The 2018 Annual Report

2018 was a very busy year for the Texas District and County Attorneys Foundation.

The Foundation was created to support the training and assistance mission of TDCAA, and it sure came through! You can read the details in the Foundation’s 2018 Annual Report that was released in February—just look for this column on our website, www.tdcaa.com, to download a PDF.

Significantly, the Foundation continued to support TDCAA’s ethics education by assisting in the production of the 2018 online Brady training. The project, funded in large part by the Criminal Justice Section of the State Bar and grant funding from the Court of Criminal Appeals, was a huge effort, and the Foundation leadership guaranteed that taking the course would be at no cost to prosecutors. Second, the Prosecutor Management Institute (PMI) honed its presentations and materials and recruited and developed additional trainers. The Institute will schedule a number of trainings in 2019, so keep an eye out!

Finally, the Foundation supported core training programs for TDCAA: the Train the Trainer program, the Advanced Trial Advocacy Course, and our Victim Services Director, Jalayne Robinson, who has crisscrossed the state to bring victim services training directly to your offices.

I want to thank the Foundation Board of Trustees for their dedication to improving the profession of prosecution. There is a lot to do in 2019, and the board will be ably led by this year’s Chair, Helen Jackson. Helen, a former Harris County Assistant District Attorney and a foundation development guru in a past life, will keep us plenty busy! *

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