

Prosecutor Trial Skills Course

July 14–19, 2019
Austin

27.25 hours of MCLE, including 3 hours of ethics

The host hotel:
Omni Southpark Hotel
4140 Governors Row
Austin, TX 78744
512/383-2622

Rooms are
\$119 plus tax.
This rate is good
until June 24 or the
block is sold out,
whichever
comes first.

Anyone who is new to a prosecutor's office (or just ready for an update) 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 seminar 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. Case Scenario / Group Introductions
Faculty Directed at Each Table
4:30 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. DWI Caselaw Update
Jessica Frazier, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Comal County
10:30 a.m. Pre-Trial Issues
Grant Bryan, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Bexar 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
Melinda Westmoreland, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Tarrant County
2:15 p.m. Nuts and Bolts of Jury Selection
Dewey Mitchell, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Collin County
3:15 p.m. DEMO: Jury Selection
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
Tom Bridges, Former District Attorney, Aransas & San Patricio Counties (retired), and Ted Wilson, Former Asst. District Attorney, Harris County (retired)
11:15 a.m. Case Scenarios
Faculty Directed at Each Table
Noon Lunch (provided by TDCAA)
1:00 p.m. Identifying and Overcoming Cognitive Bias
Jarvis Parsons, District Attorney, Brazos County, & Bill Wirsky, First Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Collin County
2:15 p.m. Effective Opening Statements
Kevin Petroff, First Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Galveston County

Tuesday, July 16 (cont'd)

- 3:15 p.m. DEMO: Opening Statement
3:45 p.m. Your VAC and 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
Stephanie Greger, Asst. County Attorney, Williamson County
10:45 a.m. Domestic Violence: Presenting the Case
Kristin Burns, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Bastrop County
12:15 p.m. Adjourn

Thursday, July 18 (6.5 hours CLE)

- 9:00 a.m. Punishment Evidence
10:15 a.m. Case Scenarios
Faculty Directed at Each Table
11:00 a.m. Probation Revocation Hearings
Tiana Sanford, Asst. District Attorney, Montgomery County
Noon Lunch (provided by TDCAA)
1:00 p.m. Plea Negotiation & Plea Bargaining Workshop
Brian Klas, TDCAA Training Director, Austin
3:15 p.m. Predicate Prosecutor Feud
Erik Nielsen, Asst. District Attorney, Travis County
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 18 (2.75 hours CLE)

- 9:00 a.m. Cross-Examination and Impeachment
Ryan Calvert, Asst. District Attorney, Brazos County
10:30 a.m. Final Argument
John Jordan, Asst. District Attorney, Harris County
Noon 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 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.