

**Yavapai County Attorney's Office
Prosecutor Academy 2026**

Agenda

Day 1: Monday, August 3, 2026

Time	Topic	Presenter
8:00a – 9:00a	Welcome by County Attorney or Chief Deputy: Overview of our office values, overview of the Prosecutor Academy	Dennis McGrane, County Attorney or Bill Hughes, Chief Deputy
9:15a – 11:30a	Observe Prescott Justice Court sessions and Q&A with a Justice Court Prosecutor or Justice Court Prosecutor Supervisor	Prescott Consolidated Court 120 South Cortez Street, Rm. 103 Scott Blake, Deputy County Attorney, or his designated DCA
11:30a – 12:00p	Break	
12:00p – 1:00p	Lunch Break with at Least One Experienced Prosecutor	
1:00p – 4:00p	<p>Charging Unit: Review booking cases for charging decision, plea offers or follow up for additional investigation.</p> <p>Victim Services: Review of the role Victim Services plays in each case.</p> <p>Diversion Unit: Review process of booking cases for diversion selection.</p>	<p>Steven Sisneros, Deputy County Attorney, or his designated DCA</p> <p>Christina Wesnitzer, Lead Victim Advocate</p> <p>Dana Owens, Deputy County Attorney</p>

Day 2: Tuesday, August 4, 2026

Time	Topic	Presenter
8:00a – 11:00a	Observe EDC Court session: follow up of booking review done on day 1	Division 1, Criminal Justice Center: 1200 Prescott Lakes Parkway Steven Sisneros, Deputy County Attorney
11:30a – 1:00p	Roundtable Lunch Break – spend 5- 10 mins with Experienced Prosecutors for a Q&A lunch session	
1:30p – 2:30p	Jail Tour	Criminal Justice Center: 1200 Prescott Lakes Parkway; YCSO Detention Staff TBD, Deputy County Attorney
2:45p – 4:00p	Trial Unit: Review cases for various hearings, review reports for probation violations, and/or draft questions for trials	Trial Unit Supervisor or Deputy County Attorney Casi Harris, George Rodriguez, Amy Drew, Matt Polk, Scott Greene
5:00p – 6:00p	Optional Ride Along with Local Law Enforcement Agencies	TBD

Day 3: Wednesday, August 5, 2026

Time	Topic	Presenter
8:00a – 9:00a	YCAO Investigations Team: Hear about how an experienced Detective builds a solid case including “war stories” about investigations into serious felony cases.	Ed Bills, Chief Investigator YCAO Prescott Main Conference Room
9:00a – 9:05a	Break	
9:05a – 10:05a	Meet our Juvenile Division	Patti Wortman, Deputy County Attorney YCAO Prescott Main Conference Room
10:05a – 12:00p	Observe court hearings: follow up from trial unit review done on day 2	TBD TBD, Deputy County Attorney
12:00p – 1:30p	Lunch Break with at Least One Experienced Prosecutor	
1:30p – 1:35p	Break	
1:35p – 3:00p	Cont’d: Observe court hearings: follow up from trial unit review done day 2	TBD TBD, Deputy County Attorney
3:00p – 4:00p	Debrief of the Academy Experience and Q&A	YCAO Prescott Main Conference Room
4:30p – 5:30p	Optional Ride Along with Local Law Enforcement Agencies	TBD