

# Annual Criminal & Civil Law Conference

September 22–24, 2021  
Galveston

12 hours of MCLE, including 3 hours of ethics

Galveston Island  
Convention Center  
5600 Seawall Blvd.  
Galveston, TX 77551

You can also attend our  
Legislative Update,  
Domestic Violence  
Training, Rural  
Prosecutors' Forum,  
and Juvenile  
Forum!

**L**ive and in person—there is something for every attendee at TDCAA's Annual Conference. From trial advocacy to office communication, we've got something for you. Looking for help responding to defensive theories? We have a whole track for that. Need help charging vehicular crimes? We have a presentation on that. Did a commissioner's office call you about intellectual property? That's right, we have a presentation on that. Turn off your monitors and come to Galveston for three days of training, networking, and celebration.

**Registration for this seminar and other information is at [tdcaa.com](http://tdcaa.com).**

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## Hotel and Location Information

**Location of training:** All training will be at the Galveston Island Convention Center, which is located at 5600 Seawall Blvd. Shuttle service will be available Wednesday through Friday to and from the conference hotels listed below. Self-parking at the convention center is complimentary.

**Hotel Information:** Please make room reservations in an attendee's name, not a county or office administrator's name. If reserving more than one room, do not make all reservations in the same name. Please do not overbook hotel rooms! All hotel rates are \$129 plus tax per night for single occupancy and \$149 per night for double, triple, and quad occupancy. You must identify yourself with TX District & County Attorneys Association or TDCAA to get the special rates. These rates are available through August 30 or until the block is sold out, whichever comes first, unless otherwise noted. If hotels are sold out, check back periodically as rooms may become available.

**Holiday Inn Express & Suites** is located at 3228 Seawall Blvd. Call 409/621-5100 or visit [www.hiexpress.com/galvestonbchtx](http://www.hiexpress.com/galvestonbchtx) to make reservations. You must reference or type in the group code TA9 to get the discounted rate. Overnight parking and breakfast is complimentary. Distance is 1.8 miles from the convention center.

**DoubleTree by Hilton** is located at 1702 Seawall Blvd. Call 409/762-4141 or visit [www.galvestonbeach.doubletree.com](http://www.galvestonbeach.doubletree.com) to make reservations. You must reference or type in the group code TA9 to get the discounted rate. Overnight parking is complimentary. Distance is 3 miles from the convention center.

**Hilton Galveston Island Resort** is located at 5400 Seawall Blvd. For reservations, call 877/425-4753. This hotel offers free internet and complimentary self-parking. All resort fees have been waived so be sure to book under the TDCAA block. Resort fees will apply to reservations made outside the block. Distance is 0.2 miles from the convention center. **As of June 21, this block is sold out.**

**Holiday Inn Resort on the Beach** is located at 5002 Seawall Blvd. For reservations, call 800/465-4329. This hotel offers free internet and complimentary self-parking. All resort fees have been waived so be sure to book under the TDCAA block. Resort fees will apply to reservations made outside the block. Distance is 0.5 miles to the convention center. **As of June 21, this block is sold out.**

**Hotel San Luis** is located at 5222 Seawall Blvd. For reservations, call 800/392-5937. This hotel offers free internet and complimentary self-parking; valet parking is \$22 a night. All resort fees have been waived, so book under the TDCAA block. Resort fees will apply to reservations made outside the block. Distance is 0.4 miles to the convention center. **As of June 21, this block is sold out.**

## Conference Agenda (all events are at the Convention Center)

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Noon–4:00 p.m. Early registration for the Annual Criminal & Civil Law Conference

1:00–3:00 p.m. FREE Domestic Violence Training (1.75 hours of CLE; requires separate registration from the Annual)  
*Staley Heatly, 46th Judicial District Attorney*

1:00–5:00 p.m. Legislative Update (3.5 hours of CLE; 4 hours of TCOLE; requires separate registration and payment from the Annual)

*Shannon Edmonds, TDCAA Staff Attorney and Governmental Relations, Austin*

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:30 a.m. Registration opens

9:00 a.m. Rural Prosecutors' Forum (2.0 hours MCLE; requires separate registration)  
*Moderated by: Mike Fouts, 39th Judicial District Attorney, & Mike Criswell, Swisher County Attorney*

11:00 a.m. Juvenile Prosecutors' Forum (1.0 hour MCLE; requires separate registration)  
*Moderated by: Jana Jones, Prosecutor, Special Prosecution Unit*

### General Session

1:00 p.m. Welcome, Course Introduction, & Special Recognitions

1:30 p.m. Keynote TBD

2:45 p.m. CCA & SCOTUS Update  
*Hon. David Newell, Court of Criminal Appeals*

4:00 p.m. Ethics of Witness Prep: The Best Hope for Truth in a World of Lies  
*Mike Holley, First Asst. District Attorney, Montgomery County*

5:00 p.m. Adjourn // TDCAA Business Meeting & Board Elections // Opening Reception (provided by TDCAA)

## THURSDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 23

Core Trial Skills	Civil Law	Defenses	Intoxication Manslaughter	Investigators	KP-VAC
<b>8:30 a.m. Jury Charge</b> <i>Jessica Caird, Asst. District Attorney, Harris County, &amp; Sunni Mitchell, Asst. District Attorney, Fort Bend County</i>	<b>8:30 a.m. Disclosure Triage</b> <i>Leslie Dippel, Asst. County Attorney, Travis County</i>	<b>8:30 a.m. Mental Health as a Defense</b> <i>Michele Oncken &amp; Erica Winsor, Asst. District Attorneys, Harris County</i>	<b>8:30 a.m. Charging Vehicular Crimes</b> <i>Jessica Frazier, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Comal County</i>	<b>8:30 a.m. Case Study: Manufacturing Justice</b> <i>K.C. Breshears, DA Investigator, Orange County, &amp; Wesley Doolittle, Texas Ranger, DPS</i>	<b>8:30 a.m. FBI Victim Assistance</b> <b>9:45 a.m. Characteristics of Helping Relationships</b> <i>Mark Warren, Texas Association of Counties, Austin</i>
<b>9:45 a.m. Voir Dire</b> <i>Ryan Calvert, Asst. District Attorney, Brazos County</i>	<b>9:45 a.m. To Abate or Not to Abate?</b> <i>Rebecca Lundberg, Asst. County &amp; District Attorney, Ellis County</i>	<b>9:45 a.m. Self-Defense</b> <i>Jamie Felicia, Asst. District Attorney, Williamson County</i>	<b>9:45 a.m. Presenting Accident Reconstruction to Juries</b> <i>Andrew James, Asst. District Attorney, Montgomery County</i>	<b>9:45 a.m. Case Study: Manufacturing Justice (cont'd)</b>	<b>11:00 a.m. Bond Conditions &amp; Safety Planning</b> <i>Colleen Davis, Asst. County Attorney, Burnet County</i>
<b>11:00 a.m. The State's Case</b> <i>Demetrice Lopez, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Tarrant County</i>	<b>11:00 a.m. Bail Reform</b> <i>Russ Roden, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Dallas County</i>	<b>11:00 a.m. Entrapment, Duress, &amp; Mistake of Fact</b> <i>Rebekah Saunders, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Galveston County, &amp; David Lunan, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Bexar County</i>	<b>11:00 a.m. Victims &amp; Punishment</b> <i>Alison Baimbridge, Asst. District Attorney, Fort Bend County</i>	<b>11:00 a.m. Prescription Drug Abuse</b> <i>Joe Nichols, DA Investigator, &amp; Tamara Holland, Asst. District Attorney, Montgomery County</i>	

## Noon Lunch (provided by TDCAA)

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 23

Core Trial Skills	Civil Law	Defensive Issues	Animal Cruelty	Investigators	KP-VAC
<b>1:30 p.m. Closing Arguments</b> <i>Sarah Moore, Asst. District Attorney, Ector County</i>	<b>1:30 p.m. Qualified Immunity</b> <i>Deborah Bonner, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Kaufman County</i>	<b>1:30 p.m. Multiple Defendant Complications</b> <i>Paige Simpson, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Tarrant County</i>	<b>1:30 p.m. Animal Cruelty: A Co-Morbid Offense</b> <i>Teresa Todd, County Attorney, Jeff Davis County</i>	<b>1:30 p.m. Protective Order Registry</b> <i>Kim Piechowiak, Domestic Violence Training Attorney, Office of Court Administration</i>	<b>1:30 p.m. Trauma &amp; Child Victims</b> <i>Shanna Redwine, Asst. District Attorney, Montgomery County</i>
<b>2:45 p.m. Punishment</b> <i>Lauren Black &amp; Laquita Long, Asst. Criminal District Attorneys, Dallas County</i>	<b>2:45 p.m. Intro to IP Law</b> <i>Michael Hull, Asst. County Attorney, Harris County</i>	<b>2:45 p.m. Overcoming a Bad Investigation</b> <i>Jamie Reyna, Asst. District Attorney, Fort Bend County</i>	<b>2:45 p.m. Seizure &amp; Investigation</b> <i>Felicia Kerney, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Dallas County, &amp; Art Munoz, Director of Garland Animal Services, Garland</i>	<b>2:45 p.m. Sex Trafficking</b> <i>Kimberly Duchamp, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Jefferson County</i>	<b>2:45 p.m. Human Trafficking</b> <i>Kara Comte, Assistant District Attorney, Brazos County</i>
<b>4:00 p.m. Punishment (cont'd)</b>	<b>4:00 p.m. Civil Commitment</b> <i>Stephanie Stephens, Asst. County Attorney, Nacogdoches County</i>	<b>4:00 p.m. Jury Nullification</b> <i>Kevin Petroff, First Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Galveston County</i>	<b>4:00 p.m. Issues at Trial</b>	<b>4:00 p.m. Sex Trafficking (cont'd)</b>	<b>4:00 p.m. Office Harmony</b> <i>Jack Choate, Executive Director, Special Prosecution Unit</i>

**6:00 p.m. Buffet Dinner (provided by TDCAA) at the Railroad Museum (off-site)**

# FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 (3 HOURS ETHICS)

8:00 a.m. Diversity in Prosecution

*Join members of TDCAA's Diversity, Recruitment, & Retention Committee as we discuss issues of diversity and inclusion over breakfast tacos (while they last).*

## Trial Ethics

9:00 a.m. Ethics of Delay

*Brian Baker, First Asst. District Attorney, Brazos County, & W. Clay Abbott, TDCAA DWI Resource Prosecutor, Austin*

10:45 a.m. Prosecutor Office

Wellness & Self-Preservation

*Jen Falk, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Dallas County, & Colleen Jordan, Victim Assistance Coordinator, Harris County*

## Civil Law (ethics)

9:00 a.m. Conflicts Island

*C. Scott Brumley, County Attorney, Potter County*

10:45 a.m. Adjourn // Combine with Trial Ethics Track

## Victim Assistance

9:00 a.m. Advanced VAC Training

*Jalayne Robinson, LMSW, TDCAA Victim Services Director, & Cyndi Jahn, Victim Assistance Coordinator, Bexar County*

10:45 a.m. Adjourn // Combine with Trial Ethics Track

**12:15 p.m. Adjourn**

## Additional Information

**Registration:** All registration is online only at [www.tdcaa.com/training](http://www.tdcaa.com/training), and advance registration is recommended. Eligible prosecutors and prosecutor office employees are entitled to attend all training and receive applicable expense reimbursement for a \$175 registration fee, which will be deposited into the Court of Criminal Appeals' Texas Prosecutor Assistance Project (TPAP) account (our grant) and used to fund other TPAP training events. The reimbursement policy is below.

**Association fee:** A 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, Thursday's lunch, and Thursday's evening reception. Conference attendees who pay only the \$175 registration fee can attend all training but are not eligible to attend association functions.

**Reimbursement:** TDCAA will reimburse only eligible prosecutors and prosecutor office employees up to \$99 per night for Wednesday and Thursday 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 3 hours of ethics.

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