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Annual Criminal & Civil Law Update

September 18–20, 2019 Corpus Christi

12 hours of MCLE, including 3 hours of ethics

**American Bank Center
1901 N. Shoreline Blvd.
Corpus Christi, TX 78401**

You can also attend our Legislative Update, Domestic Violence Training, Rural Prosecutors' Forum, and Juvenile Forum!

There is something for every elected prosecutor and staff at TDCAA's Annual Conference. Whether you are a prosecutor searching for new ways to solve old advocacy problems, a support staffer looking to better assist the public, or an investigator who needs to develop new skills, we've got something for you. Worried about overwhelming record requests? We have a presentation on that. Getting calls about skimmers at the local gas station? We have a presentation on that. Not sure about 2019's caselaw? That's right, we have a presentation on that. Join us in Corpus Christi as we rededicate ourselves to the business of justice with three days of training, networking, and celebration.

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

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Hotel and Location Information

Location of training: All training will be at the American Bank Center (ABC), which is located at 1901 N. Shoreline Blvd. Shuttle service will be available Wednesday through Friday to and from the conference hotels listed below. Parking at ABC is \$5 per day or \$10 for a three-day pass.

Show Us Your Badge Program: The “Show Us Your Badge” program is TDCAA’s VIP “ticket” to Corpus Christi’s exclusive offers to make your experience all the more enjoyable. It is designed to promote restaurants, attractions, and shops, and to save you a little money during your trip. All you have to do is show your badge at participating businesses. Visit the registration page at www.tdcaa.com/training for more details.

Hotel Information: Please make room reservations in an attendee’s name, not a county or office administrator’s name. If reserving more than one room, do not make all reservations in the same name. Please do not overbook hotel rooms! All rates are plus taxes, and you must identify yourself with TX District & County Attorneys Association or TDCAA to get the special rates. These rates are available through August 26 or until the block is sold out, whichever comes first, unless otherwise noted. If hotels are sold out, check back periodically as rooms may become available.

Holiday Inn Downtown Marina is located at 707 N. Shoreline Blvd. The group rate is \$129 plus tax. Call 361/882-1700 to make reservations. Overnight self-parking and internet in guest rooms is complimentary. Driving time is four minutes to ABC.

Emerald Beach Hotel is located at 1102 S. Shoreline Blvd. Call 361/883-5731 to make reservations. The group rate is \$119 plus tax. Overnight self-parking, internet in guest rooms, and shuttle service to Corpus Christi International Airport are complimentary. Driving time is six minutes to ABC.

Radisson Hotel is located at 3200 E. Surfside Blvd. Call 361/883-9700 to make reservations. The group rate is \$119 plus tax. Overnight self-parking and internet in guest rooms is complimentary. Driving time is seven minutes to ABC. As of press time, this hotel is sold out.

Omni Hotel is located at 900 N. Shoreline Blvd. Call 361/887-1600 to make reservations. The group rate is \$119 plus tax. Overnight self-parking and a shuttle to the airport are complimentary. Driving time is three minutes to ABC. As of press time, this hotel is sold out.

Conference Agenda (all events are at the American Bank Center)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Noon–4:00 p.m. Early registration for the Annual Criminal & Civil Law Update

1:00–3:00 p.m. FREE Domestic Violence Training (1.75 hours of CLE; requires separate registration from the Annual)
Staley Heatly, 46th Judicial District Attorney

1:30–5:00 p.m. Legislative Update (3 hours of CLE/TCOLE; requires separate registration and payment from the Annual)
Shannon Edmonds, TDCAA Staff Attorney and Governmental Relations, & Vincent Giardino, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Tarrant County

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:30 a.m. Registration opens

9:00 a.m. Rural Prosecutors’ Forum (2.0 hours MCLE; requires separate registration)
Moderated by: Mike Fouts, 39th Judicial District Attorney, & Mike Criswell, Swisher County Attorney

11:00 a.m. Juvenile Forum (1.0 hour MCLE; requires separate registration)
Moderated by: Jana Jones, Prosecutor, Special Prosecution Unit

General Session

1:00 p.m. Welcome, Course Introduction, & Special Recognitions

1:30 p.m. Prosecutor’s Guide to Understanding and Counteracting Cognitive Bias (2 hours’ ethics)
Speakers include Jarvis Parsons, District Attorney, Brazos County, & Bill Wirsky, First Asst. District Attorney, Collin County

2:45 p.m. Understanding and Counteracting Cognitive Bias (cont’d)

4:00 p.m. CCA & SCOTUS Update
Hon. David Newell, Court of Criminal Appeals

5:00 p.m. Adjourn to the Opening Reception (provided by TDCAA)

THURSDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 19

<p>Today's Intoxication Studies 8:30 a.m. Marijuana Status & Studies <i>Ashley Schluck, Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor, Laramie, Wyoming</i></p> <p>9:45 a.m. Securing & Defending Warrants <i>Phil Hall & Kristin Burns, Asst. Criminal District Attorneys, Bastrop County</i></p> <p>11:00 a.m. Jury Selection in Drugged Driving Cases <i>Lauren Black, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Dallas County</i></p>	<p>Civil Law 8:30 a.m. Dealing with the Businesses of Crime <i>Celena Vinson, Asst. County Attorney, Harris County</i></p> <p>9:45 a.m. Records Request- O-Rama <i>Russ Roden, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Dallas County</i></p> <p>11:00 a.m. Insuring Your County <i>Debbie Bonner, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Kaufman County</i></p>	<p>Adult Sex Assault 8:30 a.m. Pre-Trial <i>Allenna Bangs, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Tarrant County</i></p> <p>9:45 a.m. Jury Selection <i>Jen Falk, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Dallas County</i></p> <p>11:00 a.m. Consent <i>Brian Baker, First Asst. District Attorney, Brazos County</i></p>	<p>Child Sex Assault 8:30 a.m. Pre-Trial <i>Sunni Mitchell, Asst. District Attorney, Williamson County</i></p> <p>9:45 a.m. Jury Selection <i>Karl Alexander, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Bexar County</i></p> <p>11:00 a.m. Presenting Your Case <i>Tanisha Manning, Asst. District Attorney, Harris County</i></p>	<p>Investigators 8:30 a.m. Contending with Deadly Evidence <i>Patrick Sloane, Asst. District Attorney, El Paso County</i></p> <p>9:45 a.m. Child Death Investigations <i>Ronny Dale Smith, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Tarrant County</i></p> <p>11:00 a.m. Abusive Head Trauma in Children <i>Gale Echols, DA Investigator, & Shanna Redwine, Asst. District Attorney, Montgomery County</i></p>	<p>KP-VAC 8:30 a.m. Certification & Determinate Sentencing <i>Jana Jones, Prosecutor, Special Prosecution Unit</i></p> <p>9:45 a.m. Victims of Cybercrime <i>Mario Merendon, Computer Forensic Investigator, Denton County</i></p> <p>11:00 a.m. Courthouse Security <i>Erwin Ballarta, Executive Director, Texas Police Association, Austin</i></p>
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Noon Lunch (provided by TDCAA)

<p>White Collar & White-Collar Adjacent 1:30 p.m. Elder Fraud <i>Lori Varnell, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Tarrant County</i></p> <p>2:45 p.m. Skimmers & Identity Theft <i>Chris Gatewood, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Smith County</i></p> <p>4:00 p.m. Engaging Evidence for Sleepy Jurors <i>Jessica Frazier, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Comal County</i></p>	<p>Civil Law 1:30 p.m. Current County Vulnerabilities <i>C. Scott Brumley, County Attorney, Potter County</i></p> <p>2:45 p.m. Property Tax Cap Consequences <i>Garry Merritt, General Counsel, Texas Association of Counties, Austin</i></p> <p>4:00 p.m. Bail Bonds <i>Andrew Wipke, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Lubbock County</i></p>	<p>Forensic Evidence 1:30 p.m. Seizing Digital Evidence <i>Cameron Calligan, Asst. District Attorney, Harris County</i></p> <p>2:45 p.m. Social Media: Preserving & Use <i>Calli Bailey, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Collin County</i></p> <p>4:00 p.m. Intoxication Crime Forensics <i>Allison Tisdale, Asst. District Attorney, Travis County</i></p>	<p>Executives & Admins 1:30 p.m. Victims & Immigration <i>Lauren Sepulveda, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Hidalgo County</i></p> <p>2:45 p.m. Public Perception Strategies <i>Tyler Dunman, Asst. District Attorney, Montgomery County</i></p> <p>4:00 p.m. Tech Tools: Wheat from Chaff <i>Kevin Petroff, First Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Galveston County, & Erik Nielsen, Asst. District Attorney, Travis County</i></p>	<p>Investigators 1:30 p.m. The World's Most Prolific Serial Killer <i>Bobby Bland, District Attorney, Ector County, & James Holland, Texas Ranger</i></p> <p>2:45 p.m. Understanding Commercial Vehicle Records <i>Zack Wavrusa, Asst. County and District Attorney, Rusk County</i></p> <p>4:00 p.m. The SPU & You! <i>Jack Choate, Executive Director, & Erin Faselner, Chief of Commitments, Special Prosecution Unit</i></p>	<p>KP-VAC 1:30 p.m. Time Management <i>Rebecca Lundberg, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Kaufman County</i></p> <p>2:45 p.m. Dealing with Difficult People <i>Mark Warren, Consultant, Texas Association of Counties, Austin</i></p> <p>4:00 p.m. The Brain's Reaction to Trauma <i>Staley Heatly, 46th Judicial District Attorney</i></p>
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7:45 a.m. Diversity in Prosecution Round Table Discussion

Trial Skills

9:00 a.m. Texas Disclosure Law: Reasonable and Unreasonable Fears (1 hour of ethics)

Mike Holley, First Asst. District Attorney, Montgomery County

10:15 a.m. Prosecuting a Mass Murderer: the Aurora Theater Shooting

George Brauchler, 18th Judicial District Attorney, Colorado

Civil Law

9:00 a.m. Ethics for Litigators (1 hour of ethics)

Sherine Thomas, Asst. County Attorney, Travis County

10:15 a.m. Developing a Capital Project

Tiffany Leal, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Comal County

Investigators

9:00 a.m. Street Survival for Investigators

Moderated by: Joe Medrano, Investigator, Bell County

10:15 am. Sovereign Citizen Case Study

Dee Hobbs, County Attorney, & Rudy Gonzalez, CA Chief Investigator, Williamson County

VAC Core Training Workshop

9:00 a.m. Advanced VAC Training

Jalayne Robinson, TDCAA Victim Services Director, & Cyndi Jahn, Victim Assistance Coordinator, Bexar County

12:15 p.m. Adjourn

Additional Information

Registration: All registration is online only at www.tdcaa.com/training, and advance registration is recommended. Eligible prosecutors and prosecutor office employees are entitled to attend all training and receive applicable expense reimbursement for a \$175 registration fee, which will be deposited into the Court of Criminal Appeals' Texas Prosecutor Assistance Project (TPAP) account (our grant) and used to fund other TPAP training events. The reimbursement policy is below.

Association fee: A 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 Wednesday's reception, Thursday's lunch, and Thursday's evening reception. Conference attendees who pay only the \$175 registration fee can attend all training but are not eligible to attend association functions.

Reimbursement: TDCAA will reimburse only eligible prosecutors and prosecutor office employees up to \$40 per night for Wednesday and Thursday nights at a hotel and up to \$20 a day for meals not provided at the conference. TDCAA will not reimburse for travel, registration fees, hotel tax, parking, taxi costs, or other extraordinary expenses. All meals not provided by TDCAA and other expenses are your own. Associate members are not eligible for reimbursement.

CLE and TCOLE credit: Attendees will receive up to 12 hours of CLE and TCOLE credit, including 3 hours of ethics.

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