

# Program Agenda

Thursday, April 23, 2026

4:30 pm Board Meeting in the Lodge Board Room, Sun Valley Lodge

Friday, April 24, 2026

8:00 am Registration & Continental Breakfast, Limelight B, Sun Valley Inn

8:30-8:45 Introductory Remarks: Paul Riggins

8:45-9:45 Prison Gangs, & Cartels: David Carlson

9:45-10:00 Break

10:00-11:00 Theory-Driven Impeachment for Trial Warriors: Heather Rogers

11:00-12:00 Legislative Update: Paul Riggins & Ian Thomson

12:00-1:30 Lunch on Your Own

1:30-2:45 Dog Sniff Evidence: Andy Falco

2:45-3:00 Break

3:00-4:00 Fearless Legal Leaders: Defending Individual Liberty in the Old & New West- From Clarence Darrow to Gerry Spence: David Nevin

4:00-5:00 Case Update: Stacey Donohue & Kierra Mai

6:00 Cocktail Hour & Dinner

Saturday, April 25, 2026

8:00 am Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:30-8:45 Introductory Remarks: Jordan Crane

8:45-10:00 Using Open Source Investigations: Michael Morelli

10:00-10:15 Break

10:15-11:30 Lessons Learned from Kohberger: Anne Taylor & Elisa Massoth

11:30-11:45 Break

11:45-1:00 Lessons Learned from Kohberger: Anne Taylor & Elisa Massoth

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Location and Lodging: The seminar will be held at the Sun Valley Inn in Sun Valley. Please call 1-800-786-8259

## Seminar Registration

Member Seminar Fee <small>(includes one dinner)</small>	\$300.00	_____
Investigator Seminar Fee	\$200.00	_____
1st Time Attendee	\$200.00	_____
Non-Member Seminar Fee	\$400.00	_____
Guest Dinner	\$50.00	_____
<b>Membership Dues</b>		
Regular Membership	\$200.00	_____
New Attorney Membership	\$75.00	_____
Public Defender Memebership	\$75.00	_____
Investigator Membership	\$75.00	_____
Sustaining Membership	\$300.00	_____
Lifetime Membership	\$2,000.00	_____

Total Enclosed

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# About the Speakers

## Paul Riggins

Was raised in Gooding. He obtained his Bachelor of Science, cum laude, in Criminal Justice Administration from San Jose State University in 1991 and his Juris Doctor, cum laude, from Gonzaga University in 1995. He joined the Twin Falls County Public Defender's Office to begin his career before moving to private practice. He worked with two small firms in Boise before establishing Riggins Law in 2008. Paul handles cases at both the trial and appellate level in state and federal courts. He is on the Board of Directors for IACDL and has served as the Chair of the IACDL Legislative Committee since 2018. His passions include criminal justice, politics, sports, photography and live music. He now resides in Marsing with his wife Taunya, dogs Fletcher and Malcolm, and goats Donna, Pumpkin, BiBi and Henry.

## David Carlson

Has over 40 years law enforcement and investigative experience including the United States Army Military Police, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, the state of California department of corrections and in the private sector. During his career, he has investigated several hundred felony and misdemeanor criminal cases and has testified in most of them. He is recognized and accepted in multiple courts and states as an expert witness and consultant in law enforcement related matters/policies and procedures, gangs and cartel cases; prisons and jails, including jail/prison culture, prison gangs and their philosophy and narcotic/drug distribution in the prison system; narcotic/drug distribution on the streets; and self defense vs excessive force issues. He continues to attend law enforcement agency endorsed courses at colleges and universities to keep education hours and skills up to date. He gives presentations, seminars and classes to attorneys, investigators, and students at colleges and universities in those same specialties. For the last 30 years, he has been a member of the Mayor's Youth Gang Task Force.

## Heather Rogers

Has been a public defender for over 20 years in the state and federal courts. Heather has handled cases at every stage of litigation, from arraignment through trial and appeal. She has represented clients accused of offenses from delinquency to homicide, defended detainees incarcerated at Guantánamo Naval Base in Guantanamo, Cuba, and argued cases in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Heather is honored to serve as the first Public Defender of Santa Cruz County, her birthplace and home. Heather is a faculty member of the National Criminal Defense College, lecturer in Legal Studies at the University of California, Santa Cruz, and frequent trainer at regional and national trial skills programs. Heather has an A.B. in English Language & Literature from the University of Chicago and a J.D. from Stanford Law School. She lives in the Aptos mountains with her husband and children. In her free time, Heather enjoys traveling, hiking, and snowboarding.

## Ian Thomson

Is an attorney with the Capital Litigation Unit at the State Appellate Public Defender in Boise. He has been practicing in Idaho at the trial and appellate level since he moved here in 2010. After briefly serving as the executive director at the Public Defense Commission, Ian turned to the IACDL with a hope that the organization would get more involved in the legislative process and criminal justice reform issues. He has been closely involved with the IACDL Legislative Committee since its inception and served as its original chair.

## Andy Falco

Andre "Andy Falco" Jimenez is the owner and President of Falco Enterprises, Inc., also known as Falco K9 Academy, which specializes in training dogs and handlers for law enforcement, private security, service, and companion roles. He has more than thirty years of experience as a professional dog trainer and is a designated Master Trainer, serving as Training Director of Falco K9 Academy since 1995. Andy spent twenty-one years as a police officer with the Anaheim Police Department, including service as a K9 handler and as a member of the SWAT canine team. He also trained and supervised officers on accurate police report writing, particularly regarding K9 searches and canine behavior. Beyond his police work, Andy has taught with organizations such as Golden West College, the Orange County Sheriff's Department, Work Dogs International, and the K9 Academy for Law Enforcement. He has been an instructor at K9 conferences and seminars nationwide since 1996. Mr. Falco is a prolific author on dog training and canine evidence, including serving as a contributing editor to Dog Sports Magazine and authoring several best-selling books, including Dog Sniff Evidence and How to Keep Your Evidence in a Drug Dog Case. He holds numerous certifications, including California P.O.S.T. Police Canine Evaluator. Courts in state, federal, and Canadian jurisdictions have recognized him as an expert in drug detection and canine bite cases.

## David Nevin

Has defended criminal cases throughout the United States for more than 45 years, with particular emphasis on cases implicating issues of civil rights and government overreaching, including the 1993 Ruby Ridge case, and the 2004 terrorism prosecution of a Saudi Arabian graduate student, Sami Omar Al-Hussayen. In 2008, Mr. Nevin joined with legendary trial lawyer Gerry Spence in the successful defense of Geoffrey Fieger, a prominent and outspoken Detroit trial lawyer. Mr. Fieger was charged in a vindictive political prosecution with violation of campaign finance laws. In a 2-month trial in the spring of 2008 in Federal District Court in Detroit, Mr. Fieger was acquitted of all charges. Since 2008 Mr. Nevin has served as counsel for Mr. Khalid Shaikh Mohammad in his capital prosecution in the Military Commission at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, arising from the attacks on New York and Washington, D.C. occurring on September 11, 2001. Mr. Nevin is a founder and past President of the Idaho Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and is the namesake of its Nevin Professionalism Award, which the organization awards annually to a criminal defense lawyer who has advanced the ideals of the profession. Mr. Nevin has twice received the organization's President's Award for outstanding service to criminal justice. He received the Clarence Darrow Award from the American Civil Liberties Union of Idaho for his defense of Sami Al-Hussayen. Mr. Nevin was honored to serve as commencement speaker for the University of Idaho College of Law's Class of 2005, and received the Idaho State Bar's Distinguished Lawyer Award for 2008. In 2021, Mr. Nevin became the first graduate of the University of Idaho College of Law to deliver the annual Bellwood Memorial Lecture. Mr. Nevin's defense of criminal clients has been described in more than a dozen books.

## Stacey Donohue

Graduated from the University of Idaho College of Law in Boise, Idaho in 2023. After law school, she clerked for Chief Justice G. Richard Bevan of the Idaho Supreme Court. In 2024, Stacey joined the Office of the State Appellate Public Defender as a deputy public defender.

## Kierra Mai

Received both her bachelor's degree and law degree from the University of Idaho - Go Vandals! After graduating during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic in May 2020, she clerked for Justice John R. Stegner at the Idaho Supreme Court. Following her clerkship, Kierra became a deputy public defender at the Ada County Public Defender's Office where she handled a busy misdemeanor calendar and tried over 20 cases to a jury. In July of 2024, Kierra joined the Office of the State Appellate Public Defender as a deputy appellate public defender.

## Michael Morelli

Is the founder and driving force behind Powerhouse Investigations and iDreveal, two investigative brands dedicated to uncovering truth and providing actionable intelligence for legal, corporate, insurance, and individual clients. As a licensed private investigator with extensive experience in civil, domestic, and digital investigations, Michael brings a unique blend of tenacity, creativity, and professionalism to every case. At Powerhouse Investigations, Michael leads a team that specializes in comprehensive investigative services including background checks, surveillance, missing persons/skip tracing, insurance defense work, and social media investigations. Their goal is simple: to find the truth for clients with discretion, precision, and integrity. As the Founder and CEO of iDreveal, Michael focuses on open-source intelligence (OSINT) and legal intelligence reporting. Under his leadership, iDreveal provides cutting-edge digital and social media investigation solutions, including social media dossiers, financial asset investigations, and legal intel reports that support attorneys, investigators, and corporations in building defensible, evidence-based cases. Michael's work is guided by a commitment to excellence, ethical standards, and rigorous verification practices. He has earned recognition as a Board Certified Expert in Cyber Investigations, trained through advanced OSINT programs, and is frequently consulted by other professionals in the investigative community.

## Anne Taylor

In 1994, Anne Taylor earned her bachelor's degree in political science and continued her education by earning her master's degree in public administration in 1996. She attended law school and earned her Juris Doctorate in 1998 from the University of Idaho. Anne began her career as Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in Bannock County in 1998. She moved to the Kootenai County Prosecutor's Office in 1999, but she found her true passion when she accepted a job with the Kootenai County Public Defender's Office in 2004. As a Deputy Public Defender Anne handled juvenile, misdemeanor and felony cases. Anne was qualified by the Idaho Supreme Court as Lead Counsel for Capital Defense and continues to zealously defend clients facing capital punishment today. In 2012 Anne opened her own private practice firm where she continued to work in indigent Public Defense taking conflict or appointed work for various counties. In 2017, Anne accepted the position of Chief Public Defender, fulfilling a long-held career goal of overseeing the Kootenai County Public Defender's Office in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. This position allowed her to oversee and mentor other public defenders while continuing to advocate and represent clients herself. In late summer of 2024 just prior to the State of Idaho transitioning to a state led Public Defense system, Anne made the difficult decision to leave the Kootenai County Public Defender's Office and reestablished her private practice where she has proudly continued to work on appointed capital cases as well as represent her clients she was privately retained to represent.

## Elisa Massoth

Is in private practice in Payette, Idaho. She has spent the bulk of her 28 year legal career advocating for those charged with all types of crimes, including capital offenses. For nearly 3 years, she was counsel of record for Bryan Kohberger. She is the current Criminal Justice Act Panel Representative for the Federal District of Idaho and a past President of the Idaho Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. Two wrongful convictions were overturned under her advocacy. Enjoying the outdoors of Idaho on foot, skies, and bicycles with her husband and two daughters fills her spare time.