

**Q13. Please rate the usefulness of the following breakout sessions:**

76	I can't say enough praise about Beth Barnes' presentation and materials (especially the updates she e-mails throughout the year).	Aug 6, 2013 1:14 PM
78	Beth was great as usual and Ron Skwartz from DPS was very good too. He was clear and everyone seemed to follow his explanations of the science etc.	Aug 6, 2013 1:09 PM
79	Beth Barnes (as usual) was amazing!	Aug 6, 2013 1:07 PM
81	Beth and Ron were great. Glad to see Ron teaching for us he is a great resource for the State and glad that people who have not met him were able to and see how much information he can help in combatting the defenses seen in DUI cases. Beth is wonderful as always. Please make available on the APAAC site the additional information they were giving out if you had a thumbdrive for those of us who did not have one with us at the seminar. It was information about the studies and such that Ron had in his presentation. Thanks!	Aug 6, 2013 1:06 PM
83	Beth Barnes is awesome. I always love listening to her and learning.	Aug 6, 2013 12:55 PM
85	Beth Barnes is great and her information is always very helpful. She is a great resource.	Aug 6, 2013 12:49 PM
<b>Comments</b>		
16	Excellent	Aug 12, 2013 2:25 PM
21	This was an interesting session on documenting a case study with an expert you use.	Aug 9, 2013 11:32 AM
23	Admittedly, I don't get many of these but it was good to see how such a defense can be successfully rebutted.	Aug 9, 2013 9:19 AM
24	This was an excellent conference	Aug 9, 2013 7:30 AM
29	Mosher and Pitt are rockstars. Great presentation.	Aug 7, 2013 5:28 PM
31	Very good, but would've enjoyed more time spent on the process, hearings, etc. I also would've been interested in the doctor providing a small list of questions to ask during early interviews conducted by police.	Aug 7, 2013 4:29 PM
32	As I stated above, this session was very useful to learn how to best utilize your experts and how they can aid you in your prosecution.	Aug 7, 2013 4:14 PM
35	I attended this exact seminar at APAAC last year.	Aug 7, 2013 1:30 PM
36	Very useful information and the videotape was an excellent illustration	Aug 7, 2013 1:10 PM
37	Professional, interesting, substantive.	Aug 7, 2013 9:29 AM
39	Very good	Aug 7, 2013 9:05 AM
46	The explanations of how the insanity defense functions were extremely useful, as was the overview of the applicable cases. Both presenters were extremely energetic and engaging	Aug 6, 2013 3:38 PM

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48	Not really about rebutting the insanity defense, but interesting nevertheless.	Aug 6, 2013 3:17 PM
49	Very well-organized and interesting presentation.	Aug 6, 2013 3:14 PM
52	Compelling--so much info--handout extremely helpful Nice that expert willing to help train	Aug 6, 2013 2:38 PM
54	very informative--interesting presentation	Aug 6, 2013 2:17 PM
55	Jonathan provided good information on what to look for and ask for in the doctors reports.	Aug 6, 2013 2:13 PM
61	Using a case study involving a very mentally ill Defendant to show how to rebut the insanity defense was extremely useful. Having co-presenters was also very helpful. They did fantastic job.	Aug 6, 2013 1:54 PM
65	Great presentation - Jonathan Moser is a dynamic speaker; the video clips were fantastic; and the presentation's focus on a case-study was effective. Only drawback: It reminded me of the very similar presentation that Jeff Zick and Dr. Pitt did at last year's summer training conference.	Aug 6, 2013 1:34 PM
67	Very helpful, great videos.	Aug 6, 2013 1:25 PM
72	Excellent presentation and helpful information was provided at presentation as well as in handouts.	Aug 6, 2013 1:19 PM

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1	I would make one small suggestion. I think I would end the "game" played at the luncheon where we are guessing Arizona facts, etc. The awards presentations are lengthy enough to fill the time. The game distracts from having conversations at the lunch with other attendees. Overall, the conference is superior and educates me, allows me to talk with prosecutors from around the state, and makes me proud to be a prosecutor. Thank-you for all the hard work it takes to put on a program like this.	Sep 14, 2013 3:59 PM
2	I suggest the conference start at 1:00 pm on Wednesday for 3 hours of credit, all day Thursday for 6 hours of credit, and all day Friday for 6 hours of credit - for a total of 15hours. There should also be 3 hours of ethics in there somewhere to satisfy the entire CLE requirements for the year. More breakout opportunities would be useful.	Sep 11, 2013 2:24 PM
3	I enjoyed the main presenters' personal stories, but one presentation seemed to only be about their experiences. I did not take anything away from that presentation.	Sep 11, 2013 1:25 PM
4	You folks do an amazing job in putting this together every year. Thank you for your efforts. The training is top-notch....	Sep 4, 2013 3:46 PM
5	I think we all enjoyed the buffet lunch better than the current lunch.	Aug 29, 2013 5:20 PM
6	You guys are seriously awesome! Great job!!!	Aug 29, 2013 3:20 PM
7	Great conference, wonderful presenters and a nice hotel. Good job and thank you!	Aug 27, 2013 2:17 PM
8	This training felt recycled and was a waste of my time. I previously heard William Fitzpatrick speak at a NDAA training. I saw the 60 minutes story that Michael Jones was talked about on 60 Minutes. I had previously attended 2 of the breakout sessions. I signed up for this training because I can usually take care of most of my ethics CLE for the year with it, but there wasn't any ethics credit. This training could be improved by offering new breakout sessions and breakout sessions that apply to a broader array of attorneys, having a portion of the training that is eligible for professional responsibility CLE, and having a better description of the training on the APAAC website.	Aug 22, 2013 2:36 PM
9	The location is perfect. Maybe providing more options for the breakout sessions and more food. Over all, it was a great conference.	Aug 21, 2013 9:05 AM
10	I thought the program was much improved over the last couple of years, however we need more hours of CLE and I'm not happy to learn that there were no ethics CLE at all.	Aug 14, 2013 6:25 PM
11	The training and the conference are great, thank you for all the effort	Aug 14, 2013 5:22 PM
12	This was a very well organized training. I enjoyed the sessions.	Aug 14, 2013 10:22 AM
13	Would prefer a full day of breakout sessions and more Arizona related topics instead of out of state presenters	Aug 14, 2013 9:50 AM
14	Bring back Denise!	Aug 14, 2013 7:34 AM

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15	I enjoyed the conference very much. Let's incorporate training on legal writing, persuasive briefing, and so on. Thanks again!	Aug 13, 2013 4:39 PM
16	Thank you very much!!!	Aug 13, 2013 2:49 PM
17	Additional information before the conference would have been helpful, especially for first-time attendees. For example, a more detailed description of the breakout session, and a copy of the itinerary posted online.	Aug 13, 2013 2:24 PM
18	Every year I am surprised that the summer conference is better than the year before. Great job by APAAC!	Aug 13, 2013 8:51 AM
19	Please see comments on the luncheon. Thank you.	Aug 13, 2013 8:25 AM
20	Several of the slides presented were not in the materials online. I would just like to see all the slides presented actually in the materials or at least told which slides are not in the materials.	Aug 13, 2013 8:17 AM
21	have at least some ethics hours	Aug 12, 2013 12:05 PM
22	For the amount of time we are there, it would be nice if we got more CLE credits. As I recall we used to in the past. Also, please include ethics.	Aug 12, 2013 10:17 AM
23	Please provide a synopsis of the information that will be presented in the breakout sessions so that it is easier to decide between sessions. Titles are not always very illustrative, e.g., "Prosecutor's Encyclopedia."	Aug 12, 2013 10:12 AM
24	The selection of breakout sessions could have been better..	Aug 12, 2013 10:09 AM
25	get some new breakout sessions.	Aug 11, 2013 12:32 PM
26	Good diversity of offerings in the breakouts. I like having each offered twice. Can't get to them all but at least you don't have to miss your two favorites.	Aug 9, 2013 4:07 PM
27	I would suggest that you have email addresses for everyone and send people the pertinent information.	Aug 9, 2013 9:54 AM
28	Please try to include the Ethics CLE for the year.	Aug 8, 2013 5:15 PM
29	It would be good to have some ethics credits provided.	Aug 8, 2013 3:49 PM
30	Elizabeth & staff did a great job!	Aug 8, 2013 1:17 PM
31	Bring back Wintory.	Aug 8, 2013 8:51 AM
32	Cut the clapping, and tell everyone to save it for the END of the presentation/s. AND, let people read about award candidates for themselves in the book. We don't need someone to read it to us... We wasted at least a full hour over the course of the training doing nothing but clapping.	Aug 8, 2013 8:06 AM
33	Please please please offer more than 9 overall credits. And please offer ethics credits!	Aug 8, 2013 6:32 AM
34	Better topics geared to real world. That really seemed to be lacking in this	Aug 7, 2013 5:28 PM

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	conference.	
35	Great job again by APAAC staff. Love the little "extas" you all do to make this a nice event.	Aug 7, 2013 5:24 PM
36	Don't make the rooms so cold! No one can concentrate when they feel like they are sitting in an ice box.	Aug 7, 2013 5:13 PM
37	Please include Ethics hours.	Aug 7, 2013 5:01 PM
38	APAAC does a wonderful job every year making this conference educational and enjoyable!	Aug 7, 2013 4:14 PM
39	The awards portion of the weclome session on Wednesday night takes way too long and is really boring.	Aug 7, 2013 3:30 PM
40	This was a great improvement over last year. The speakers were engaging and had much more substance in their content. I do recommend getting some kind of CLE-available speaker and topic for the Wednesday night presentation because, if it is not CLE-eligible, it is much harder to justify asking my attorneys to attend.	Aug 7, 2013 3:20 PM
41	As a former Tucson-area prosecutor, APAAC Summer Conference doesn't have the same benefits to Tucson-based prosecutors as it does everyone else-- oftentimes it's more of an inconvenience for them to go than it's worth, or they have to work part of the day and then try to fit the conference in. It would also be nice to rotate to some cooler climates--please consider rotating the seminar to other places within the state?	Aug 7, 2013 3:02 PM
42	I thought the conference was done very well. Not only fun and interesting but also helpful.	Aug 7, 2013 2:24 PM
43	More Ethics hours, please.I just spent 3 days away from the office and did not receive one single hour of Ethics. This means I will have to take additional time away from work to pursue those hours. It would be really nice if I could get at least some of those Ethics credits while I'm spending time in Tucson.	Aug 7, 2013 2:00 PM
44	Include ethics CLE please. And new break out sessions, or one tailored to violent offenses or homicides.	Aug 7, 2013 1:30 PM
45	Could do without the useless toys like the bean bags, snacks etc. The money would be better spent on breakfast Thursday or saved for tuition for other conferences	Aug 7, 2013 1:10 PM
46	I always look forward to attending this conference as it is a great opportunity to pick up new information and connect with fellow prosecutors. Keep up the great work	Aug 7, 2013 11:47 AM
47	I have no criticism of the Conference. APAAC always does an exceptional job organizing and running the conference. Everyone in APAAC is professional and all prosecutors in Arizona are very fortunate to have an organization like APAAC assisting the various county offices. Thank you for all of your work on the Conference.	Aug 7, 2013 9:19 AM
48	It would have been helpful to have a summary of the breakout sessions in written	Aug 7, 2013 9:13 AM

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	form on the website for when we were selecting what we were going to attend. The titles of the classes didn't necessarily help. A brief summary of what the classes will cover somewhere would allow us to select a breakout session with more likelihood that it will fit our needs. The 9 minute promotional video is not convenient for busy prosecutors and didn't have much information anyway.	
49	I would only ask the presentors to try to follow their written materials or let people know the information they are about to provide is not in their materials. That way, attendees will know when to take notes and when to just listen. However, I would say that materials are probably followed about 85% of the time.	Aug 7, 2013 8:57 AM
50	This was a terrific conference -- thank you so much! I loved the 70's theme! :-)	Aug 7, 2013 8:57 AM
51	The last day breakfast needs to come out at the beginning, not after the first break.	Aug 7, 2013 7:39 AM
52	Keep the conference in Tucson or schedule it anywhere but Phoenix; its a great little get away and a nice place to relax and socialize with colleagues around the state	Aug 6, 2013 7:29 PM
53	Great conference! I liked the topics and the organization.	Aug 6, 2013 5:29 PM
54	Nothing I can think of. Once again GREAT job and THANKS for all your hard work.	Aug 6, 2013 5:19 PM
55	Hold applause until all candidates have been introduced in a given category. find and alternative phrase to "last but not least." (That could be a hard one.) Thanks for the hard work!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	Aug 6, 2013 4:53 PM
56	Have the microphones of the speakers louder.	Aug 6, 2013 4:51 PM
57	Include Ethics training.	Aug 6, 2013 4:46 PM
58	Consider doing this conference as a webinar. Why Tucson? Move it to Prescott or Phoenix.	Aug 6, 2013 4:06 PM
59	Suggest putting the conference on the internet as a Webinar . AND OR Move it from Tucson to a more centrally located place such as Prescott or Anthem or Laughlin, NV	Aug 6, 2013 3:56 PM
60	Fewer general sessions with more (and LONGER) breakout sessions. I didn't find any of the general sessions very useful, but there were 5 breakout sessions I wanted to attend. I only got to attend 2 of them, and they weren't nearly long enough!	Aug 6, 2013 3:38 PM
61	The training was great! Very organized and the speakers were wonderful! Seems like the conference gets better and better every year!	Aug 6, 2013 3:21 PM
62	This was my first APAAC conference and overall, I enjoyed it. Thank you!	Aug 6, 2013 3:14 PM
63	I think it was the best one I've attended. Very well organized and excellent presenters. I did not get bored. Great job.	Aug 6, 2013 3:06 PM
64	APAAC did a great job putting this together. The presentations were not as	Aug 6, 2013 2:51 PM

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exciting as last year, which was really fresh and interesting. Overall though, you guys rock.

65	Great job everyone!!	Aug 6, 2013 2:50 PM
66	Thanks for prepaying for the rooms - I thought that was awesome!	Aug 6, 2013 2:41 PM
67	one of the best and i've been to many	Aug 6, 2013 2:38 PM
68	It was excellent	Aug 6, 2013 2:27 PM
69	Every year you put on a very well organized, informative and enjoyable conference. Continue to choose topics and breakout sessions that are applicable to most prosecutors.	Aug 6, 2013 2:13 PM
70	Perfectly executed as always.	Aug 6, 2013 2:07 PM
71	I enjoyed the Summer Conference this year. Thanks!	Aug 6, 2013 2:01 PM
72	I THOUGHT THAT THE 70'S ANNIVERSARY THEME WAS GREAT. THE "SWAG" GIFTS WERE GREAT AND THOUGHTFUL, NOT THROWAWAY ITEMS. I THINK A THEME IS GREAT IN GENERAL - IT GETS PEOPLE DIALED IN AND I THINK THE 70S THEME HAD A GREAT EFFECT ON THE ENTHUSIASM LEVEL AT THE CONFERENCE - GREAT JOB!!!	Aug 6, 2013 2:00 PM
73	Please go back to buffet. Please leave coffee out all day and not just in the morning.	Aug 6, 2013 1:57 PM
74	Please, for years we've begged for ethics. Several conferences ago we had 2.5. Last year at least 1.0. Cannot stress how it relieves a prosecutor to do all their ethics requirements in one conference.	Aug 6, 2013 1:57 PM
75	Please bring back ethics CLE!!! And offer CLE credit on Wednesday night. Otherwise, this seminar is not worth missing office time.	Aug 6, 2013 1:54 PM
76	Good Conference	Aug 6, 2013 1:54 PM
77	Have an ethics seminar. Would like to see Richard Wintory lecture on Supreme Court opinions.	Aug 6, 2013 1:51 PM
78	I've been to a lot of summer conferences, and they just keep getting better and better. The APAAC staff was super friendly and professional.	Aug 6, 2013 1:50 PM
79	I was disappointed that no ethics CLE was available.	Aug 6, 2013 1:49 PM
80	Hands down best summer conference!!! Enjoyed all of the classes and loved the theme it really came together nicely. Great job!!!	Aug 6, 2013 1:43 PM
81	Keep getting relevant speakers. You all did an outstanding job this year. Thank you.	Aug 6, 2013 1:36 PM
82	This training can be vastly improved in two important ways: (1) Ethics NEEDS to be part of the conference. Most of us only meet our CLE requirements via APAAC trainings, and a summer training conference that lasts multiple days is	Aug 6, 2013 1:34 PM

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almost useless without an ethics presentation. Also, it says very little about us as a profession that ethics is not covered AT ALL at our major summer training conference. APAAC MUST provide training in ethics. (2) Assume that there are experienced prosecutors among the attendees at the conference. Basic presentations on cross-examination and the like do not assist those of us that have experience beyond the first 3-5 years. I know the conference has to appeal to all levels of experience, but most of us, if we've had our basic office training or baby prosecutor school, are familiar with the basics. Finally, what happened to Richard Wintory? He was advertised as a speaker/presenter and then never spoke or presented. Richard Wintory can draw people in--he's a fabulous speaker, both engaging and witty--so I was disappointed when I saw that he was not on the agenda, especially after APAAC advertised him. Thank you for organizing and implementing the summer training conference. Overall, it met expectations when compared to past years. Your work is appreciated even with these comments on how to possibly improve. Thank you!

83	We would like to be able to get some Ethics CLE credits if possible.	Aug 6, 2013 1:25 PM
84	Great Job!	Aug 6, 2013 1:24 PM
85	I think you try to improve the content every year. I was disappointed that there was no designated ethics credit in the conference this year.	Aug 6, 2013 1:22 PM
86	Really great that APAAC did our hotel reservations, etc. this time. Very helpful !!! Especially in reserving a bloc of rooms at Embassy !!	Aug 6, 2013 1:22 PM
87	I have been to a number of APAAC Summer Conferences. This was the best.	Aug 6, 2013 1:22 PM
88	Great food/snack bags! Would have liked pop offered more throughout for the caffeine :)	Aug 6, 2013 1:21 PM
89	As always great job!	Aug 6, 2013 1:20 PM
90	We need ethics!	Aug 6, 2013 1:20 PM
91	Can this training be scheduled at the same time as the judicial conference and the public defenders' conference? It would make it more convenient for those who appear in Superior Courts. Can a future presentation address criminal sentencing in Arizona?	Aug 6, 2013 1:19 PM
92	Please announce the dates MUCH in advance of what you did. By the time it was announced, our office had had trials set for months during that week. If we had the dates in late fall of 2012, we could have avoided setting trials during that time. Thus, about a dozen people could not attend from our office because of prior trial commitments. I have absolutely no problem with the materials being online and downloaded. However, I NEED a power strip or power access during presentations or my computer doesn't have enough battery to have the materials on the computer. Many of my colleagues recognized this and printed out the materials, which negates the green aspirations of having the materials online.	Aug 6, 2013 1:17 PM
93	Why is there no National Anthem or pledge of allegiance at the beginning? It is done at other seminars and should be done here. Instead of that we got stuck with crazy info-mercials!! Please DO NOT read the nominations to us. It's	Aug 6, 2013 1:17 PM

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insulting since we can all read ourselves. That is an hour of my life I will never get back. And NO MORE Info-mercials! Ethics CLE??? Why wasn't there any? And why only 9 hrs of CLE--we used to get 10.5? Finally, APAAC staff who are up on stage introducing speakers, etc should dress appropriately. It's unprofessional to do otherwise and sets a bad example for young attorneys.

94	It was great.	Aug 6, 2013 1:17 PM
95	APAAC consistently presents great quality speakers. I am thankful every year for the hard work that APAAC does to organize such a large conference. 1,000 thanks!	Aug 6, 2013 1:14 PM
96	This training could be improved if the appellate attorneys were utilized (i.e. presentation on common pitfalls to avoid, etc.).	Aug 6, 2013 1:12 PM
97	The ability to attend more break out sessions. Maybe extend to three full days, shorten the classes, and offer infomal sessions. Thanks for providing the materials. The La Paloma was great.	Aug 6, 2013 1:08 PM
98	Please offer some ethics and professionalism either the first night or Thursday. Even if just one hour will help with the required 3 hours. I think we need to make sure we continue to reinforce the importance of being professional and ethical within our duties of a prosecutor. Great job!	Aug 6, 2013 1:06 PM
99	NO ETHIC HOURS ????	Aug 6, 2013 1:03 PM
100	There is more to training than substantive law. What is really needed for annual sessions like this is a class or two (at least) on actual trial practice and trial advocacy. Something that gets even a few people up and participating instead of just being a mass information dump. There are quite a few prosecutors I know who could really use a class or seminar on how to make persuasive arguments, how to emote and establish connections with jurors, and especially how to frame technical or complex issues in an appealing way.	Aug 6, 2013 12:59 PM
101	perhaps instead of the goody bags. give the money to charity.	Aug 6, 2013 12:57 PM
102	The nomination ceremony on Wednesday afternoon was a little long, but there is a value to doing it. Maybe just shorten it a bit.	Aug 6, 2013 12:55 PM
103	Great conference. Thanks very much. Offering ethics credits would help. Every year though a great conference!	Aug 6, 2013 12:54 PM
104	Thursday was probably as good a set of presentations as I have seen in two plus decades. The only concern taht I had this year was that there were no Ethics hours.	Aug 6, 2013 12:52 PM
105	We should have had a 70s costume contest.	Aug 6, 2013 12:51 PM
106	The training was very good, as usual! Thank you for putting it on every year!!	Aug 6, 2013 12:51 PM
107	I would like to more sessions applicable to appellate attorneys.	Aug 6, 2013 12:50 PM
108	In the future, it might be useful to have a breakout session on persuasive writing or speaking, since this would be relevant to prosecutors who practice appellate	Aug 6, 2013 12:50 PM

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law, and also to trial prosecutors for motions, etc.

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a really top notch conference.

Aug 6, 2013 12:48 PM