

# Investigator School

## February 3–6, 2020

**24 hours of TCOLE (General Law 3150)**

**The host hotel:  
Crowne Plaza Hotel  
6121 N. IH-35  
Austin, TX 78752  
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*Rooms are \$126 plus tax (good until January 13 or the block is sold out, whichever is first). Mention TDCAA to get the rate.*

Texas County and District Attorney investigators routinely face law enforcement issues unique to their positions. Each year, TDCAA teams with representatives from across the state to develop training specifically designed for their special role. A week at Investigator School will help prepare even the most seasoned investigators for their daily grind, whether it's learning about proving up priors, using social media, or marijuana impairment. Additionally, this year's attendees can register for the Digital Evidence Workshop for training on a variety of digital media platforms and services. If that weren't enough, investigators in a prosecutor office for less than a year can participate in New Investigator School. There's truly something for everyone.

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



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# Investigator School Agenda

## Monday, February 3 (4.25 hours)

**12:45 p.m. Welcome and Course Introduction**

*Brian Klas, TDCAA Training Director, Austin*

**1:00 p.m. John Graves: From Cult to Commitment**

*Jacklyn Janis, Asst. District Attorney, Special Prosecution Unit, & Susan Maxwell, DA Investigator, Matagorda County (ret'd)*

**2:45 p.m. Out-of-State Parties**

*Paul Smithers, DA Investigator, Harris County*

**4:15 p.m. Marijuana & Impairment**

*W. Clay Abbott, TDCAA DWI Resource Prosecutor, Austin*

**5:15 p.m. Adjourn to Opening Reception (provided by TDCAA)**

## Tuesday, February 4 (8.00 hours)

**8:00 a.m.–5:15 p.m.**

### New Investigator School (NIS)

Open to investigators with less than one year of experience in a prosecutor's office. Applicants will be notified prior to the conference regarding acceptance into the NIS.

*Gale Echols, DA Investigator, Montgomery County; Kim Elliott, CDA Investigator, Lubbock County; Paul Smithers, DA Investigator, Harris County; K.C. Breshears, C&DA Investigator, Orange County; and W. Clay Abbott, DWI Resources Prosecutor, Austin*

**8:00 a.m. Juvenile Issues**

*Kim Hayes, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Lubbock County*

**9:30 a.m. Special Investigations 101**

*Anna Saldaña Ford, Director of Regional Litigation; Jerome Green Jr., MA, CPI Program Specialist; and Demetrie Mitchell, Director of Special Investigations, DFPS in Austin*

**11:00 a.m. The Human Trafficking Spectrum**

*Shanna Redwine, Asst. District Attorney, Montgomery County*

**Noon Lunch (provided by TDCAA)**

**1:15 p.m. Possession of the State—Classic Records**

*Jack Choate, Executive Director, Special Prosecution Unit, Huntsville*

**2:45 p.m. Courthouse Security**

*Randy Harris, Constable, Tom Green County, & Richard Carter, Attorney at Law, Arlington*

## Tuesday, February 4 (cont'd)

**4:15 p.m. Inner-Office Communication**

*Mark Warren, Consultant, Texas Association of Counties, Austin*

**5:15 p.m. Adjourn**

## Wednesday, February 5 (8.00 hours)

**8:00 a.m. Acquisition & Use of Social Media**

*Dallas County CDA Investigators*

**11:00 a.m. Mass Shooting: Lessons Learned**

*Jack Roady, Criminal District Attorney, & Kevin Petroff, First Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Galveston County*

**Noon Lunch (provided by TDCAA)**

### 1:15 p.m.–5:15 p.m. Digital Workshop

This session will cover such topics as video codecs, formats, and hardware and software solutions for digital evidence. This breakout is available *only* by pre-registration. Accepted attendees will be notified in advance of the course and will receive follow-up information from the instructors.

*Nick Simpson & Todd Smith, CDA Investigators, Lubbock County*

**1:15 p.m. Search & Seizure Update**

*Ted Wilson, Asst. District Attorney, Harris County (ret'd), & Phil Hall, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Bastrop County*

**4:15 p.m. Proving Up Priors: Skinning Cats**

*Katie McVaney, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Hays County*

**5:15 p.m. Adjourn**

## Thursday, February 6 (3.75 hours)

**8:00 a.m. Gaining Discovery Compliance**

*A moderated panel*

**9:45 a.m. Case Study: Child Sex Abuse Intervention**

*Rob Pawley, DA Investigator, Wise County*

**11:45 a.m. Adjourn**

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*This program is funded by a grant from the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and by the Texas District and County Attorneys Association.*

### 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 Monday's reception and lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- \$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.