

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