

SUPREME COURT OF NEVADA  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

**NEVADA SPECIALTY COURT 2024 CONFERENCE**

*SILVER STATE, GOLD STANDARDS IN SPECIALTY COURTS*

**October 16-18, 2024 – Sparks, NV**

**WEDNESDAY                      OCTOBER 16, 2024**

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**REGISTRATION**

**Location:** Cascade Foyer - 2nd Floor

1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND CONFERENCE OVERVIEW**

**Location:** Cascade 1 & 2 - 2nd Floor

*Justice Lidia Stiglich, Supreme Court of Nevada*

*Justice Linda Bell, Supreme Court of Nevada*

*Co-Chairs - Specialty Courts Funding and Policy Committee*

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**DIFFERENTIAL IMPACT IN PROBLEM-SOLVING COURTS**

**Location:** Cascade 1 & 2 - 2nd Floor

**Faculty:** *Mia Abboud Holbrook, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Criminal Justice, University of Nevada, Reno*

**Description:** Over the years, a distinct body of research has emerged that assesses processes and procedures in problem-solving courts. However, little research to date examines how social constructs impact participant and practitioner experiences in problem-solving courts. This session will explore how race/gender/ethnicity is considered in problem-solving courts. Is there a differential impact occurring? If so, what tools and techniques can be used to minimize those effects?

2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

**BREAK & EXHIBITORS**

**Location:** Cascade Foyer - 2nd Floor

2:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

**EMERGING TRENDS & ISSUES IN DRUG IMPAIRED DRIVING AND TOXICOLOGY/PHARMACOLOGY ESSENTIALS FOR DRUGGED DRIVING**

**Location:** Cascade 1 & 2 - 2nd Floor

**Faculty:** *Melissa Piasecki, M.D., Executive Associate Dean at the University of Nevada School of Medicine in Reno*

**Description:** Drug impaired driving has been on the rise over the last 10 years and judges need information on both existing and novel substances. This presentation will provide the fundamental role forensic toxicology plays in both alcohol and drug impaired driving casework. This session covers topics related to the pharmacology of drugs and their effects on psychomotor performance and driving.

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**WELCOME RECEPTION**

**Location:** Cascade Foyer - 2nd Floor

**Dinner** (on your own)

**THURSDAY**

**OCTOBER 17, 2024**

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

**BUFFET BREAKFAST**

**Location:** Nugget 2 - 2nd Floor

7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**REGISTRATION**

**Location:** Cascade Foyer - 2nd Floor

8:45 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

**ENHANCING THE JUDICIARY'S RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN NEVADA'S SPECIALTY COURTS**

**Location:** Cascade 1 & 2 - 2nd Floor

**Faculty:** *Melissa Mangiaracina, Esq., Mediator Training, LLC*

**Description:** This comprehensive training seeks to enhance the judiciary's response to domestic violence cases in Nevada's specialty courts. Participants will learn to recognize the subtle and overt signs of battering behavior, including power dynamics, manipulation tactics, and cycles of abuse. The course will also delve into the complexities of victim behavior, exploring why victims may stay in abusive relationships, recant testimony, or appear hesitant in court. Through a combination of lecture and interactive exercises, participants will explore new ways to respond to cases involving domestic violence cases with increased sensitivity and awareness. This training aims to empower judges and court staff to make informed, fair decisions that enhance safety and well-being for survivors while holding perpetrators accountable.

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

**BREAK & EXHIBITORS**

**Location:** Cascade Foyer - 2nd Floor

10:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **ENHANCING THE JUDICIARY'S RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN NEVADA'S SPECIALTY COURTS (cont.)**

**Location:** Cascade 1 & 2 - 2nd Floor

**Faculty:** *Melissa Mangiaracina, Esq., Mediator Training, LLC*

12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. **Lunch** (on your own)

1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. **DAAY COURT**

**Location:** Cascade 1 & 2 - 2nd Floor

**Faculty:** *The Honorable Sunny Bailey, Eighth Judicial District Court, Family Court, Department I; Justice Linda Bell, Supreme Court of Nevada, Co-Chair Specialty Courts Funding and Policy Committee*

**Description:** The Detention Alternative for Autistic Youth (DAAY) Court is a court-supervised program specifically designed for autistic youth in the justice system. This pioneering initiative, the first of its kind in the nation, was established in Nevada's Eighth Judicial District in 2023. DAAY Court collaborates with autistic juvenile offenders and their families to ensure they receive the necessary services and support. Eighth Judicial District/Family Court Judge Sonhee Bailey will guide us through every facet of DAAY Court, from its inception to its current operations.

2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. **BREAK & EXHIBITORS**

**Location:** Cascade Foyer - 2nd Floor

2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. **TRAUMA IN THE JUDICIAL WORKPLACE**

**Location:** Cascade 1 & 2 - 2nd Floor

**Faculty:** *Mr. Mark Linsenhardt, Sapient America*

**Description:** An exploration of primary and secondary trauma with special emphasis on factors present in the Judicial workplace not found in other environments. Attendees will leave with a better understanding of trauma, why it is more likely in the judiciary, and where to start for solutions for both judges and judicial staff.

4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. **SPECIALTY COURT FUNDING & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Location:** Redwood 8 - 2nd Floor

**Dinner** (on your own)

**FRIDAY**

**OCTOBER 18, 2024**

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

**BUFFET BREAKFAST**

**Location:** Nugget 2 - 2nd Floor

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

**Break Out Session A**

**ALTERNATIVE MONITORING IN TREATMENT COURTS**

**Location:** Nugget 2 - 2nd Floor

**Faculty:** *Chuck Orms, April Thomas, Linsey LaMontagne*

**Description:** Panel discussion with Clark County court administrators sharing their experiences leveraging new technologies for enhanced accountability including data and statistics from recent Harvard study.

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

**Break Out Session B**

**TRAUMA CENTRIC TREATMENT OF ADDICTIONS**

**Location:** Cascade 1 & 2 - 2nd Floor

**Faculty:** *Dr. Mike McGee*

**Description:** At the root of most addictions lies trauma. Trauma creates distress, dysregulation, and dysfunction, including impairment of the capacity to self-regulate through loving attachments. Healing and recovery from addiction parallels healing and recovery from trauma, as both progress through the phases of the acute establishment of safety and stability, processing trauma and pain, to ongoing healing, growth, reconnection and the creation of a meaningful life. This session will provide an overview of trauma, the neurobiological and psychosocial impact of trauma, the symptoms of trauma and how they relate to the vulnerability to addiction, and general principles for the integrated concurrent treatment of trauma, addiction, and other psychiatric comorbidities.

9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

**BREAK & EXHIBITORS**

**Location:** Cascade Foyer - 2nd Floor

9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**WHY PUNISHMENT DOES NOT WORK TO CREATE LASTING CHANGES**

**Location:** Cascade 1 & 2 - 2nd Floor

**Faculty:** *Dr. Mike McGee*

**Description:** The neurobiological instinct to respond to harm with harm (to punish) is deeply rooted in most social species that have evolved "tit for tat" algorithms for responding to harmful behavior and optimizing social cooperation. But while punishment is effective as a deterrent when it is certain and immediate, judicial punishment in general does a little to deter most crime that arises in part from psychiatric impairment, including criminality. There is a growing evidence base that indicates that treating harm with harm cultivates rather than cures criminality. This session reviews the psychology and morality of punishment, the psychological impact of punishment, and alternatives to preventing and responding to crime using treatment combined with the principles of restorative justice.

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **FROM COURTROOM TO COMMUNITY: ENHANCING OPIOID USE DISORDER RECOVERY THROUGH MEDICATIONS AND CONTINUATION OF CARE**

**Location:** Cascade 1 & 2 - 2nd Floor

**Faculty:** *The Honorable Danielle Johnson, Esmeralda Township Justice Court; Bill Teel, Retired Captain, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, GROWLER Consulting*

**Description:** This session will allow us to explain the barriers to implementing Jail Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD)/Community Continuation of Care (CCC) within Nevada's small and rural communities, provide an overview of the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration's Sequential Intercept Model (SIM), demonstrate how Esmeralda's Multi-Disciplinary Team worked through the SIM, provide an overview of how Esmeralda's Drug Court supports Jail MOUD/CCC at Intercepts 2 & 3, and report on the status of Esmeralda's Jail MOUD/CCC outcomes.

12:00 p.m. – 12:15 p.m. **CONFERENCE WRAP-UP**

**Location:** Cascade 1 & 2 - 2nd Floor

***Total Education Credit Hours: 12.0 (CJE/CLE), including 2.0 Ethics credits; CEU pending Board approval***