

Topics to Consider for Possible Approval for 2024 Prosecutors' Conference Agenda

(4/23/2024)

Henderson's Legal Challenge to NRS 178.4849

- Presenter: Marc Schifalacqua
- Topic(s): Marsy's Law, separation of powers, etc.
- Length: 1 hour (general)
- Cost: None

Strengthening Our Prosecution Response to Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence

- Presenter: Fara Gold
 - Fara Gold currently serves as an attorney advisor for the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) with the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), serving as an expert in prosecuting and investigating sexual assault. Prior to that, she served as Special Litigation Counsel and Senior Sex Crimes Counsel for DOJ's Civil Rights Division for nearly 14 years, where she traveled throughout the country prosecuting bias-motivated crimes and law enforcement misconduct cases. There, Fara developed national expertise in prosecuting civil rights offenses involving sexual misconduct. She has published several articles and conducts nationwide trainings on effectively investigating and prosecuting sexual misconduct by government actors. From 2022-2023, Fara also served as Senior Counsel on Sexual Misconduct to the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division where she took a leading role in the Deputy Attorney General's efforts to root out sexual abuse within federal Bureau of Prisons. Fara was awarded the Attorney General's Award for Exceptional Service in 2014 (DOJ's highest honor) and the Attorney General's Award for Outstanding Contributions by a New Employee in 2012. She also received the DOJ OIG Collaboration Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Inspector General in 2023, the FBI Director's Award for Excellence in 2021, and the Assistant Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service in 2020. Before joining DOJ, Fara served as an Assistant State Attorney for the Broward County State Attorney's Office in Fort Lauderdale, Florida where she specialized in prosecuting sex crimes and child abuse. Fara also serves as an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University Law Center where she teaches, "Prosecuting Sex Crimes & Vindicating Constitutional Rights"
- Topic(s): Sexual assault and domestic violence allegations are far too often declined without investigation and prosecution even though they have merit. Myths about how these crimes are committed and reported, misperceptions about victim behavior and victim accounts, and misconceptions about the evidence required to prove these allegations

threaten to derail investigations, sometimes before they even get started. This training will address five baseline principles to turn the tide and equip prosecutors to strengthen our response to sexual assault and domestic violence: (1) Relying on the evidentiary value of the victim's account; (2) Meeting with the victim and working collaboratively with law enforcement and victim specials; (3) Using evidentiary rules effectively and strategically to corroborate and protect the victim's account; (4) Being thoughtful about what accountability and justice look like; and (5) Sustaining a committed workforce.

- Length: 1.0 to 2.0 hour (general, ethics?)
- Cost: None (covered by DOJ)

Previously Approved Topics for 2024 Prosecutors' Conference Agenda

Emerging Legal Trends Every Nevada Prosecutor Should Know (4th Amendment)

- Presenter: Anthony Bandiero
- Topic(s): 4th Amendment issues, relevant NSC and 9th circuit caselaw, obstruction
- Length: 1.0 to 2.0 hours, depending on conference start time (general)
- Cost: None

Fatigue of Success & Addiction

- Presenter: Kim Advent
- Topic(s): Compassion fatigue, stress, addiction
- Length: 1.0 hour (AAMH)
- Cost: TBD

Combatting Human Trafficking in Nevada

- Presenters: Adia Lancaster, Kim Sokolich
- Topic(s): human trafficking, screening and interviewing victims, victims services
- Length: 2.0 hour (general)
- Cost: None