

Elected Prosecutor Conference

December 1-3, 2021

Rockwall, TX

12.25 hours of MCLE, including 2 hours of ethics

The host hotel:
Hilton Dallas Rockwall
2055 Summer Lee Dr.
Rockwall, TX 75032
800/445-8667

Rooms are \$125 plus tax (good until Nov. 9 or the block is sold out, whichever is first). Mention code EPC for the group rate.

- Payment options for attending this seminar:**
- ☐ **\$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 Wednesday’s reception and lunch on Thursday.
 - ☐ **\$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.



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Elected Prosecutor Conference Agenda

Prosecutor Management Institute’s Elected Edition

Tuesday, November 30 9 a.m.–6 p.m.

Wednesday, December 1 9 a.m.–Noon

This course requires separate registration and payment from the Elected Prosecutor Conference. See the flyer enclosed with this brochure for more information, and go to www.tdcaa.com/training to sign up.

Wednesday, December 1

1:15 p.m. Welcome and Introductions

1:30 p.m. A Report from the Border

Troubles along Texas’s southern border dominate the news cycle. Political machinations aside, prosecutors work to thwart the misdeeds of human traffickers and smugglers. This session focuses on border crime, the statewide impact of such crime, and the efforts of border prosecutors.

2:45 p.m. Office Management: 10 Keys to Running an Effective Office

A well-run prosecutor’s office is crucial to the mission of justice. This hour will cover tips to make sure that the links of the chain are strong and that bad apples do not spoil the barrel.

4:00 p.m. Discovery Update

Discovery compliance continues to be a point of emphasis for Texas prosecutors. Whether it is new systems, new ways to gain an agency’s compliance, or new ways to ensure defense counsel receives all the notice they are entitled to, the best solution may be as close as a neighboring county.

5:00 p.m. Adjourn to TDCAA’s Annual Business Meeting

5:15 p.m. Opening Reception (provided by TDCAA)

Thursday, December 2

8:30 a.m. Sexual Assault Response Teams

With the creation of Local Government Code §§351.251 et seq., the legislature has tasked counties with the creation of Sexual Assault Response Teams (SARTs). Now that these teams have been created, this session will explore how to utilize team members to better investigate and prosecute instances of adult sexual assault.

9:45 a.m. Immunity & Liability Update

Prosecutors’ exercise of discretion is often a function of their protection under the law. Being aware of limits and the exposure lying in wait can guide our work to see justice done. This hour will focus on recent revisions of and reinforcements to these boundaries.

11:00 a.m. Prosecutor Compensation: Electeds and Beyond

In the last two sessions, the legislature has radically altered district and county attorney compensation and DA retirement. This discussion will focus on what is working and what isn’t when it comes to Texas prosecutor compensation. What SHOULD compensation for Texas prosecutors look like?

Noon Lunch (provided by TDCAA)

1:30 p.m. Game Rooms: A Challenge for Public Safety?

Once relegated to the backrooms of out-of-the-way bars, highly visible poker and game rooms are ubiquitous in both rural and urban settings. As the number of these spots increase, so does the associated crime. Attendees will hear guidance on when to act— and when to fold.

2:15 p.m. Challenges and Considerations in Prosecuting Law Enforcement

Accountability for law enforcement remains a major area of public concern. As the prosecution of law enforcement becomes increasingly publicized, what lessons have prosecutors learned, and what challenges remain?

3:15 p.m. County Attorney Forum

3:15 p.m. District Attorney Forum

These two breakout sessions provide an opportunity for elected officials to discuss such topics as mental health, DWI enforcement, resource management, and county governance.

5:00 p.m. Adjourn

Friday, December 3

9:00 a.m. Solutions for Mentally Ill Defendants

At the crux of mental health and criminality lies a collection of square pegs and round holes. For years, prosecutors have been tasked with balancing public safety with the interests of our vulnerable mentally ill population. Not content to shrug in apathetic frustration, Texas prosecutors ask, “If not us, then who?” This session will take a hard look at methods to address these systemic deficiencies.

10:45 a.m. Criminal Justice Leadership

Helming the criminal justice ship takes vision and the wisdom to achieve that vision. Constituents ask difficult questions of their government, and they look to elected prosecutors for answers. Whether it is for their own office, other local officials, law enforcement, or the county citizenry, elected prosecutors are honored to lead the way.

12:15 p.m. Adjourn

Registration for this course is at tdcaa.com.

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