

Saturday, April 25, 2026 | All Speakers will Present in the Ballroom

8:00am - 9:00am

Breakfast | St. Andrews Foyer

9:00am - 9:15am

Welcome Back to the Seminar

GACDL President: **Erin Gerstenzang**
Founder, EHG Law Firm

Program Directors: **Senoqua Claiborne**
Asst. Public Defender
Dougherty Judicial Circuit
GACDL AVP, District 2A

John Donnelly
Circuit Public Defender
Western Judicial Circuit

GCDLEF Update

Wes Bryant, Assistant Federal Defender, Federal Defender Program, Inc.
Vice Chair, GCDLEF

9:15am - 10:15am

[Professionalism] Diplomatic Resistance: How to Deal with Judges Who Move like Prosecutors

Francys Johnson, Partner, Davis Bozeman Johnson Law

10:15am - 10:30am

Break

10:30am - 10:45am

Strike Force Update

Michael Schwartz, Founder, New South Law
Vice Chair, GACDL Strike Force

10:45am - 11:45am

Challenging “CSI Certainty” | Rule 702/Daubert Hearings

Mary Dayton, Appellate Attorney, Georgia Capital Defender Office

11:45am - 12:00pm

Inspirational 15: State Bar Lawyers Assistance Program

Nicole Browning, Director of Client Success, State Bar of Georgia (Savannah)

12:00pm - 1:00pm

Lunch (on your own)

1:00pm - 1:30pm

Case Law Update

Jonathan Lockwood, Chief Assistant Public Defender, Brunswick Judicial Circuit
Editor, GACDL's *What's the Decision?*

1:30pm - 2:30pm

The Clean Slate Checklist: Record Restriction and Sealing Before and After Disposition

Nancy DeVetter, Founder, DeVetter Law

2:30pm - 2:45pm

Break

2:45pm - 3:45pm

The [Ethics] of Interviewing Alleged Victims

Allison Parrish, Chief Asst. Public Defender, Tifton Judicial Circuit

3:45p - 4:00pm

Closing Insights & Takeaways

Program Directors: **Senoqua Claiborne**

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