

**Breakout Session 1 - Session 4: Women's Safety**

Voices for Safety: Ending Violence Against Women



Joyce Roldan King

Joyce Roldan King is Deputy State's Attorney at the Frederick County State's Attorney's Office, where she manages the operations, finance, communications, and policy of the office. As Chief Prosecutor of the Frederick County Cybercrimes Taskforce, she leads both state and federal investigations focused on online child exploitation, working closely with national and international law

enforcement agencies. She is also cross designated as a Special Assistant United States Attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice Project Safe Childhood, prosecuting high-profile felony cases of internet child sexual exploitation.

In addition to her role in prosecuting complex criminal cases, Ms. King plays a critical role in shaping Maryland's legislative framework to protect vulnerable populations. She co-chairs the Maryland State's Attorney Association's Special Victims Committee and the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force Legislative Committee. In these positions, she advocates for legislative reforms aimed at strengthening protections for survivors of human trafficking and child exploitation.

Ms. King is a dedicated Board Member of the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA), where her work includes providing training and resources for prosecutors, and helping shape national legislation to promote public safety and best practices in law enforcement, criminal investigation, and prosecution.

Ms. King also serves on the Law Enforcement Advisory Board of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), where she works with national experts to enhance the effectiveness of child exploitation investigations and ensure that law enforcement agencies are equipped with the latest tools and strategies to combat child trafficking and online exploitation.

Ms. King earned her Juris Doctor from the University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law, where she was Editor in Chief of the UDC Law Review. She is an alumna of George Washington University, American University's Women & Politics Institute, and Emerge Maryland.

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Laure Ruth

Laure Ruth has been an attorney for over 30 years. She is the Public Policy Director at the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence. For over 15 years at her prior position she advocated for and represented survivors of intimate partner violence and supervised a staff of attorneys, as well as serving on a

broad variety of committees and commissions engaged in the work of improving the lives of women and children in Maryland. In addition, she worked on policy issues in the state as a registered lobbyist, helping to develop proposed new laws, reviewing and offering testimony for and against laws that impact the members of the Network's coalition members and others. Laure is past recipient of the Network's Leadership Award, the University of Maryland School of Law's Benjamin Cardin Public Service Award, and the Maryland Bar Foundation's Advancement of Advocacy for Justice Award. Her proudest achievement is raising her three thoughtful and kind sons alongside her husband of 30 years.