

# East Central Illinois Mobile Law Enforcement Training Team

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## Course Announcement

### Street Legal

October 22nd, 2019

0830-1630 Hrs

ILEAS

1701 E. Main St.

Urbana, Il.

Submit enrollment to:

Registration form at

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Law enforcement supervisors not only face potential hazards in the line of duty, but they also face serious legal issues for failing to train and supervise their officers. In an era of unprecedented transparency, it is no longer enough to “let things slide.” Today, district attorneys and prosecutors face mounting pressure to bring criminal charges against supervisors for failing to properly train and supervise their subordinates. Civil lawsuits and even criminal charges can result if supervisors and their agencies do not have proper protocols in place or fail to take appropriate action when necessary. As too many supervisors are learning, lawsuits are not just a professional problem – they take a toll on family, health, and finances. Attendees will be trained on relevant areas of federal and state law to provide them with a working knowledge of:

1. How and why civil lawsuits are filed;
2. What to do if you are named in a civil lawsuit;
3. Practical steps to prevent civil and criminal actions;
4. How a failure to manage, properly document, and deal with misconduct can get you sued in federal and state court.

#### Topics include:

- Why civil lawsuits are filed against police supervisors
- Significance of the substantive difference between federal and state civil cases
- Types of potential civil lawsuits against supervisors
- The mechanics of a civil lawsuit – from discovery to post trial
- Types of potential federal and state criminal charges against supervisors
- The consequences for exceeding lawful and constitutional police authority
- The effects of lawsuits on personal life, health, and family

#### Observed Mandates Include:

Civil Rights

Constitutional Proper Use L/E Authority

Law Updates

- The effects of lawsuits on the department and pending criminal cases
- Practical strategies for minimizing risk

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**Dawn Parsons** brings 23 years of criminal prosecutorial experience to her training. During her time with the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office in Kansas City, Missouri, she served as first chair in over 90 felony jury trials, led the Drug Unit/Street Crimes Division for 9 years, and served as the Chief Litigation Specialist for the office prior to beginning her work in private practice in 2015.

Jackson County is Missouri's largest prosecutor's office. From 2003-2012 she was a Division Chief responsible for the disposition of over 2,300 cases annually. She also managed 20 staff members, including attorneys, paralegals, and investigators. In 2012, Ms. Parsons became the Chief Litigation Specialist responsible for developing and implementing a training curriculum and ongoing education for assistant prosecutors. For over 15 years she served as faculty for the National District



Attorneys Association, providing training for state and local prosecutors across the county. Additionally, Ms. Parsons served as an instructor at the Regional Police Academy teaching statutory law to new recruits.

Ms. Parsons received her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of Missouri at Columbia in 1989 and her Juris Doctorate from the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) School of Law in 1993. In 2001, Ms. Parsons was the recipient of the Lon Hocker Advocacy Award given annually by the Missouri Bar Association to the best trial attorney under the age of thirty-six. She was the first female prosecutor to win this prestigious award. In 2003, she was named the UMKC School of Law Decade Award Winner by the UMKC Law Foundation for the alumnus who made the most significant impact on the profession in the first ten years of the practice of law. In 2014, she became the third woman in Missouri inducted as a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers.

During her tenure as a prosecutor, Ms. Parsons trained hundreds of Kansas City police officers in the areas of personal and professional liability related to their work as law enforcement officers. She currently provides in-service training to public safety personnel and agencies throughout the United States on behalf of the Dolan Consulting Group out of Raleigh, North Carolina.