



2026 Defender Conference Agenda

June 11-12, 2026

Jack's Urban Meeting Place, Downtown Boise

Wednesday, June 10th

5:00 – 6:00 PM Welcome Reception & Networking
Hilton Garden Inn, Downtown Boise – Lobby

Thursday, June 11th

7:00 AM Optional Walking Groups / Coffee Meet-Ups

8:30 – 9:00 AM Check-In & Breakfast

9:00 – 10:00 AM Welcome & Opening Remarks

10:00 – 11:00 AM **Opening Keynote: Leadership Kickoff**
Abbey Louie, Leadership Development Coach

11:00 – 11:15 AM Break

11:15 – 12:00 PM **Interactive Teambuilding Workshop**
Abbey Louie, Leadership Development Coach

12:00 – 1:15 PM Lunch & Presentation

1:15 – 1:30 PM Break / Move to Breakout Rooms

1:30 – 2:30 PM **Breakout Sessions #1**

- **Ethical & Constitutional Implications of *State v. Knight***
- **Social Media Evidence: Authentication & Common Pitfalls**
- **Navigating Conflict & Difficult Conversations with Confidence***

**We highly encourage all SPD supervisors to attend this session.*

2:30 – 2:45 PM Break / Move to Breakout Rooms

2:45 – 3:45 PM **Breakout Sessions #2**



- **Making Sense of Cell Phone Data in Litigation: Technology, Law, and Strategy Part 1**
- **What Every Public Defender Needs to Know About Immigration Law**
- **Motion Practice Focusing on Fourth Amendment Issues**

3:45 – 4:00 PM Afternoon Snack Break / Move to Breakout Rooms

4:00 – 5:00 PM **Breakout Sessions #3**

- **Updates to Child Protection Law**
- **Safe Legal AI Use and Prompting Basics**
- **Practical Guidance for Handling Difficult Clients**

6:30 PM Optional Dine Arounds
Sign-up required

Friday, June 12th

7:00 AM Optional Walking Groups / Coffee Meet-Ups

8:15 – 8:30 AM Check-In & Breakfast

8:30 – 10:30 AM **Trial Skills Masterclass Panel**
David Nevin, Keith Roark, Klaus Wiebe, Doug Nelson, Amy Smith, Misti Bauscher, and Alexander Briggs

10:30 – 10:45 AM Break / Move to Breakout Rooms

10:45 – 11:45 AM **Breakout Session #4**

- **Moving Beyond the Score: Advanced Interpretation of Psychosexual Risk**
- **Idaho State Police Forensic Services Offerings for Public Defenders**
- **Making Sense of Cell Phone Data in Litigation: Technology, Law, and Strategy Part 2**

11:45 – 12:00 PM Break / Move to Rooftop Deck for Lunch

12:00 – 1:30 PM **BBQ Lunch w/ DPD Updates & Networking**

1:30 – 1:45 PM Break / Move to Breakout Rooms

1:45 – 2:45 PM **Breakout Session #5**



- **Child Forensic Interviews: A Closer Look**
- **Proof or Presumption? Interpreting Alcohol and Cannabis Evidence in DUI Cases**
- **Facing the Algorithm (Updated for 2026)**

2:45 – 3:00 PM Break / Move to Breakout Rooms

3:00 – 4:00 PM **Breakout Session #6**

- **Sexual Offenders, Recidivism, and Surprising New Research**
- **Ethical Considerations When Representing Kids**
- **Probation Violation Matters**

4:00 – 4:15 PM Afternoon Snack Break / Return to Main Room

4:15 – 4:45 PM Closing Remarks