

**Noon Time Legal Seminar (in person or via Zoom)**  
**Tuesday, March 25, 2025, 12:00-1:00 p.m. – Free!**

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***A Conversation between a Prosecutor and a Defense Attorney –  
Understanding the Criminal Legal System from Both Sides***

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**Are you confused by why the prosecution and defense can each claim “we won” in the same case? How each side protects their side of the case and why it matters.**

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with Nevada County Library (Madelyn Helling Branch), 980 Helling Way, Nevada City**

**Presented by Jesse Wilson, Nevada County District Attorney  
and Keri Klein, Nevada County Public Defender**

Attendance may be in person, at the Collaborative Technology Center of the Madelyn Helling Branch of the Nevada County Library, or via Zoom from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. This free seminar is geared towards the non-legal community, although everyone is welcome. No MCLE credit is offered. These seminars are designed for information only and do not constitute legal advice.

**About the Presenters**

**Jesse Wilson** is the District Attorney for Nevada County. He is a California native, attended University of California, Davis, and the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. Jesse began his career as a legal intern with the Nevada County District Attorney’s Office in July 2010, was admitted to the California State Bar in January 2012, and hired as a Nevada County Deputy District Attorney later that year. He was named the Nevada County Prosecutor of the Year in May 2018. Jesse maintains his passion for the law and justice and takes pride in serving the citizens of Nevada County. His focus is on keeping our community a safe and wholesome place that we all love. Jesse understands the importance of the modern prosecutor to be more than just a name on a door; the District Attorney needs to be a participating and proactive member of the community accessible to all. It is also important to remember that the job is not just applying the law but, more importantly, seeing that justice is done in every case.

**Keri Klein** has been the Public Defender for Nevada County since 2016. She gives continuing education seminars on plea negotiations, ethics, Public Defense Management, and has been a faculty member for the California Public Defenders’ Association Trial Skills Institute since 2005. Keri focuses on modernizing the Public Defender’s Office through the use of technology, performance guidelines and the implementation of best practices. She embraces the idea of recidivism reduction through a client-centered approach of representation, which combines aggressive advocacy in court with the acknowledgment that most poverty-stricken people who are arrested and charged with crimes have other challenges from housing, to addiction, to mental illness, to lack of employment, to underemployment and lack of sufficient education. Keri supports addressing the underlying issues which drive people into the criminal system to obtain better case and life outcomes for her clients and community.

**Register through** the Nevada County Library’s website at <https://nevadacountyca.libcal.com/event/14294823>. Spaces are limited. The Zoom link and materials will be sent by the Law Library a few days before.