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## BORDER PROSECUTION UNIT

### 2021 Annual Conference

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Austin, TX | June 21–24, 2021

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15.25 total hours, including 1.5 hour of ethics | TCOLE #3150

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#### **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, County and District Attorney, Ellis County (ret'd)*

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*

## **Tuesday, June 22 (cont'd)**

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, 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, 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, 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, 38<sup>th</sup> 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, 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, 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**