

Homicide Conference

April 16-19, 2024

Houston

18 hours of TCOLE & MCLE, including 2.5 hours of ethics

The host hotel:
Hilton Houston North
12400 Greenspoint Dr.
Houston, TX 77060
866/577-1154

Rooms are \$124 plus tax; this rate is good until March 25 or the block is sold out, whichever is first. Mention group code TDCAA to get this rate.

Few cases come with the complexity, pressure, and expectation as those which have resulted in a person's death. Whether currently trying these offenses or in anticipation of a future caseload, prosecutors should plan to attend TDCAA's April Homicide Conference. The training will cover issues generally applicable to all homicide cases as well as provide a full day devoted individually to both Child Fatality and Intoxication Manslaughter cases. From analyzing defenses, evaluating evidence, and tips on advocacy, there will be something for every attendee presented by some of the best prosecutors in Texas.

Registration for this conference and other information is at tdcaa.com.

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Homicide Conference Agenda

Tuesday, April 16

- 1:15 p.m. Welcome & Course Introduction
- 1:30 p.m. Case Study
Chandler Raine, Asst. District Attorney, Harris County
- 2:45 p.m. Case Study (cont'd)
- 4:00 p.m. Practical Discovery
Traci Bennett, Asst. District Attorney, Fort Bend County, & Caroline Dozier, Asst. District Attorney, Harris County
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn to Opening Reception (provided by TDCAA)

Wednesday, April 17

Evidence Considerations	Child Fatality
8:30 a.m. Confessions & Statements <i>Sunshine Stanek, Criminal District Attorney, Lubbock County</i>	8:30 a.m. Charging <i>Dale Smith, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Tarrant County</i>
9:45 a.m. Modalities of Murder <i>Jacob Putman, Criminal District Attorney, Smith County</i>	9:45 a.m. Jury Selection <i>Tiffany Dupree, Asst. District Attorney, Harris County</i>
11:00 a.m. DNA <i>Leighton D'Antoni, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Dallas County</i>	11:00 a.m. Evaluating Medical Evidence <i>Dr. Kathryn Pinneri, Director, Montgomery County Forensic Services, Conroe</i>
Noon Lunch (provided by TDCAA)	Noon Lunch (provided by TDCAA)
1:30 p.m. Cell Phones <i>John Gillespie, Criminal District Attorney, Wichita County</i>	1:30 p.m. Use & Cross of Experts <i>Kevin Boneberg, Asst. County & District Attorney, Ellis County</i>
2:45 p.m. Motions to Suppress <i>Francisco Mendoza, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Webb County</i>	2:45 p.m. Presenting the State's Case <i>Lisa Stewart & Brittany Hansford, Asst. District Attorneys, Montgomery County</i>
4:00 p.m. Ongoing Investigation <i>Kerri New, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Rockwall County</i>	4:00 p.m. Presenting the State's Case (cont'd)
5:00 p.m. Adjourn	5:00 p.m. Adjourn

Thursday, April 18

Defensive Concepts & Application	Intoxication Manslaughter
8:30 a.m. Self-Defense & Sudden Passion <i>Kevin Petroff, First Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Galveston County</i>	8:30 a.m. Jury Selection <i>Jessica Frazier, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Comal County</i>
9:45 a.m. Law of Parties & Accomplices <i>Allenna Bangs, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Tarrant County</i>	9:45 a.m. Jury Selection (cont'd)
11:00 a.m. Diminished Capacity <i>Glen Fitzmartin, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Dallas County</i>	11:00 a.m. Crash Reconstruction <i>Andrew James, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, & Ron Cathcart, CDA Investigator, Dallas County</i>
Noon Lunch (on your own)	Noon Lunch (on your own)
At Trial	
1:30 p.m. Cross-Examination <i>Kristin Burns, Asst. District Attorney, Brazos County</i>	1:30 p.m. Preparation & Use of Experts <i>Taylor Vanegas, Asst. District Attorney, Montgomery County</i>
2:45 p.m. Surviving Victims	2:45 p.m. Punishment & Victim Issues <i>Alison Baimbridge, Asst. District Attorney, Fort Bend County</i>
4:00 p.m. Presenting the State's Case <i>Sunni Mitchell, Asst. District Attorney, Fort Bend County, & Jamie Felicia, Asst. District Attorney, Williamson County</i>	4:00 p.m. Vehicular Manslaughter <i>W. Clay Abbott, TDCAA DWI Resource Prosecutor, Austin</i>
5:00 p.m. Adjourn to Reception (provided by TDCAA)	5:00 p.m. Adjourn to Reception (provided by TDCAA)

Friday, April 19

- 9:00 a.m. Immunities & Liabilities Update
Arianne Flores, Asst. County Attorney, Williamson County
- 10:45 a.m. Punishment
John Jordan, Asst. District Attorney, Harris County
- 12:15 p.m. Adjourn