

## **Treatment Court Prosecutors: Revisiting Best Practices 2023**

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*Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 3:15pm-4:30pm*

John Harldson is the first Latino elected as district attorney in the State of Oregon, and has served as a prosecutor since 1988. His commitment to treatment court programs is underscored by his proactive and direct engagement with the Benton County drug treatment court, a program in its 16th year of operation, and recognized as a National Mentor Court. Mr. Harldson has served as adjunct faculty for the NADCP, National District Attorneys Association, Conference of Western Attorneys General, American Bar Association, and Willamette University College of Law. He also serves on the Oregon Bench and Bar Commission on Professionalism, on the board of directors for the U.S. Hispanic Leadership Institute, and as chair of the President's Diversity Advisory Community Council for the University of Oregon. He has been recognized for excellence in prosecution by the Oregon Crime Victims Network and the Oregon Humane Society. He is also a recipient of the Oregon Bench and Bar's Edwin J. Peterson Professionalism Award, and the Oregon Hispanic Bar Association's Paul J. de Muniz Professionalism Award. The son of a Scandinavian father and a Mexican mother, Mr. Harldson was raised both in the Pacific Northwest and in Monterrey, Mexico, where he developed a rich bilingual and bicultural perspective.

### **Session Description:**

A prosecution perspective on the fundamental components of Drug Treatment Court practices in 2023. The presentation will address Competence, Confidentiality, Constitutionality, and Current Challenges as they relate to prosecutors engaged in Drug Treatment Court practice in 2023. Participants will examine legal and ethical standards for prosecutors related to Competency, Confidentiality, Medically Assisted Treatment, Alcoholic Anonymous, Due Process including Sanctions and Terminations, and Preventative Detention. In addition, participants will examine strategies prosecutors can use to promote public safety, while effectively aligning the implementation of best-practice standards with current legal authority. The session will conclude with a discussion on current challenges facing prosecutors in Drug Treatment Courts.

### **Learning Objectives:**

- Overview of prosecutor's role in current Drug Treatment Court practices.
- Prosecutor's role in preserving confidentiality in Drug Treatment Courts.
- Prosecutor's role ensuring Constitutional best practices in Drug Treatment Courts.

