



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**
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. **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*
- 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. **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,*

Noon **Adjourn**