

**Eastern District of Louisiana
United States Probation Office**

2018 Criminal Pretrial Techniques Conference
Marriott at Lakeway

Purpose:

As part of our Guiding Principles, the U. S. Probation Office “take a proactive role in the implementation of positive change” impacting our Court, Community, and Offender/Defendant population. In doing so, we remain open to new ideas and concepts that help aide in the rehabilitation of offenders/defendants under community supervision. As to Pretrial Services, we embrace such for the purpose of reducing unnecessary detention. The “Criminal Pretrial Techniques Conference” is designed to educate our legal community concerning alternative to detention programming, along with address specific concerns impacting pretrial services within the Eastern District of Louisiana. Our focus center on the following objectives:

- Highlight the impact of unnecessary pretrial detention within our criminal justice system;
- Encourage the use of risk assessments to help aide in release/detention decisions, along with identifying specific conditions to lower risk of danger and nonappearance; and
- Provide extensive legal analysis concerning the Bail Reform Act, specifically that which involves the issue of rebuttable presumption.

Agenda:

February 22, 2018

8:45 a.m.

Interactive Web Application Overview
Stephen Fournier
Systems Manager

8:50 a.m.

Black History Month Video Presentation

8:56 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance & Star Spangle Banner
Daryl Naquin
Sr. United States Probation Officer

9:00 a.m.

Opening Remarks
(Introductions Made By SUSPO Cheryl Robert)

Chief Judge Kurt Engelhardt
Chief Magistrate Judge Karen Roby
Chief U. S. Probation Officer Kito J. Bess

9:15 a.m.

General Session
Jefferson Ballroom

Introduction of Guest Speaker
Lawrence Martin
Deputy Chief U. S. Probation Officer

Guest Speaker
Adam Foss
Founder of Prosecutor Impact

10:15 a.m.

Morning Break

10:30 a.m.

General Session
Jefferson Ballroom

Introduction of Guest Speaker
Mindy McQuivey
Deputy Chief U. S. Probation Officer

The Honorable Magistrate Judge Evelyn Furse
District of Utah

11:30 a.m.

Lunch

1:00 p.m.

Afternoon Workshops

- Session A: Defense Attorneys: A Collaborative Approach
FJC Education Attorney Cassandra Snyder
St. James Meeting Room
- Session B: A Prosecutor's Vision for a Better Justice
Founder of Prosecutor Impact Adam Foss
St. Tammany Meeting Room
- Session C: The Hidden Costs of Pretrial Detention
Social Science Analyst Dr. Christopher Lowenkamp
Jefferson Ballroom

2:30 p.m.

Afternoon Break

2:45 p.m.

Afternoon Workshops

- Session A: Evidence Based Decision Making in Federal Pretrial Services
AO Program Administrator William Hicks, Jr
Jefferson Ballroom
- Session B: Effective Interviewing Techniques
FJC Educational Specialist Susie Merchant
St. Tammany Meeting Room
- Session C: Presumption Study
AO Program Administrator Amaryllis Austin
St. James Meeting Room

4:15 p.m.

Dismissal

February 23, 2018

9:00 a.m.

General Session
Jefferson Ballroom

Introduction of Guest Speaker
Cheryl Robert
Supervising U. S. Probation Officer

The State of Pretrial Services
Matthew Rowland
Chief of the Office of Probation & Pretrial Services - Administrative Office

10:15 a.m.

Morning Break

10:30 a.m.

Panel Discussion
Presumption of Detention: Who, What, Why...and What Are We Doing About It?
Jefferson Ballroom

Moderator
Deputy Chief Mindy McQuivey

The Honorable Magistrate Judge Evelyn Furse
Federal Defender Kathy Nester
District of Utah

The Honorable Chief Magistrate Judge Karen Wells Roby
Eastern District of Louisiana

Robin Grimes
Chief U. S. Probation Officer
Northern District of Ohio

11:45 a.m.

Closing Remarks

Kito J. Bess
Chief U. S. Probation Officer
Eastern District of Louisiana