

Annual Criminal & Civil Law Conference

September 23–25, 2025

Round Rock

12 hours of MCLE, including 2.5 hours of ethics
12 hours of TCOLE (General Law #3150)

The host hotel: Kalahari Resort
3001 Kalahari Blvd., Round Rock, TX 78665

Call 877/525-2427 for reservations and mention TDCAA to get the room rates of \$175 plus a \$10 resort fee (plus tax) for 1–4 people. This rate is good until August 28 or the block is sold out, whichever comes first. The hotel charges a \$30 fee for any cancellations.

For a premium training experience, look no further than TDCAA’s Annual Criminal & Civil Law Conference. No matter what role you fill in a prosecutor’s office, we have something for you. This year’s course includes presentations on writs, economic development, bond forfeitures, indecent assault, and much more. Have you been asking for more training on evidence gleaned from phones? There are six hours of it! This is *your* training delivered by *your* Association. Join us in Round Rock for three days of continuing legal education, networking, and celebration.

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

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Payment options, Reimbursement, & CLE/TCOLE Credit

Payment options:

- ❑ **\$500 Registration** (\$250 Registration fee + \$250 Association fee): For CAs, DAs, CDAs, C&DAs, and their office personnel. The TDCAA fee of \$250 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 Tuesday’s reception and lunch on Wednesday.
- ❑ **\$250 “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.
- ❑ **\$750 Registration:** For everyone else.

Reimbursement: TDCAA will reimburse only eligible prosecutors and prosecutor office employees up to \$110 per night for Tuesday and Wednesday nights at a hotel. TDCAA will not reimburse for meals, 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 2.5 hours of ethics.

Annual Criminal & Civil Law Conference Agenda
(all events are at the Kalahari Resort)

Monday, September 22

- Noon–4:00 p.m. Early registration open for the Annual Criminal & Civil Law Conference
- 1:30–5:00 p.m. Legislative Update
(3 hours of MCLE; requires separate registration and payment from the Annual)
Hector Valle, TDCAA Director of Governmental Relations

Tuesday, September 23

- 8:30 a.m. Registration opens
- 9:00 a.m. FREE Rural Prosecutors’ Forum
(2.0 hours MCLE; requires separate registration from the Annual)
Moderated by Rebekah Whitworth, County Attorney, Mason County, & Staley Heatly, County Attorney in Wilbarger County
- 11:00 a.m. FREE Juvenile Prosecutors’ Forum
(1.0 hour MCLE; requires separate registration from the Annual)
Moderated by Colleen Davis, First Asst. County Attorney, Burnet County, & Maegan Williams, Asst. District Attorney, Harris County

General Session

- 1:15 p.m. Welcome & Course Introduction
- 1:30 p.m. Adventures in Prosecution
Jack Roady, Criminal District Attorney, Galveston County
- 2:45 p.m. CCA & SCOTUS Update
Britt Houston Lindsey, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Taylor County, & Emily Johnson-Liu, Asst. State Prosecuting Attorney, Austin
- 4:00 p.m. Ethics of Leadership
Ryan Calvert, First Asst. Criminal District Attorney, McLennan County
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn
- 6:00 p.m. Opening Reception (provided by TDCAA)

Wednesday, September 24

	Phones	Civil Law	Writs & Appeals	The Specifics	Investigators	KP & VAC
8:30 a.m.	Caselaw & Warrants <i>Calli Bailey, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Collin County</i>	Economic Development: Legal Tools <i>Michelle Turner, First Asst. County Attorney, Fort Bend County, & Dwayne Simpson, Asst. County Attorney, Chambers County</i>	Status & Update: Pretrial Writs <i>Lauren Scott, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Bexar County</i>	Contractor Criminality <i>Emil Mikkelsen, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Smith County</i>	Animal Seizure <i>Sarah Stallberg, Asst. County Attorney, Montgomery County</i>	Safety Planning
9:45 a.m.	Extraction, Storage, & Evaluation <i>Chris Seufert, Asst. District Attorney, & Jeff Chappell, DA Investigator, Montgomery County</i>	Exerting County Control <i>Carlos Madrid & Jose Salayandia, Asst. County Attorneys, El Paso County</i>	Status & Update: Post-Conviction Writs <i>Jessie Allen, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Dallas County</i>	Topic To Be Determined	Sexually Oriented Businesses <i>Amy Monsivais, Asst. District Attorney, El Paso County</i>	Mandatory Conditions of Supervision <i>William Hix, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, McLennan County</i>
11:00 a.m.	Extraction, Storage, & Evaluation (cont'd)	Expunctions & Nondisclosure <i>Andrea Westerfeld, Asst. County & District Attorney, Ellis County</i>	Inner Appellate Attorney Voice <i>Tori Ford Oblon & Dale Smith, Asst. Criminal District Attorneys, Tarrant County</i>	Elder Abuse <i>Nathan Martin, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Tarrant County</i>	Protective Orders: The Investigator's Role <i>Moderated by Kristin Burns, TDCAA Domestic Violence Resource Prosecutor, with panelists Mike Holley, CDA Investigator, Kaufman County; Lupita Rendon, CDA Investigator, Dallas County; & Kaylyn Glen, VAC, Montgomery County</i>	Technology-Assisted Abuse <i>Richard Mabe, CA Investigator, Williamson County</i>

Noon	Lunch (provided by TDCAA)
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1:30 p.m.	Investigatory Paths <i>Tommy Adams, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Dallas County</i>	§1983 & Texas Tort Claims Act <i>C. Scott Brumley, County Attorney, Potter County</i>	Intake <i>Paige Pattillo, First Asst. County Attorney, Nacogdoches County</i>	DWI: Evidentiary Trends <i>Jessica Frazier, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Comal County</i>	Healthcare Fraud <i>Raymond Winter, Inspector General, & Zack Wavrusa, Senior Counsel, Office of Inspector General</i>	Bond Forfeiture <i>Michelle Bork, Paralegal, Kaufman County, & Deborah Bonner, Asst. County & District Attorney, Ellis County</i>
2:45 p.m.	Advocacy & Use at Trial <i>Sepi Zimmer & Maroun Koutani, Asst. District Attorneys, Harris County</i>	Onboarding New Elected Officials <i>Mark Kratovil, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Tarrant County</i>	Grand Jury <i>Matt Foye, Asst. District Attorney, Travis County</i>	Indecent Assault <i>Allenna Bangs, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Tarrant County</i>	AI: Identification & Investigation <i>Mark Swafford, Network Intrusion Forensic Analyst, U.S. Secret Service, Tulsa, OK</i>	Protective Order Fundamentals <i>Amy Bayona, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Hidalgo County</i>
4:00 p.m.	Advocacy & Use at Trial (cont'd)	Legislative Effect: Civil Issues <i>Thomas Wilson, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Smith County</i>	Defendants on Bond <i>Jessica Escue, Asst. District Attorney, Brazos County</i>	DV Trials Sans Victims <i>Sunni Mitchell, Asst. District Attorney, Fort Bend County</i>	Geofence Alternatives <i>Gary McDonald, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Dallas County, & Rene Garcia, Senior Special Agent, U.S. Secret Service</i>	Hot Checks

5:00 p.m.	Adjourn // Dinner is on your own
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Thursday, September 25				
	Trial Ethics	Civil Law (ethics)	Investigators	VAC Core Training
9:00 a.m.	Case Study: Shock Doc <i>Brian Baker, First Asst. District Attorney, Brazos County, & Kristin Burns, TDCAA Domestic Violence Resource Prosecutor, Austin</i>	Political Pressure <i>Moderated by Ariane Flores, Asst. County Attorney, Williamson County, with panelists C. Scott Brumley, Jenny Dorsey, & Mike Hartman</i>	Military Liaising <i>Moderated by Ann Jackson, Asst. County Attorney, Bell County, with panelists Ruben Segovia, CDA Investigator, Bexar County; Joe Medrano, CA Investigator, Bell County; Lieutenant Colonel Scott L. Goble, Chief of Military Justice and Senior Prosecutor, III Armored Corps & Fort Hood; & Major Tara O. Goble, Officer in Charge, Fort Hood Field Office, Office of Special Trial Counsel</i>	Advanced VAC Training <i>Jalayne Robinson, LMSW, TDCAA Victim Services Director</i>
10:45 a.m.	All in a Day’s Work: Ethics Scenarios <i>Erik Nielsen, Asst. District Attorney, Travis County</i>	Ethics of Outside Counsel <i>Katie Owens, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Tarrant County</i>	10:30 a.m. Adjourn	10:30 a.m. Adjourn
12:15 p.m.	Adjourn			

Location of Training & Hotel Information

Location of training: All training will be held at Kalahari Resort, 3001 Kalahari Blvd., in Round Rock, TX.

Hotel information: The host hotel is the Kalahari Resort in Round Rock. Rooms are \$175 plus a \$10 resort fee plus tax per night for 1–4 people, which includes waterpark wristbands; this rate is good until August 28 or the room block is full, whichever comes first. Call 877/525-2427 to make reservations, or use TDCAA’s private reservation page, available on our website. Parking is complimentary. Overflow rooms are available at the hotels below. To make reservations at most of them (all but the Residence Inn), please use the links on our website at www.tdcaa.com/training/annual-criminal-civil-law-conference-2025. Also note that day passes to the Kalahari waterpark are not included with the following hotels:

LaQuinta Inn & Suites near Kalahari. The discounted rate is \$159 plus tax; this rate is available until August 22 or the block is full, whichever comes first. This hotel is 4 minutes from Kalahari and includes free breakfast, free internet, and free parking. Reservation cancellations must be made 24 hours in advance.

Hampton Inn Round Rock. The discounted rate is \$129 plus tax; this rate is available until September 1 or the block is full, whichever comes first. This hotel is 11 minutes from Kalahari and includes free breakfast, free internet, and free parking. Reservation cancellations must be made 48 hours in advance.

Homewood Suites Round Rock. The discounted rate is \$129 plus tax; this rate is available until September 1 or the block is full, whichever comes first. This hotel is 11 minutes from Kalahari and includes free breakfast, free internet, and free parking. Reservation cancellations must be made 48 hours in advance.

Aloft Round Rock. The discounted rate is \$109 plus tax; this rate is available until September 1 or the block is full, whichever comes first. This hotel is 11 minutes from Kalahari. Reservation cancellations must be made 48 hours in advance.

Element Round Rock. The discounted rate is \$149 plus tax; this rate is available until September 1 or the block is full, whichever comes first. This hotel is 12 minutes from Kalahari and includes free breakfast, free internet, and free parking. Reservation cancellations must be made 48 hours in advance.

Candlewood Suites. The discounted rate is \$89 plus tax; this rate is available until September 1 or the block is full, whichever comes first. This hotel is 15 minutes from Kalahari and includes free grab-and-go breakfast, free internet, and free parking. Reservation cancellations must be made 24 hours in advance.

Residence Inn Round Rock. The discounted rate is \$149 plus tax; this rate is available until September 1 or the block is full, whichever comes first. Call 512/733-2400 to make reservations, and ask for the TDCAA rate. This hotel is 16 minutes from Kalahari and includes free breakfast, free internet, and free parking. Reservation cancellations must be made 24 hours in advance.