

Elected Prosecutor Conference

December 2-4, 2026

College Station

12.25 hours of MCLE, including 1 hour of ethics

**The host hotel: Texas A&M Hotel &
Conference Center**

177 Joe Routt Blvd., College Station, TX 77843

Call 888/654-4436 for reservations and mention Elected Conference to get the room rates of \$139 (plus tax) for a single and \$149 (plus tax) for a double; these rates are good until November 10 or the block is sold out, whichever comes first.

TDCAA’s Elected Prosecutor Conference is purpose-built to address the unique training needs of our county and district attorney members. This year’s conference will include sessions on productive public engagement, responsible AI adoption, and resources for prosecutors in crisis. Discussion forums will serve as a marketplace to share concerns and discover solutions. Register now and join us for three days of training, networking, and fellowship.

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, December 1 & 2 **4.75 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, December 2

- 1:00 p.m. Welcome & Introductions
- 1:15 p.m. Case Study: Crime & Public Narratives
Dewey Mitchell, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Collin County
- 2:45 p.m. TDCAA Annual Report
Shannon Edmonds, TDCAA Executive Director, Austin
- 3:00 p.m. Firearm Update: Regulation by County Employers
C. Scott Brumley, County Attorney, Potter County
- 4:00 p.m. Media Relations & Public Communication
Susan Ryan, Vera Causa
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn // TDCAA Annual Business Meeting & Opening Reception in honor of the Texas Prosecutors Society (provided by the Texas District & County Attorneys Foundation)

Thursday, December 3

- 8:30 a.m. Evaluation & Adoption of AI Tools
Chris Seufert, Asst. District Attorney, Montgomery County, & Brian Klas, TDCAA Training Director, Austin
- 9:45 a.m. DNA Today
Leighton D’Antoni, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Dallas County
- 11:00 a.m. Defending Yourself & Your Office
Eric Nichols, Presiding Officer, Texas Board of Criminal Justice, Austin
- Noon Hot Lunch (provided by TDCAA)

Thursday, December 3 (cont’d)

- 1:30 p.m. Employment Law Update
Amy Davidson, First Asst. County Attorney, Montgomery County
- 2:30 p.m. View from the CCA
Honorable David Schenck, Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Austin, & Brian Middleton, District Attorney, Fort Bend County
- 3:30 p.m. Forums
District Attorney Forum
Moderated by Kenda Culpepper, Criminal District Attorney, Rockwall County, & Jacob Putman, Criminal District Attorney, Smith County
County Attorney Forum
Moderated by Eddie Arredondo, County Attorney, Burnet County, & David Holmes, County Attorney, Hill County
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn

Friday, December 4

- 9:00 a.m. Personnel & Office Security Forum
- 10:30 a.m. Unforced Errors
Stacey Soule, State Prosecuting Attorney, Austin
- 11:30 a.m. Vital Resources: TLAP
Michelle Fontenot, Director of the Texas Lawyers’ Assistance Program, Austin
- 12:30 p.m. Adjourn

Payment options:

- ☐ **\$500 Full Registration** (\$250 Training fee + \$250 Association fee): For CAs, DAs, CDAs, C&DAs, and their office personnel. The voluntary Association fee of \$250 is each participant’s share of costs over and above what the grant allows (association overhead, including excess costs for on-site meals and receptions). 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 opening reception and Thursday’s lunch.
- ☐ **\$250 “Training Only” Registration:** For CAs, DAs, CDAs, C&DAs, and their office personnel. Paying only this fee does not allow an attendee to participate in receptions or meals but does entitle the attendee admittance to all training sessions.
- ☐ **\$750 Registration:** For everyone else.