



AVALON HEALING CENTER 2026 COURT TESTIMONY PREP & MOCK TRIAL SESSIONS EVENT

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THIS SEPTEMBER!

Join the Avalon Healing Center FE Team and your Multidisciplinary Team Member colleagues at the 4th Annual Court Testimony Prep & Mock Trial Sessions Event on **Wednesday, September 2, 2026, and Thursday, September 3, 2026!**

Build your knowledge base and enhance your expert witness court testimony skills, learn how to build your curriculum vitae, and watch multiple mock trial sessions! This fast-paced event will be packed with learning, networking opportunities, and fun.

DAY ONE - REGISTRATION & PICK UP BOXED LUNCH!

- **Check-In will begin at 11:30 AM. Be sure to pick up your Boxed Lunch a little before 12:00!**
- **Working Boxed Lunch Court Testimony Prep Session I begins PROMPTLY at Noon.**
- Afternoon Court Testimony Prep Sessions II & III will follow and run until 4:30 PM!

DAY TWO - CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST & MOCK TRIAL SESSIONS

- Welcome Back to Avalon!!
- Continental Breakfast at the Avalon Healing Center begins at 8:00 AM!
- Mock Trial Session I will begin PROMPTLY at 9:00 AM.
- Remaining Mock Trial Sessions II, III & IV will follow and run until 1:30 PM!

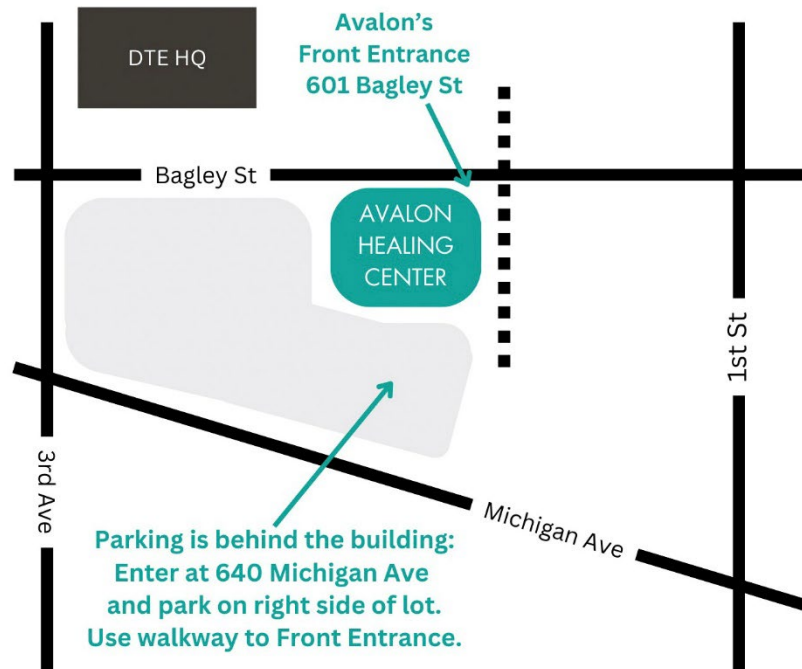
EVENT DATE & COST

- **DAY ONE, September 2, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 4:30 PM EST @ AVALON in Detroit, MI.**
- **DAY TWO, September 3, 2026 from 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM EST @ AVALON in Detroit, MI.**
- **\$30.00**
- Per person cost includes all event sessions, boxed lunch & snacks on Day One, and continental breakfast & snacks on Day Two. Beverages provided throughout both days!
- Jimmy John's Boxed Lunch will include your selection of Original or Favorites sandwich, cookie & pickle spear. Chips and beverages will also be available.
- Continental breakfast will include bagels & cream cheese, a variety of pastries, yogurt, fresh fruit, juices. Coffee and tea will also be available.

EVENT LOCATION

Avalon Healing Center
601 Bagley
Detroit, Michigan 48226

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COMING FROM OUT OF TOWN? RECOMMENDED ACCOMMODATIONS:

*We recommend verifying cancellation policies prior to booking your stay.

Hotel Royal Oak

- ① 811 E. 11 Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
Telephone: 248-547-9770

Quirky, retro, hip and local “social boutique” hotel. Locally owned and operated.
Located close to Detroit (about 20 minutes)!

Hyatt Place Royal Oak, Detroit

- ② 422 N. Main Street
Royal Oak, MI 48067
Telephone: (248) 545-7030

Located about 15-20 minutes from Avalon Healing Center in Detroit.
A little fancier, but Royal Oak offers unique shopping, restaurants, coffee shops and more!

Tru by Hilton, Troy

- ③ 1575 E. Maple Road
Troy, MI 48083
Telephone: 248-454-5150

Easy commute to Detroit (about 25-30 minutes)!

2026 COURT TESTIMONY PREP & MOCK TRIAL SESSIONS
DAY ONE, WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 2, 2026 AGENDA

11:30 AM – 11:55 AM	WELCOME & REGISTRATION!
11:45 AM – 11:55 AM	BOX LUNCH PICK-UP!! Session I will be starting soon so be sure to pick up your boxed lunch for this working session!
SESSION ONE NOON – 1:30 PM	COURT TESTIMONY PREP SESSION ONE w/ TANYA ABDELNOUR & PAMELA MAAS Enjoy your boxed lunch as you learn about Michigan's Sexual Assault & Strangulation Statutes with Tanya Abdelnour & Pamela Maas. Additionally, they will be covering Crimes & Definitions, Case Initiation & Prosecution, and the Forensic Examiner's Role in Sexual Assault Investigations. Pamela Maas will be covering relevant information concerning children throughout this information-packed session!
1:30 PM – 1:45 PM	BREAK Stretch your legs, grab another cup of coffee or beverage and a snack!
SESSION TWO 1:45 PM – 3:15 PM	COURT TESTIMONY PREP SESSION TWO w/ TANYA ABDELNOUR & PAMELA MAAS After stretching your legs and grabbing another beverage, get ready for the next Court Testimony Prep Session! Join along as Tanya and Pam provided information and the Forensic Examiner & Court Proceedings. Learn about Preliminary Exams, Bench Trials, and Jury Trials. They will also discuss Fact/Res Gestae Witness versus Expert Witness, including the Law & Limitations. They will continue by walking through Preparing for Court and What to Expect in Court.
3:15 PM – 3:30 PM	BREAK Get up and stretch! We have a special chilly treat for your afternoon snack!
SESSION THREE 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	COURT TESTIMONY PREP SESSION THREE w/ TANYA ABDELNOUR & PAMELA MAAS To close out the event, Tanya and Pam will tackle today's hot topics in forensic examination and open the room for discussion. This session will cover: - The utilization of imaging systems, such as SDFI, for the application of enhancement filters in injury documentation. - How to handle consent around anogenital photodocumentation. - How to navigate who has access to sensitive medical forensic documentation. - What Pam and Tanya are seeing in courts across Michigan - and how you can prepare yourself. Come ready to share your own questions and experiences as we dig into these topics together!

2026 COURT TESTIMONY PREP & MOCK TRIAL SESSIONS
DAY TWO, THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 3, 2026 AGENDA

8:00 AM	MEET, GREET & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AT AVALON HEALING CENTER! Be sure to set your alarms so you don't miss your chance to grab a continental breakfast before we start the Mock Trial Sessions. Give yourself time as The Mock Trial Sessions will begin PROMPTLY at 9:00 AM!	
MOCK TRIAL I 9:00 AM 40 MINUTES TRIAL 15 MINUTES Q&A	Expert Witness Qualification Direct & Cross	Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Wayne County, Michigan/Oakland County Michigan
	Watch and learn as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney qualifies a Forensic Examiner. Includes cross with Defense Attorney. Followed by Q&A.	
MOCK TRIAL II 10:00 AM 40 MINUTES TRIAL 15 MINUTES Q&A	IPV Strangulation Case Direct & Cross	Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Wayne County, Michigan/Oakland County Michigan
	Now that you've been qualified as an expert witness, watch, and learn as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney walks you through testifying on a strangulation case. Includes cross with Defense Attorney. Followed by Q&A.	
11:00 AM – 11:15 AM	BREAK Get up and stretch! Grab a snack!	
MOCK TRIAL III 11:15 AM 40 MINUTES TRIAL 15 MINUTES Q&A	Adult Sexual Assault Case Direct & Cross	Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Wayne County, Michigan/Oakland County Michigan
	Watch another mock trial in action! Once again watch and learn as a Forensic Examiner testifies on a sexual assault case with an Attorney and Defense Attorney. Followed by Q&A.	
MOCK TRIAL IV 11:15 AM 35 MINUTES TRIAL 15 MINUTES Q&A	Pediatric Sexual Assault Case Direct & Cross	Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Wayne County, Michigan/Oakland County Michigan
	The final mock trial in action! Once again watch and learn as a SANE testifies on a pediatric sexual assault case with an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Defense Attorney. Followed by Q&A.	
CLOSING 1:10 PM – 1:30 PM	SAYING OUR GOODBYES! WAIT, SO SOON? We will leave the final 20 minutes of our second action-packed day for any final questions for all the EXPERTS that have so generously and graciously donated their time to make this event a success!	

COURT TESTIMONY PREP EXPERT/PRESENTER



TANYA ABDELNOUR

Director, Violence Against Women Project
Prosecuting Attorney's Association of Michigan

Tanya Abdelnour joined the Prosecuting Attorney's Association of Michigan in December 2018 as Director of Child Abuse Prosecution Resources. Tanya began her legal career working for the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office in 1999 and left to join PAAM in 2018. She spent fifteen of her nineteen years with Wayne County assigned to the Special Victims Unit (Formerly CFAB) and has handled assaultive and non-assaultive cases that included domestic assaults, child abuse, internet crimes against children and sexual assaults of minors and adults.

In 2010, Ms. Abdelnour began working extensively on the untested rape kit project as a member of the Special Victims Unit – Sexual Assault Team. This led to her appointment as a Lead Attorney on the Wayne County Sexual Assault Kit Task Force in 2014 where she supervised the prosecutors handling the criminal prosecutions resulting from the Task Force investigations.

Ms. Abdelnour has also spent time in the Juvenile Division and General Trial Division where she handled non-capital and capital case including robberies, car jackings and homicides. She has extensive felony trial experience, prosecuting all types of criminal cases, as well as years of practice making charging decisions on warrants, and handling preliminary examinations in various district courts. She has handled many high profile, criminal cases including numerous serial offenders, along with multiple-defendant cases.

Ms. Abdelnour is a member of the State Bar of Michigan. She is a graduate the University of Michigan – Dearborn where she received her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in 1994. She went on to receive her Juris Doctorate Degree from Michigan State University – Detroit College of Law in January 1999. She is member of the Woman Lawyers Association of Michigan and an active participant with the Wayne County Sexual Assault Collaborative (WC-SAC). Ms. Abdelnour has presented locally and nationally at various trainings and conferences on issues surrounding sexual assault as well as the issues related to the untested sexual assault kits.

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PAMELA MAAS

Director, Child Abuse Prosecution Resource (CAPR) Unit Prosecuting Attorney's Association of Michigan

Pamela Maas joined the Prosecuting Attorney's Association of Michigan in November of 2020 as Director of the Child Abuse Prosecution Resource (CAPR) Unit. Ms. Maas began her career as an assistant prosecuting attorney with the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office. During her time with Oakland County, she served as the Chief of the Child Sexual Assault Section where she was responsible for the criminal prosecution of many cases involving the sexual assault of children.

In 1997, Ms. Maas joined the Livingston County Prosecutor's Office. While there, she was instrumental in developing the CARE Project, Livingston County's multidisciplinary team responding to serious physical and sexual abuse of children. She also helped establish Livingston County's protocol for the Investigation of Child Abuse and prosecuted many child abuse cases in court. In 2012, Ms. Maas became the Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Livingston County and continued her focus on child abuse cases.

Ms. Maas has served on both local and state task forces, committees and work groups that address the maltreatment of children, child abuse, child sexual abuse and sexual assault. She has served to update both Michigan's Forensic Interviewing Protocol and Michigan's Model Child Abuse and Neglect Protocol. She has also frequently lectured on trial advocacy, the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases, and on forensic interviewing of children.

Ms. Maas is a graduate of the University of Michigan Ann Arbor with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a Bachelor of Arts in Communications. She received her Juris Doctor from Wayne State University in Detroit.