cameras Work and Moving to Suppress Evidence</u>	Sid Thaxter	<u>Persuasively Arguing Evidence in Court</u> Melanie Foote, Callie Steele & Deja Vishny
11:00-12:00	<u>AI for Investigation</u>	Kevin McClain	<u>Persuasively Arguing Evidence in Court</u>
(12:00-12:15)	JusticeText (Optional)		
12:00-1:00	Lunch at the Fountain Grille		
1:00-2:00	<u>Social Media: Getting it in & Keeping it Out</u>	Deja Vishny	<u>Cross Examining Police Officers</u> Melanie Foote, Callie Steele & Deja Vishny
2:00-3:00	<u>Facial Recognition Technology: How it Works and What to Litigate</u>	Sid Thaxter	<u>Cross Examining Police Officers</u>
3:00-3:15	Break		
3:15-4:15	<u>AI Dangers: Evidence Manipulation & Misuse</u>	Brian Chase	<u>Cross Examining Police Officers (repeat)</u>
4:15-5:15	<u>Litigating Daubert Hearings</u>	Amelia Bizzaro	<u>Cross Examining Police Officers</u>
Fri, March 20			
7:30-8:45	Breakfast		
8:45-10:15	<u>Cell Tower Tracking</u> Cellebrite Handout	Jerry Grant	
10:15-10:30	Break		
10:30-12:00	<u>Mobile Device Forensics</u> Location Sheet	Jerry Grant	
END PROGRAM			