

Prosecutor Trial Skills Course

July 14-19, 2024
Austin

27.25 hours of MCLE, including 3 hours of ethics

The host hotel:
Austin Southpark Hotel
4140 Governors Row
Austin, TX 78744
888/874-2883

Rooms are \$131 plus tax; mention TDCAA to get the discounted rate. This rate is good until June 23 or the block is sold out, whichever comes first.

Anyone who is new to a prosecutor's office should plan to attend the Texas District and County Attorneys Association's Prosecutor Trial Skills Course this July in Austin. It's a full week of intensive training that prepares new prosecutors for their work both in the courtroom and out. Seasoned faculty advisors are assigned to small groups of attendees to answer questions and direct discussions at each table. New prosecutors won't want to miss this intensive, high-quality training customized especially for them!

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

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Prosecutor Trial Skills Course Agenda

Sunday, July 14 (2 hours CLE)

- 4:00 p.m. Welcome & Course Introduction
4:15 p.m. The Ethical Prosecutor
W. Clay Abbott, TDCAA DWI Resource Prosecutor, Austin
6:15 p.m. Adjourn to Opening Reception
(provided by TDCAA)

Monday, July 15 (6.75 hours CLE)

- 9:00 a.m. Identifying & Overcoming Cognitive Bias
Tiana Sanford, Asst. District Attorney, Montgomery County
10:30 a.m. Pre-Trial Issues
Edward Sandoval, First Asst. County & District Attorney, Cameron County
11:30 a.m. Faculty Discussion:
How Does Your County Work?
Faculty Directed at Each Table
Noon Lunch (provided by TDCAA)
1:00 p.m. The Evidence Primer
Chris Gatewood, First Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Smith County
2:15 p.m. Nuts & Bolts of Jury Selection
Ronny Dale Smith, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Tarrant County
3:45 p.m. Peremptory Strikes and Batson Challenges
Glen Fitzmartin, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Dallas County
4:30 p.m. Case Scenarios
Faculty Directed at Each Table
5:30 p.m. Adjourn

Tuesday, July 16 (6.25 hours CLE)

- 9:00 a.m. Hearings on Motions to Suppress
Katherine McDaniel, First Asst. Criminal District Attorney, & Derly Chapa, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Kendall County
10:45 a.m. DWI Caselaw Update
Jessica Frazier, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Comal County
Noon Lunch (provided by TDCAA)
1:00 p.m. Case Scenarios
Faculty Directed at Each Table
2:15 p.m. Effective Opening Statements
Allen Otto, Asst. District Attorney, Harris County

Tuesday, July 16 (cont'd)

- 3:45 p.m. Your VAC & You
Jalayne Robinson, LMSW, TDCAA Victim Services Director
4:15 p.m. Case Scenarios
Faculty Directed at Each Table
5:00 p.m. Adjourn

Wednesday, July 17 (3 hours CLE)

- 9:00 a.m. DWI: Presenting the Case
Mariel Puryear, Asst. County Attorney, Williamson County
10:45 a.m. Domestic Violence: Presenting the Case
Kristin Burns, Asst. District Attorney, Brazos County
12:15 p.m. Adjourn

Thursday, July 18 (6.5 hours CLE)

- 9:00 a.m. Punishment Evidence
Herschel Woods, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Dallas County
10:15 a.m. Case Scenarios
Faculty Directed at Each Table
11:00 a.m. Probation Revocation Hearings
Nicole Washington, Asst. District Attorney, Liberty County
Noon Lunch (provided by TDCAA)
1:00 p.m. Plea Negotiation & Plea Bargaining Workshop
Sarah Moore, Asst. District Attorney, Williamson County
3:15 p.m. Predicates & Objections
4:15 p.m. Case Scenarios
Faculty Directed at Each Table
5:00 p.m. Adjourn

5:00–5:45 p.m. Optional Class C Forum

W. Clay Abbott, TDCAA DWI Resource Attorney, Austin
This session is an opportunity for attendees who practice in justice or municipal courts to discuss current trends and issues they face in their practice. Attendance at this session is optional and no MCLE credit will be provided.

Friday, July 19 (2.75 hours CLE)

- 9:00 a.m. Cross-Examination & Impeachment
Lisa Stewart, Asst. District Attorney, Montgomery County
10:30 a.m. Final Argument
John Jordan, Asst. District Attorney, Harris County
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 Sunday's reception and lunch on Monday, Tuesday, and 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.