

Annual Criminal & Civil Law Conference

September 21-23, 2022

Corpus Christi

**12 hours of MCLE, including 3 hours of ethics
12 hours of TCOLE (General Law #3150)**

**The training location:
American Bank Center
1901 N. Shoreline Blvd.
Corpus Christi, TX 78401**

You can also attend our Protective Order Training, Rural Prosecutors' Forum, and Juvenile Forum!

There is something for every attendee at TDCAA's Annual Conference. From trial advocacy to court team dynamics, we've got something for you. Looking for help with multiple defendants? We have a whole track for that. Need help with child sex assault, DWI, or juvenile crime? We have an entire afternoon on those topics. What about digital evidence and phone dumps? That's right, we have presentations on those too. Come to Corpus Christi for three days of training, networking, and celebration.

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

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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 and Thursday's receptions 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.

Reimbursement: TDCAA will reimburse only eligible prosecutors and prosecutor office employees up to \$103 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.

Conference Agenda (all events are at the American Bank Center)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

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

1:00–3:00 p.m. **FREE Protective Order Training**

(1.75 hours of MCLE; requires separate registration from the Annual)

Amanda Oster, County & District Attorney; Sara Bill, Victim Assistance Coordinator; & Jacquelyn Johnson, Asst. County & District Attorney, Aransas County

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

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, County Attorney in Swisher County

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: Lawyers, Liars, & The Art of Storytelling**

Jonathan Shapiro, Adjunct Professor, UCLA Law School

2:45 p.m. **CCA & SCOTUS Update**

Britt Lindsey, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Taylor County; & Emily Johnson-Liu, Asst. State Prosecuting Attorney, Austin

4:00 p.m. **Forum: Overcoming Barriers to Human Connection**

Moderated by: Erleigh Wiley, Criminal District Attorney, Kaufman County, with panelists Staley Heatly, 46th Judicial District Attorney; Brian Middleton, District Attorney, Fort Bend County; and Mike Holley, CDA Investigator, Kaufman County

5:00 p.m. **Adjourn // Opening Reception (provided by TDCAA)**

THURSDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 22

Digital Evidence

8:30 a.m. Search Warrants for Digital Evidence

Chris Gatewood, First Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Smith County

9:45 a.m. Phone Dumps

Cameron Calligan, Asst. District Attorney, & Nathan Gates, DA Investigator, Harris County

11:00 a.m. Effectively Presenting Digital Evidence

Cameron Calligan, Asst. District Attorney, & Nathan Gates, DA Investigator, Harris County

Civil Law

8:30 a.m. Nuts & Bolts of Contracts

Deborah Bonner, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Kaufman County

9:45 a.m. Top Jail Fails

Carlos Madrid & Ruben Duarte, Asst. County Attorneys, El Paso County

11:00 a.m. Top Jail Fails (cont'd)

Carlos Madrid & Ruben Duarte, Asst. County Attorneys, El Paso County

Multiple Defendants

8:30 a.m. Charging Decisions & Grand Jury

Jennifer Falk, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Dallas County

9:45 a.m. Your Co-Defendant & You

Calli Bailey, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Collin County

11:00 a.m. Public Corruption

Tiana Sanford, Asst. District Attorney, Montgomery County

Court Team Dynamics

8:30 a.m. Interacting with your Court Team

Nicole Washington, Asst. District Attorney, Liberty County, & Rebekah Saunders, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Galveston County

9:45 a.m. Preparing for Counter Attacks

Natalie McKinnon, Asst. District Attorney, Williamson County

11:00 a.m. Victim & Victim Group Communications

Jessica Escue, Asst. District Attorney, Brazos County

Investigators

8:30 a.m. Animal Cruelty

Howard Kreusel, DA Investigator, & Michelle Turner, Asst. County Attorney, Fort Bend County

9:45 a.m. Discovery (SB 111)

Kara Comte, Asst. District Attorney, Brazos County

11:00 a.m. Update from the Border

KP-VAC

8:30 a.m. Courtroom Safety & Safety Planning

K.C. Breshears, DA Investigator, Orange County

9:45 a.m. Discovery Disclosure Scenarios

Katherine McCarty, First Asst. County Attorney, Liberty County

11:00 a.m. Crisis Intervention

Jalayne Robinson, LMSW, TDCAA Victim Services Director

Noon Lunch (provided by TDCAA)

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 22

Focus: Child Sex Assault

1:30 p.m. Victim Dynamics & Charging

Felicia Oliphant, First Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Rockwall County

2:45 p.m. Voir Dire: Common Issues in Child Sex Assault Trials

Sunni Mitchell, Asst. District Attorney, Fort Bend County

4:00 p.m. Case Study: Child Sex Assault

Allenna Bangs, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Tarrant County

Civil Law

1:30 p.m. CPS Caselaw Update

Stephanie Stephens, Asst. District Attorney, Nacogdoches County

2:45 p.m. Gambling Dens: Poker & Otherwise

Amy Monsivais, Asst. County Attorney, El Paso County

4:00 p.m. Purchasing

Jackson Latimer, First Asst. County Attorney, Potter County

Focus: DWI

1:30 p.m. Science of Blood

Lynn Nguyen, Asst. District Attorney, Harris County

2:45 p.m. Voir Dire: Common Issues in DWI Trials

Jennifer Morse, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Dallas County

4:00 p.m. Case Study: DWI

Jessica Frazier, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Comal County

Focus: Juvenile Crime

1:30 p.m. Certification & Determinate Sentencing

Colleen Davis, Asst. County Attorney, Burnet County

2:45 p.m. Voir Dire: Common Issues When Trying Juvenile Crime

Jaime Reyna, Asst. District Attorney, Fort Bend County

4:00 p.m. Case Study: Juvenile Crime

John Jordan, Asst. District Attorney, Harris County

Investigators

1:30 p.m. Firearms Law Update

Francisco Mendoza, Asst. District Attorney, Webb County

2:45 p.m. Geofencing & Location Data

Breck McDaniel, CDA Investigator, & Nick Socias, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Kendall County

4:00 p.m. Case Study: No Body

Erik Nielsen, Asst. District Attorney, Travis County

KP-VAC

1:30 p.m. Self-Defense

2:45 p.m. Aggressive Exercising of Rights

W. Clay Abbott, TDCAA DWI Resource Prosecutor, Austin

4:00 p.m. Case Study

Casey Hendrix, Victim Assistance Coordinator, & Carrie Thomas, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Collin County

6:00 p.m. TDCAA Jamboree (join us for games, live music, and a buffet dinner)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 (3 HOURS ETHICS)

Trial Ethics

9:00 a.m. Ethical Plea
Bargaining & Case
Evaluation

*Sarah Moore, First Asst.
District Attorney, Dawson
County, & Shanna Redwine,
Asst. District Attorney,
Montgomery County*

10:45 a.m. Grievances &
Rule 3.09 Update

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

Civil Law (ethics)

9:00 a.m. Forum: Ethics of
Law Enforcement
Representation

*Moderated by: Larry
Roberson, Asst. Criminal
District Attorney, Bexar
County, with panelists Bob
Piatt, Bexar County; Carlos
Madrid, El Paso County; &
Michael Hull, Harris County*

10:45 a.m. Ethical
Considerations in the Use
& Restriction of Media

*Sherine Thomas & Leslie
Dippel, Asst. County
Attorneys, Travis County*

Investigator

9:00 a.m. Threat
Assessment

*Moderated by: Gale Echols,
DA Investigator,
Montgomery County, with
panelists K.C. Breshears,
Orange County; Trina
Burkes, Harris County; Mike
Holley, Kaufman County;
and Ilda Rupert,
Montgomery County*

10:45 a.m. Sex
Trafficking Methods &
Investigation

*Det. Joseph Scaramucci,
McLennan County Sheriff's
Office*

Victim Assistance

9:00 a.m. Advanced VAC
Training

*Katie Etringer, Victim
Assistance Coordinator, 81st
Judicial District Attorney's
Office, & Cyndi Jahn, Victim
Assistance Coordinator,
Bexar County Criminal
District Attorney's Office*

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

12:15 p.m. Adjourn

Location & Hotel Information

Location of training: All training will be at the American Bank Center, which is located at 1901 N. Shoreline Blvd., in Corpus Christi. Shuttle service will be available Wednesday through Friday to and from the conference hotels listed below. Self-parking at the convention center is \$5 per day or \$10 for a three-day parking pass.

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. Be cognizant of other offices when reserving multiple rooms. Overbooking rooms and NOT cancelling them before the cut-off date means that TDCAA is financially responsible for the unused rooms and forces other attendees to book non-TDCAA hotel rooms at a much higher rate. You must mention TDCAA to get the discounted rates. Hotel rates are available until August 29 or until the block is sold out, whichever comes first. If hotels are sold out, check back periodically as rooms may become available.

Omni Corpus Christi is located at 900 N. Shoreline Blvd. Call 361/887-1600 to make reservations. The hotel rate is \$129 plus tax per night. Overnight parking is complimentary. Distance is 0.6 miles (2 minutes) from the American Bank Center. **As of June 13, 2022, this hotel is sold out.**

Radisson Hotel is located at 3200 E. Surfside Blvd. Call 361/883-9700 to make reservations. The hotel rate is \$129 plus tax per night. Overnight parking and guest room internet is complimentary. Distance is 2.6 miles (7 minutes) from the American Bank Center.

Emerald Beach Hotel is located at 1102 S. Shoreline Blvd. Call 361/883-5731 to make reservations. The hotel rate is \$129 plus tax per night. Airport shuttle service, self-parking, and guest room internet are complimentary. Distance is 2.0 miles (6 minutes) from the American Bank Center.

Holiday Inn Marina is located at 707 N. Shoreline Drive. Call 361/452-5058, ask for the Sales Department, and mention group code ACO to make reservations. This hotel rate is \$139 plus tax per night. The hotel offers \$10.00 discounted breakfast, complimentary self-parking, and free guest room internet. Distance is 0.7 miles (2 minutes) from the American Bank Center. **As of June 13, 2022, this hotel is sold out.**

Hampton Inn & Suites is located at 917 North Navigation Blvd. Call 361/884-4444 to make reservations. The hotel rate is \$119 plus tax per night and is available until September 6. Overnight parking is complimentary. Distance is 4.5 miles (8 minutes) from the American Bank Center. This hotel offers free breakfast and free internet access. There is a one-night early departure fee if the hotel is not notified upon arrival of your change in departure.

Holiday Inn Express is located at 929 North Navigation Blvd. Call 361/883-2900 to make reservations. The hotel rate is \$119 plus tax per night and is available until September 6. Overnight parking is complimentary. Distance is 4.5 miles (8 minutes) from the American Bank Center. This hotel offers free breakfast and free internet access. There is a one-night early departure fee if the hotel is not notified upon arrival of your change in departure.