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The Axon Week Legal Track offers prosecutors and public defenders the opportunity to earn up to eight (8) CLE credits and one (1) ethics credit while exploring how digital evidence, AI, and connected technology are shaping today's justice landscape. Below are the 2026 Axon Week Legal Track sessions.

### *Avoiding Burnout with Technology: How Tennessee Reduced Workload with AI*

Stephen Crump, Executive Director, Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference

Facing rising caseloads and burnout, prosecutors across Tennessee turned to technology to ease the strain. In this session, Steve Crump shares how the Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference used Justice Premier Plus and AI-driven tools to streamline workflows, reduce administrative burden, and give teams time back to focus on justice, offering practical takeaways for agencies of any size.

### *Winning Support for Digital Evidence Modernization: A Practical Funding Playbook*

Marc Bennett, District Attorney, Sedgwick County District Attorney's Office  
Darren Ganir, CIO, Cook County State's Attorney's Office

Securing funding for major technology upgrades often comes down to how value is communicated. In this session, Sedgwick County District Attorney Marc Bennett and Cook County CIO Darren Ganir share how they made the case for a modern Digital Evidence Management System by focusing on operational risk, staff burden, legal exposure, and the cost of inaction. Attendees will learn how to clearly articulate the ROI of centralized evidence management while aligning requests with broader public safety and fiscal priorities.

### *AI Through the Defense Lens: Practical Use in Public Defense*

Joseph Dewey, Assistant Public Defender, Broward County Office of the Public Defender  
Samantha Douez, Trial Assistant, Douglas County Public Defender

As AI increasingly shapes how cases are reviewed and prepared, public defense leaders share how they're applying it in real-world practice to manage digital evidence more efficiently while prioritizing fairness, transparency, and trust. This panel explores what's working today, the responsibilities that come with AI adoption, and how public defenders are thoughtfully shaping AI use to better serve clients and protect rights.

\*Sessions are subject to change.

### *Beyond the Hype: Real-World Ethical and Practical Challenges of AI in Law Enforcement*

Wendy Patrick, Trial Attorney  
Brent Berkley, Strategic Relationship Director, Axon

As AI becomes part of everyday law enforcement work, its impact raises critical questions beyond the hype. In this session, veteran trial attorney Wendy Patrick explores the real-world ethical, legal, and practical considerations of using AI, from due process and transparency to risk and responsibility, offering a grounded perspective on how to adopt AI thoughtfully while maintaining integrity.

### *Unifying Case Management and DEMS to Modernize Justice*

David Benson, IT Director, Philadelphia District Attorney's Office

Justice agencies face growing pressure to modernize case management amid rising caseloads and expanding digital evidence. In this session, the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office shares how it approached case management modernization by focusing on outcomes, alignment with evidence workflows, and cross-agency collaboration. Attendees will gain practical insights into what effective case management looks like today, common pitfalls to avoid, and key considerations for scalable, future-ready systems.

### *Brief One AI Agent: Advancing Evidence Review with Intelligent Workflow Tools*

Justin Dille, Sr. Director, Product, Axon

Brief One introduces a new AI Agent that helps attorneys review evidence faster and more clearly. In this session, Justin Dille shares how smarter search, simplified summaries, and organized evidence come together in a streamlined workflow, helping teams cut through large volumes of material, surface what matters most, and prepare cases more efficiently.

### *New Disclosure Laws and What They Mean for Evidence Management*

Jonathan Eisenrich, Digital Forensics Analyst, Brazos County District Attorney's Office  
Brian Baker, Assistant District Attorney, Brazos County District Attorney's Office  
Kevin Stadelmaier, First Deputy Defender, Erie County Assigned Counsel Program

As disclosure requirements tighten, justice agencies must rethink how discovery is tracked and documented. In this roundtable, leaders from Brazos County and Erie County discuss how law changes are reshaping workflows and why reliable disclosure logs are critical for compliance. Attendees will gain practical insight into evidence tracking, audit trails, and communication practices that reduce risk.

### *What's Next for Cellphone Evidence: A Fireside Chat on Smarter Extraction Workflows*

Justin Dille, Sr. Director, Product, Axon  
Janet Barbeau, Principal Business Analyst, DuPage County State's Attorney's Office  
Peter Pon, Chief Data Officer, Cook County State's Attorney's Office

Cellphone extractions are among the most complex and valuable forms of digital evidence. In this fireside chat, Justin Dille and justice technology leaders discuss how attorney and investigator teams manage extraction data today, the challenges of large UDFR files and manual organization, and what needs to change to make review faster and more reliable. Attendees will gain a practical look at current pain points and Axon's vision for a unified extraction reader that brings mobile evidence seamlessly into Axon Justice.

### *Setting the Standard: How Policy-Driven Sharing is Transforming Evidence Submission*

Heather Bernatene, CJIS and Quality Assurance Director, 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District State Attorney's Office  
Leandro Navarro, Information Technology Director, 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District State Attorney's Office

As digital evidence volumes surge, inconsistent sharing practices between law enforcement and prosecutors create inefficiency, confusion, and risk. In this forward-looking session, leaders from the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District State Attorney's Office and the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office share how policy-based evidence sharing is transforming collaboration. Learn how Axon's Advanced Sharing enables configurable policies, standardized intake, and built-in audit trails to streamline discovery, strengthen interagency relationships and build a more unified digital evidence ecosystem.