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Domestic Violence Seminar

April 9–12, 2019
Georgetown

18 hours of TCOLE and MCLE, including 3 hours of ethics

The host hotel:
Sheraton Hotel &
Conference Center
1101 Woodlawn Ave.
Georgetown, TX 78628
737/444-2700

Rooms are
\$145 plus tax
(good until
March 20 or the
block is sold out,
whichever
is first).

Texas prosecutors know that some of the most difficult and most common offenses they handle will involve domestic violence. TDCAA's Domestic Violence Seminar will arm prosecutors with the tools and information they need to successfully review, charge, and resolve these cases. From the mechanics of protective orders to the phases of trial, each class is practical in nature and narrow of scope. Rather than broadly survey the issue of domestic violence, this seminar is designed to level-up prosecutors and allied professionals in their mission to see that justice is done.

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

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Domestic Violence Seminar Agenda

Don't miss Thursday's session, which is designed for prosecutors of all experience levels. Because the trial itself is so critical in a domestic violence case, Thursday's topics—unlike DV training elsewhere—focus on courtroom advocacy. Expert TDCAA presenters will walk attendees through every aspect of trial—it is must-attend training!

Tuesday, April 9
 10:00 a.m.–Noon: **Untangling Complications in Domestic Violence Cases**
Staley Heathly, 46th Judicial District Attorney
 FREE training on domestic violence that requires separate registration

Tuesday, April 9
Focusing on some of the most common issues faced by prosecutor offices
 1:15 p.m. **Welcome & Course Introduction**
 1:30 p.m. **Keynote: Domestic Violence as a Community Crisis**
Jaime Esparza, District Attorney, El Paso, Hudspeth, and Culberson Counties
 2:45 p.m. **Confronting Crawford**
Lisa Smith, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Collin County
 4:00 p.m. **Cognitive Bias in Domestic Violence Cases**
Jarvis Parsons, District Attorney, Brazos County
 5:00 p.m. **Adjourn to Opening Reception (provided by TDCAA)**

Wednesday, April 10
Tracks of training on case development, case analysis, and victim assistance
Domestic Violence Testimony
 8:30 a.m. **Forfeiture by Wrongdoing**
Brandi Mitchell & Marissa Hatchett, Asst. Criminal District Attorneys, Dallas County
 9:45 a.m. **Psychology of Recantation**
Staley Heathly, 46th Judicial District Attorney
 11:00 a.m. **The Biology of Memory**
Lunch (provided by TDCAA)

Victim Dynamics
Xochitl Vandiver-Gaskin, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Galveston County
Lunch (provided by TDCAA)
Case Chronology
 1:30 p.m. **Analysis & Charging**
Allenna Bangs, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Tarrant County
 2:45 p.m. **Secondary Investigation**
Ivan Martinez, Asst. District Attorney, El Paso County
 4:00 p.m. **Victim Communication**
Angelica (Mel) Powers, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Bexar County
 5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**
In Trial
 1:30 p.m. **Defense Issues**
Laura Beth Fossett, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Lubbock County
 2:45 p.m. **Self Defense**
Lauren Sepulveda, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Hidalgo County
 4:00 p.m. **State's Experts**
Jenna Rudoff, Asst. District Attorney, Fort Bend County
 5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

Thursday, April 11
Return to single session for in-depth focus on trial advocacy
 8:30 a.m. **Voir Dire**
Melinda Westmoreland, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Tarrant County
 9:45 a.m. **Open & Close**
Kevin Petroff, First Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Galveston County
 11:00 a.m. **Cross Examination**
Ryan Calvert, Asst. District Attorney, Brazos County
Noon Lunch (on your own)
 1:30 p.m. **State's Case I**
Sheri Culberson & Lisa Stewart, Asst. District Attorneys, Montgomery County
 2:45 p.m. **State's Case II**
Sheri Culberson & Lisa Stewart, Asst. District Attorneys, Montgomery County
 4:00 p.m. **Punishment**
Carvana Cloud, Asst. District Attorney, Harris County
 5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

Friday, April 12
Practical advice and ethical prosecution
 9:00 a.m. **10 Commandments of Family Violence**
Jessica Escue, Asst. District Attorney, & Melissa Carter, Victim Assistance Coordinator, Brazos County
 10:15 a.m. **Conflicts: Actual & Perceived**
Jason Ferguson, First Asst. District Attorney, Tom Green County
 11:30 a.m. **Ethics Scenarios**
W. Clay Abbott, TDCAA DWI Resource Prosecutor, Austin
 12:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

Payment options:

- \$350 Registration** (\$175 Registration fee + \$175 Association fee): For CAs, DAs, CDAs, C&DAs, and their office personnel. The TDCAA fee of \$175 is each participant's share of costs over and above what the grant allows (for example, excess costs of on-site meals and association overhead). In addition, this fee enables TDCAA to lock in discounted hotel rates for participants and entitles them to attend all association functions, including Tuesday reception and lunch on Wednesday.
- \$175 "Training Only" Registration:** For CAs, DAs, CDAs C&DAs and their office personnel. This fee does not allow an attendee to participate in receptions or lunches but entitles the attendee admittance to all training sessions.
- \$500 Registration:** For everyone else.