

Elected Prosecutor Conference

November 30-December 2, 2022
Horseshoe Bay, TX

12 hours of MCLE, including 3.5 hours of ethics

The host hotel:
Horseshoe Bay Resort
200 Hi Circle North
Horseshoe Bay, TX 78657
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Rooms are \$139 plus tax; this rate is good until November 8 or the block is sold out, whichever comes first. Mention TDCAA to get the rate.

If you are an elected district or county attorney or a first assistant, you won't want to miss TDCAA's Elected Prosecutor Conference in lovely Horseshoe Bay, Texas. Over three days, the conference will provide training on topics of great need to those elected officials who run prosecutor offices across the state, from DNA advancements and nuisance law, to the State Bar grievance process and attracting and keeping talented staff. Register online at www.tdcaa.com/training today!

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

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Elected Prosecutor Conference Agenda

Newly-Elected Prosecutor Boot Camp (by invitation only): Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 29 & 30
6 hours of (separate) CLE credit

This session is for newly elected prosecutors who have either recently taken office or who will take office on January 1. Its purpose is to prepare them for the challenges of being the community's chief law enforcement officer and running a modern prosecutor office. Taught by experienced county and district attorneys, it runs from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, then from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesday.

Wednesday, November 30

1:00 p.m. Welcome & Introduction

1:15 p.m. What You Do Matters: Lessons from the Holocaust

Developed by the historians at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, this presentation utilizes exhibits from history and short films to examine the incremental change that occurred within German police, shifting their role from protectors of the people to enforcers of Nazi ideology. Despite the difficult subject matter, this interactive program reaffirms the incredibly important and positive roles of law enforcement and prosecutors in our country today.

3:45 p.m. 'We are Here to Help': Resources for Prosecutors

Whether we know it or not, there are many agencies and authorities out there who are willing to help prosecutors in their pursuit of justice. Here, TDCAA will identify and briefly discuss the agencies and operations that offer those helping hands. Additionally, representatives from the Office of the Attorney General, Comptroller, ERS, TCDRS, State Securities Board, State Prosecuting Attorney's Office, TDI, NICB, and DPS Crime Lab will be on site to answer your questions.

4:30 p.m. A Word From our Federal Friends

Meet our jurisdictionally concurrent colleagues and hear them share where they are aiming their prosecutorial efforts.

5:00 p.m. Adjourn // TDCAA Annual Business Meeting // Reception in honor of the Texas Prosecutors Society's Class of 2022 (provided by TDCAF)

Thursday, December 1

8:30 a.m. PIA & the Media

The most abhorrent criminal acts and well-known defendants understandably drive the strongest public interest, and the public's thirst for information about a notorious criminal case sets in immediately. The media's pressure to release information can be overwhelming. Knowing what to say, when to say it, and how to explain your decisions are crucial skills necessary to protect high-profile cases today and those in the future.

9:45 a.m. Nuisance Law: Revisiting Familiar Tools

Like an indoor cricket chirping in the middle of the night, scofflaw businesses persist because they're hard to shut down. This hour will highlight the legal avenues you can use to put an end to the annoying chirp.

11:00 a.m. Planning for Critical Incidents

When it comes to mass casualty crimes, the question long ago shifted from "if" they will happen to "when." From victim support to case building, elected prosecutors stand ready to assist their communities. In this hour we will explore hard-earned practical tools and tips to best respond to these horrifying events.

Noon Lunch (provided by TDCAA)

1:30 p.m. DNA Advancements & Cold Case Impact

Strides in the field of DNA detection, analysis, and comparison have opened new paths of investigation for hundreds of cases that would otherwise continue to languish in dust-covered file boxes. In this session, we will focus on recent scientific advances and where they can take us.

2:30 p.m. How To Attract, Develop, & Keep Talent

When an office is short on prosecutors, crime does not decrease. Workloads cascade, and that cascade grinds at morale, inhibits professional growth, and threatens just outcomes. Here we discuss the disconnect between new attorneys and professional prosecution and consider strategies to keep talent on the roster.

3:30 p.m. District Attorney Forum

Moderated by Kenda Culpepper, Criminal District Attorney, Rockwall County; & Staley Heatly, 46th Judicial District Attorney

County Attorney Forum

Moderated by Eduardo "Eddie" Arredondo, County Attorney, Burnet County, & Natalie Koehler, County Attorney, Bosque County

5:00 p.m. Adjourn

Friday, December 2

9:00 a.m. Keeping Current on Brady, Rule 3.09, & the Michael Morton Act

Between the MMA, Rule 3.09, and Brady, a prosecutor's ethical duties are legion. The interplay between those three sources can be complex, and that complexity shifts with new caselaw and other efforts to amend rules. Seeing justice done in our communities requires an understanding of current ethics requirements and an informed vision of the future.

10:45 a.m. The State Bar Grievance Process

Whether anticipated or the worst of surprises, a grievance is an unwelcome stressor. Like many of life's anxiety generators, some of that stress comes from the unknown. The solution, then, is information. In this session, we will cover the potential paths a filed grievance can take, the outcomes available, and how to respond when the opportunity arises.

Noon Adjourn

Payment options:

\$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.