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This course is pending ILETSB approval

7 HOUR PROTECTING THE ARREST WINNING THE CASE

Wednesday, May 14, 2025 – 8 AM/4 PM

WHERE: Randolph County Courthouse 1 Taylor St., Chester, IL. 62233



WHO: Jennifer Cifaldi, Illinois Traffic Safety Prosecutor

TO REGISTER: Visit our website <u>www.silec.org</u>. Limit 55.

Every year, impaired drivers cause thousands of traffic deaths and injuries. Prosecutors and law enforcement officers need the skills to be sure that they are successful in the courtroom. Additionally, with the decriminalization of adult-use cannabis, DUI crashes have increased. This course will help instruct prosecutors how to navigate a successful DUI investigation and recognize some of the differences between alcohol impairment and impairment caused by cannabis.

This program will provide attendees with the tools on how to investigate and evaluate their DUI cases from start to finish. They will be instructed on how to identify indicators of impairment. They will also review the basic fundamentals of Field Sobriety Tests. They will know how to charge the appropriate DUI section based on the circumstances of the arrest. They will also learn how to secure blood draws from the hospital and to successfully use them in their cases. The attendees will be taught courtroom techniques and learn how to combat common DUI defenses. They will walk away from this course with the confidence needed in their DUI cases so as not to feel compelled to negotiate the case to a lesser offence. Attendees will have a better understanding of the Illinois Implied Consent Warnings that officers use and will be able to assist the officer on the witness stand in persuading the judge/jury what drug impairment looks like on a DUI case. Additionally, they will be well-versed in the relevant case law.

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