

Behind the Wheel NEWSLETTER

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Training Opportunity 2025 DUI Roundtable - Lunch & Learn Live at the South Carolina **Solicitors' Annual Conference**

Monday, October 6, 2025, available in person (Kingston Resorts, North Myrtle Beach, S.C. located at 9800 Queensway Blvd, Myrtle Beach, SC 29572) or Virtual via Zoom™

This free training is open to all DUI Prosecutors, Attorney General's Office, Other Government Agency Attorneys (and their staff), Law Enforcement Officers, SLED or Criminal Justice Academy Staff.

Be sure to register online with the SCCPC database prior to this training. If you have any questions on how to compete registration, please send an email to: training@cpc.sc.gov

S.C. Commission on Prosecution **Coordination's New Training Database**

If you are interested in signing up to receive training notifications or register for trainings, please click on the link below.

Solicitor and Attorney General Staff Click Here to Register

Law Enforcement and Others (Except Solicitor and Attorney General Staff) Click Here to Register



HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE DUI ROUNDTABLE

In Person Registration Click Here

Virtual Training Registration Click Here: (only use if you are not registered for the 2025 SC Solicitors' Annual Conference)

Need technical assistance with DUI prosecution and enforcement questions? Please reach out to our **Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor**

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FOCUS ON FREE TRAFFIC TUESDAY & WEBINAR WEDNESDAY TRAININGS THIS FALL. TRAININGS ARE PROVIDED BY THE NATIONAL TSRP PROGRAM.

There is **NO CHARGE** to attend these webinars, however you must register in advance. Registration links are located below each training opportunity.

If you will be unable to attend any webinar at the scheduled time but would still like to watch, you should still register in advance of the training. Everyone who is registered will receive a link to the recording of that webinar regardless of whether they attended.

October Training Opportunities

Impaired Driving Case Preparation: Madness Made Method

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Description: How to more effectively prepare a DUI case for trail by identifying legitimate weaknesses or areas of concern that the defense attorney may raise.

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Jury Selection in a DUI Case: Not Part of a Trial, It Is the Trial!

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Description: Not all jurisdictions have latitude in jury selection. South Carolina does not allow direct voir dire by the attorneys; however the ideas presented in this webinar can be used to make effective opening statements. The Opening Statements in a DUI case offers an opportunity to educate the jury on the law, forecast the facts, and prepare them to reach the right verdict. This webinar will offer some ideas on how people learn and how to develop your DUI case before the jury is sworn.

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Visual Trial: the Art of Prosecuting a DUI Case

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Description: Keep jurors engaged in your DUI case by presenting an effective visual trial that appeals to adults with different learning styles. This training suggests effective visual aids and how to use them with testifying witnesses. It also addresses the applicable rules of evidence, when conducting a visual DUI trial.

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October Training Opportunities - Continued

Death Notifications in Fatal Crash Investigations

Wednesday, October 21, 2025

2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Description: This training provides both officers and prosecutors with information to assist them with providing compassionate, timely, and thorough notice to a victim's family and with professional and compassionate interaction with family members of victims involved in traffic crashes over the course of a prosecution.

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Opening Statements in DUI Cases: Start with a Bang

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Description: Discover or review basic techniques for delivering a successful opening statements. Avoid common pitfalls and mistakes made when opening while using the psychology of persuasion and establishing a theme through storytelling.

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Direct Examination in DUI Cases

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Description: Master the art of direct examination of the State's witnesses. Learn what questions to ask, and how to properly and effectively ask those questions.

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MADD Celebrates 45 years with major push for anti-drunk driving vehicle technology passed in 2021, HALT requires new vehicles in the US to have anti-drunk driving technology

November Training Opportunities

Un-Masking CDL-Impaired Driving and the Importance of Proper Plea Negotiations

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Description: Many prosecutors are not aware of the Federal Regulations, state laws, and ethical considerations that impact how prosecutors must handle prosecution, plea negotiations and sentencing of CDL license holders who have been charged with DUI. This webinar identifies the type of plea negotiations that are—and are not—permitted in CDL– Impaired Driving Cases. CDL holders have the privilege of operating 80,0000 pound vehicles, and with that privilege comes greater training, licensing expectations and responsibility. States that fail to comply with enforcement of the Federal Regulations risk loosing Federal Highway funding.

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Cross Examination and Impeachment in DUI Cases

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Description: Explore tools and techniques for cross examining Defense Witnesses. How to prepare the cross examination? Should I NOT cross exam this witness?

and, effective Impeachment techniques.

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December Training Opportunities

Closing Arguments in DUI Cases

Wednesday, December 3, 2025 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Description: Discover or review basic techniques for building effective closing arguments. Effectively organize & summarize the facts in a persuasive manner. Regain and control the attention of the jury. Return to your theme, and the "story". How best to split the First Closing and the Rebuttal Closing. Mistakes to avoid.

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December Training Opportunities - Continued

Basic Trial Testimony: Do's & Don'ts for DUIs

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Description: This training boils down the cumulative knowledge of experienced law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and judges into simple rules for testimony with an emphasis on DUI trials. Includes an explanation of the introductory basic science on human decision making and how to use that science during testimony in a DUI case.

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Working Professionally with DUI Victims & Survivors

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Description: An overview how to best work with DUI Victims & Survivors, providing a basic understanding of how trauma affects victims of DUI related offenses, and based upon that, how to work with drunk and drugged driving victims and survivors with both professionalism and compassion. It will allow for prosecutors and law enforcement to hear from a victim of a DUI who lost loved ones and had to deal not just with her loss but with issues related to the court system.

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First Lieutenant Justice Regine Stewart of Columbia, SC was 25 years old and in her fourth year of service with the United States Marine Corps when a drunk driver struck and killed her while she was jogging on June 27, 2021.

A proud graduate of Spelman College, she was one of only 70 Black female officers in the Marine Corps—an organization with 18,000 officers—and was on track for promotion to Captain.

Also a published poet and musician, she earned an astounding \$391,000 in college scholarships.

