

# From Acorn to Oak; Join Us in Raleigh June 16-19

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If you left the NARSOL National Conference in Houston last October thinking, “Gosh, that was amazing! I can’t wait a whole year for the next one,” then you’re in luck! You won’t have to! Hot on the heels of NARSOL’s most successful national conference ever, our 2022 conference is coming to Raleigh, North Carolina on June 16-19, 2022!

Our theme for this year’s conference is “From Acorn to Oak,” which exemplifies how small, seemingly inconsequential personal efforts can sometimes transform into something glorious and formidable. To that end, we’ve assembled a slate of incredible speakers which includes recognized scholars and academics in the fields of sociology and criminal justice, notable advocates for criminal justice reform, and fearless attorneys litigating against unconstitutional registries everywhere. In addition to our Plenary Speakers, we’ve scheduled over a dozen workshops and training sessions designed to help you to attain your personal, professional, or advocacy goals.

Our Plenary Speakers include:



Ira Ellman

**Ira M. Ellman** is a Distinguished Affiliated Scholar, Center for the Study of Law and Society, at the University of California, Berkeley, and Affiliated Faculty of the Berkeley Center for Child and Youth Policy. He serves on the Editorial Board of the journal “Psychology, Public Policy, and Law.” He recently served on the American Law Institute’s Members’ Consultative Group for the Institute’s revision of the sexual assault provisions of the Model Penal Code. In 2015, he wrote the widely acclaimed piece, “Frightening and High”: The Supreme Court’s Crucial Mistake About Sex Crime Statistics.”



Glen Martin

**Glenn E. Martin** is a successful real estate investment entrepreneur and criminal justice reform advocate. He is the founder of JustLeadershipUSA, an organization dedicated to cutting the U.S. correctional population in half by the year 2030. He has also served as the Vice President of The Fortune Society, where he founded and led the David Rothenberg Center for Public Policy. He has served as the Co-Director of the National HIRE Network at the Legal Action Center and co-founded the Education from the Inside Out Coalition.



Kristan  
Russell

**Kristan N. Russell** is an Assistant Professor of Justice Studies in the College of Juvenile Justice and a Research Scientist in the Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center at Prairie View A&M University, Texas. She earned her PhD in Interdisciplinary Social Psychology from the University of Nevada, Reno in 2020 and conducts research to help inform and improve public policies that involve sexual offenses. Her work has been published in journals such as the Journal of Interpersonal Violence, Feminist Criminology, and Qualitative Criminology.



Chrysanthi  
Leon

**Chrysanthi Leon** is the Deputy Dean of the Honors College, Associate Professor of Sociology & Criminal Justice, Women & Gender Studies, and Legal Studies, and founding member of the Center for the Study and Prevention of Gender-based Violence at the University of Delaware. She is an interdisciplinary scholar in penology, law and society whose research and teaching address sex crime and punishment, sex work, and the prison system. She is the author of “Sex Fiends, Perverts and Pedophiles: Understanding Sex Crime Policy in America.”



Paul  
Dubbeling

**Paul Dubbeling** is a former U.S. Army ranger and infantry officer who served as a JAG attorney for six years, including two tours in Afghanistan. After leaving the army, Paul clerked for Judge Neil M. Gorsuch (now a Justice of the United States Supreme Court) before earning his MBA from Duke's Fuqua School of Business and going into private practice. Since then, he successfully litigated *Does v. Cooper*, a federal lawsuit which struck down many of North Carolina's residency restrictions and has worked on many other landmark registry-related cases. Paul currently serves as NARSOL's general legal counsel.



Paul  
Shannon

**Paul Shannon** has been active in advocacy and organizing for over 40 years. In the 1990s, he helped organize a broad coalition of people and organizations to oppose the original sex offender registry and lifetime civil commitment legislation in Massachusetts. In 2007 he was a founder of the original Reform Sex Offender Laws (RSOL). Paul is the former chair of the NARSOL Board of Directors and has been actively involved in organizing the Sex Offender Policy Reform Initiative (SOPRI) in the greater Boston area. In 2021, Paul

was recognized for his distinguished loyalty and service with the first annual NARSOL Lifetime Achievement Award which now bears his name.

We'll be releasing more information and highlighting these exciting speakers individually in the months to come, along with the details of the many workshops that will be offered at the conference. Almost as exciting as the speakers and workshops will be the wonderful social events and opportunities to network with others in this advocacy arena. You definitely won't want to miss a single moment of the conference.

Start making plans to attend this incredible event now! If you act quickly, you can still qualify for the Full Weekend Early Bird Special, which includes all plenary speakers, workshops, socials, and the Saturday evening awards banquet meal for just \$229. NARSOL members in good standing are eligible to receive an additional \$50 off the full weekend price and should receive a discount code via email. Hotel and travel (not included) should be reserved as early as possible in order to lock in the attractive group rate that we have negotiated with the venue hotel.

We look forward to seeing you in Raleigh!

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