



BORDER PROSECUTION UNIT
2021 Annual Conference
Sheraton Austin Hotel at the Capitol
Austin, TX | June 21–24, 2021

15.25 total hours, including 1.5 hour of ethics
MCLE Course #174116485
15 hours TCOLE #3150

Monday, June 21

- 1:30 p.m. **Welcome & Introduction**
Tom Krampitz, General Counsel, Border Prosecution Unit
- 1:45 p.m. **Walking the High Wire: Practice Makes Perfect!**
Patrick Wilson, Asst. City Attorney, Grand Prairie
- 2:45 p.m. **Break**
- 3:00 p.m. **Regional Breakout Meetings: Budget Priorities and Regional Requests**
Tom Krampitz, General Counsel, Border Prosecution Unit
- 5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

Tuesday, June 22

- 9:00 a.m. **Report on the 87th Legislative Session**
Rob Kepple, Executive Director, TDCAA
- 10:00 a.m. **Break**
- 10:15 a.m. **Human Trafficking: What Every Prosecutor Should Know**
*Cara Foos Pierce, Section Chief, Human Trafficking and Transnational -
Organized Crime, and
Brooke Grona-Robb, Assistant Attorney General, both at the Office of the
Attorney General*
- Noon **Lunch** (on your own)
- 1:30 p.m. **Gathering Evidence for Punishment**
Lance Long, Prosecutor, City of Jersey Village
- 2:30 p.m. **Break**
- 2:45 p.m. **Update on Search and Seizure**
*Ted Wilson, Asst. District Attorney, Harris County (ret'd)
Mark Edwards, BPU Asst. District Attorney, Uvalde County (ret'd)*
- 3:30 p.m. **Break**
- 3:45 p.m. **Creating Harmony and Positive Conflict**
Mark Warren, Consultant, Texas Association of Counties, Austin
- 5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

Wednesday, June 23

- 9:00 a.m. **Self Defense: Preparing for Voir Dire, Final Argument, and the Jury Charge**
Samantha DiMaio, BPU TAG Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Bexar County
- 10:00 a.m. **Break**
- 10:15 a.m. **Wiretaps in a Gang Case: How to Obtain Information and What You Do With It Once You Have It**
Kelley McCormick, BPU TAG Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Hidalgo County,
Ted Wilson, Asst. District Attorney, Harris County, (ret'd), and
Capt. Daniel Pena, Criminal Investigations Division, Texas Department of Public Safety, Corpus Christi
- 11:30 a.m. **Lunch** (on your own)
- 1:00 p.m. **Human Smuggling Cases: Problems and Pitfalls**
Christina Busbee, 38th Judicial District Attorney
- 2:30 p.m. **Break**
- 2:45 p.m. ***The State of Texas vs. Jose Angel Cisneros and Jose Saucedo: A Case Study on Human Smuggling***
Francisco Mendoza, BPU Asst. District Attorney, Webb County
- 3:45 p.m. **Break**
- 4:00 p.m. **New Kids on the Block: Hybrid Gangs**
Tiffany Dupree and
Jennifer Meriwether, BPU TAG Asst. District Attorneys, Harris County
- 5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

Thursday, June 24

- 9:00 a.m. **Burn Out**
Mark Yarbrough, County and District Attorney, Lamb County (ret'd)
- 10:30 a.m. **Break**
- 10:45 a.m. **Significant Decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court and Texas Court of Criminal Appeals**
Hon. David Newell, Court of Criminal Appeals, and
Hon. Bert Richardson, Court of Criminal Appeals
- Noon **Adjourn**