



58th Annual Meeting & Conference

Saratoga Hilton & City Center
Saratoga Springs, NY

Agenda

Sunday, July 27, 2025

12:00 — 3:30 pm | [Saratoga Hilton](#)
NYSDA’s Chief Defender Convening

4:30 — 6:00 pm | [Saratoga Hilton](#)
NYSDA Board Meeting

6:00 — 7:30 pm | [Saratoga Hilton](#)
Defender Welcome Reception

Monday, July 28, 2025

8:00 — 9:00 am | [Saratoga City Center](#)
CLE Sign-In

9:00 — 10:15 am
Plenary Session
**Immigration: Best Practices & Padilla,
How to Prevent Harm at the Intersection of Criminal, Family & Immigration Systems**

Rosa Cohen-Cruz
Immigration Policy Director
The Bronx Defenders

Frances Hartmann
Immigration Training Director
The Bronx Defenders

10:15 — 10:30 am
Break

10:30 am — 12:00 pm
Criminal Law Session
**Court of Appeals & Mini-SCOTUS
Update**

Timothy Murphy
Assistant Federal Public Defender
Western District of NY

Family Law Session
**Protecting Parental Rights Using
Constitutional Arguments**

David Shalleck-Klein
Exec. Director & Founder
Family Justice Law Center

12:00 — 2:00 pm | [Saratoga Hilton](#)
**Annual Meeting of the Membership
&
Defender Reception & Awards Luncheon**

2:15 — 4:15 pm
Criminal Law Session
**Legislative Update &
Discovery Part I**

Kalle Condliffe
Manager of Litigation Training and Resources
The Legal Aid Society

Ruth Hamilton
Legal Director
The Bronx Defenders

Family Law Session
**The Science of Memory in Family Court
Sex Abuse Cases**

Dr. Jason Dickinson
Chairperson, Psychology
Montclair State University

Sarah Han
Supervising Attorney, Family Defense Practice
Brooklyn Defender Services

4:15 — 4:25 pm
Break

4:25 — 5:30 pm
Criminal Law Session
**Discovery Part II:
Strategies & Litigating CoCs**

Kalle Condliffe
Manager of Litigation Training and Resources
The Legal Aid Society

Ruth Hamilton
Legal Director
The Bronx Defenders

Family Law Session
**Ethics of Self-Care & Supporting Clients in a
Time of Crisis**

Piyali Basak
Managing Director
Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem

Kendea Johnson
Senior Supervising Attorney
Assigned Counsel Plan of NYC, 2nd Department

5:30 pm | [Saratoga City Center](#)
CLE Sign-Out

6:00 — 7:00 pm | [Saratoga Hilton](#)
Defender Cocktail Hour

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

8:00 — 9:00 am | Saratoga City Center
CLE Sign-In

9:00 — 10:15 am
Plenary Session
**Mental Health & the Lawyer:
Historical Perspectives, Present & Future Challenges**

Beth Haroules
Senior Staff Attorney/Director
Disability Justice Litigation
The New York Civil Liberties Union

Sheila Shea
Retired, Former Director
Mental Hygiene Legal Service
3rd Department

10:15 — 10:45 am
Extended Break
Hotel Check-Out

Criminal Law Session
Adolescents Are Different

Alan Rosenthal
Attorney, Private Practice
Syracuse, NY

Family Law Session
**Practical Guide to Family Offenses:
The Essentials & Their Application**

Sarah Spain Holt
Attorney
Monroe County Conflict Defender's Office

Veronica Reed
Attorney, Private Practice
Albany, NY

12:00 — 1:15 pm | Saratoga Hilton
Lunch

Criminal Law Session
**Ethics & Client-Centered Decision-Making:
The Hardest Cases**

Peter Mitchell
Director of Training
The Legal Aid Society

Family Law Session
***You Sure About That?*
Tips for Effective Cross-Examination**

**Jessica Barry, James Hinman,
Sarah Spain Holt, and Veronica Reed**

2:45 — 3:00 pm
Break

Criminal Law Session
**Decoding Body-Worn Camera
& Video Surveillance**

Brian Cummings
Digital Evidence Resource Attorney
New York State Defenders Association

Family Law Session
**The Role of AFC in Family Court:
Who's in Charge**

Jessica Barry
Assistant Public Defender
Albany County Public Defender's Office

James Hinman
Attorney, Family Defense Unit
Monroe County Public Defender's Office

4:30 pm | Saratoga City Center
CLE Sign-Out