



**2022 Annual Report for the Texas
District & County Attorneys Foundation**

**Rooted in
the past,
looking to
the future**

A letter from the TDCAF Board President



Ken Magidson
*TDCAF Board
President*

This year's Annual Report theme is "Rooted in the Past, Looking to the Future." Former Harris County District Attorney Carol Vance and former Harris County Assistant District Attorney and renowned defense attorney Mike Hinton were critical in planting the Texas District and County Attorneys Association's (TDCAA) roots. Their ethical examples of legal excellence, professionalism, and leadership firmly established the basis for the TDCAA training programs. These programs, including advocacy skills, management training, and victim-witness support are just some of Vance's and Hinton's legacies.

Having been hired by Carol Vance and having worked with Mike Hinton, I have benefitted from their collective example. Their leadership has been my guide while serving as your President, especially in terms of increasing the financial resources necessary for the TDCAA's programs.

As we look to the future, we will continue to build our training on the high standards that have already been established. We will also seek innovative ideas from the field that will increase the substance and therefore interest in our programs. In a time of tight budgets, the Mike Hinton Scholarship funds the costs of individuals from district and county attorney's offices to attend the TDCAA Annual Conference in September.

Additionally, we can build on our roots of excellence by supporting the Texas Prosecutors Society. Each year, prosecutors are nominated based on their significant contributions to their offices. They are then invited to join this society and participate in the fundraising arm for the Texas District and County Attorneys Foundation.

When we stand in court and answer the question, "Who represents the State of Texas?" it should always be answered affirmatively by a thoroughly prepared and trained prosecutor. This is the Foundation's mission, rooted in the past and continuing in the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth Magidson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

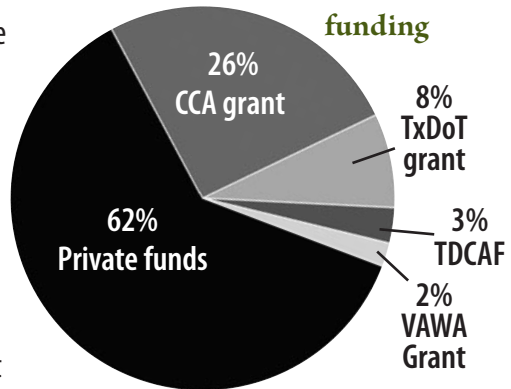
What TDCAF does

With the pandemic and shutdown in the rearview mirror, we have turned our attention back to what we do best: training Texas prosecutors and staff to be the best they can be. In doing so, it's clear why the Foundation is so important to the mission and purpose of the Texas District and County Attorneys Association (TDCAA).

TDCAA is the professional association for Texas prosecutors, and it has been around for more than 100 years. Our 6,464 members—a number that seems to swell every year—include prosecutors, investigators, support staff, and law students, and they need training, technical assistance, and other help in seeing that justice is done. Without effective advocates both in and outside the courtroom, crime victims and members of the public will not get the justice they deserve.

Grants support a portion of the training we produce, and the number of prosecutors and staff who need it is always increasing. (See the chart at right for a breakdown of where we get our funding.) Without money from other sources, such as the Foundation, TDCAA could not meet the needs of its members and law enforcement. Read on to find out how we served Texas prosecutors and staff in 2022.

Sources of TDCAA's funding



What TDCAF did in 2022

Live and Online Training

In 2022, we got back to normal—and then some!—with our live training, and we continued to produce a library of online courses. We are back to pre-COVID numbers with how many conferences we produced, people we trained, and hours of CLE and TCOLE we awarded:

57 live & online conferences
13,950+ people trained
60,000+ hours of training

Here's more about the training the Foundation helps support.

Advanced Prosecutor Training

To fight for victims of crime, prosecutors must be prepared to be at their best in the courtroom. To this end, and through a gift from the Harris County District Attorney's Office, the Foundation can sustain two critical TDCAA courses. Both are staff- and resource-intensive, and financial support from the Foundation is critical.

Train the Trainer. Since 2008, the Texas District and County Attorneys Foundation has fully funded the food, lodging, and training of those attending this week-long conference at no cost to their offices. Highly qualified faculty

teach prosecutors, investigators, and staff the principles of adult learning techniques so they can give more effective oral presentations to a room of their peers or a jury panel. Attendance is by invitation only, and it is limited to 32 participants.



At left are photos of a few attendees and faculty advisors at Train the Trainer in Fredericksburg; below is a photo of attendees and faculty advisors at the Advanced Appellate Advocacy Course at Baylor School of Law.



Advanced Advocacy Courses. Here, seasoned prosecutors further their skills in an intensive, week-long session at Baylor School of Law in Waco. Through presentations, demonstrations, and directed workshops in real courtrooms, experienced faculty guide participants through detailed felony case scenarios. This course addresses many challenges that arise in the most difficult



cases we try. TDCAA offers both trial and appellate advocacy so that prosecutors with different specializations can enrich their skills. These courses are limited to 40 hand-selected students and are fully funded by the Foundation so there is no cost to attendees or their offices.

*At right and below,
attendees at our
Advanced Trial
Advocacy Course at
Baylor School of Law.*



Prosecutor Management Institute (PMI)

The Texas Prosecutor Management Institute (PMI) continues to offer its bedrock module, Fundamentals of Management. This 2½-day course is designed to give prosecutors the personal insight and tools they need to successfully lead their teams. The concepts we cover translate to all prosecutors, whether they are running their first court, overseeing a cadre of attorneys and administrative personnel, or even operating as a solo elected prosecutor with responsibility for an entire county's caseload.

To date, the course has been delivered to 250 supervisor-level prosecutors. Other courses are currently scheduled, and even more offices have expressed a desire to attend it. We have also offered two “elected editions” of this course exclusively to elected county and district attorneys, and they were a big hit.

Online Training

TDCAA hired an assistant training director, Gregg Cox, at the end of 2021 to produce an online library of courses. Since then, he has filmed and edited an update for our course on *Brady*, which is mandated for every prosecutor, along with a series of four sessions on mental health in the criminal justice system. They are available on our website at www.tdcaa.com/training/#online-training, and many of them are free of charge.

Victims Services

The Foundation helps underwrite our Victims Services Director position to improve legislatively mandated but largely unfunded crime victim services in prosecutors’ offices. TDCAA’s Victim Services Director, Jalayne Robinson, provides training to individuals and groups on topics related to victim services and crime victims’ rights. Jalayne is available daily for TDCAA members who need technical assistance via phone or email.

In 2022, Jalayne:

- presented victim services training to 442 victim services personnel, prosecutors, and prosecutor office staff at TDCAA conferences and via individual and group trainings, including the Criminal District Attorney’s Office in Bexar County, below;



Jalayne Robinson,
LMSW
*TDCAA Victims
Services Director*



- provided ongoing daily email and telephone support to VACs and prosecutors;
- served as project director for our Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division VOCA grant, including grant writing and grant administration;
- assisted in developing VOCA grant training;
- assisted with coordinating TDCAA's Key Personnel–Victim Services Board, including conducting board member elections, attending board meetings, and corresponding with board members;
- wrote a regular column for TDCAA's journal, *The Texas Prosecutor*; and
- represented TDCAA in policy development and service coordination with state agencies and other nonprofits assisting victims.

Publications

Another key to educating prosecutors is publications. In 2022, TDCAA provided six grant-funded criminal law books for prosecutors, two of which also went to law enforcement officers. TDCAA publishes more than 30 books and manuals in all, including electronic versions of code books, to educate prosecutors and staff on a wide breadth of criminal law topics. The Foundation has been instrumental in getting many of these publications into the hands of the professionals who need them.

All told, 2022 was a busy year that supplied Texas prosecutors and staff with the high-quality training they need while also growing our online training library and getting back to normal with our live conferences.

Texas Prosecutors Society (TPS)

In 2011, under the direction of then-Board Chair Dan Boulware and Endowment Chair Tom Krampitz, the Foundation established a select group of supporters called the Texas Prosecutors Society. This invitation was for those who have demonstrated an interest in and commitment to improving prosecution and training in Texas, whether they serve as current prosecutors, criminal defense attorneys, or judges; they practice in another area of law; or they are enjoying retirement. We are proud that so many current and former prosecutors have joined these ranks.

Texas Prosecutors Society members have pledged \$2,500 each to create an endowment fund for the Foundation—a forward-thinking strategy for building stability and growth for both the Foundation and the Association. The endowment’s purpose is to collect and invest funds for the future to provide critical support to the Association.

Each year, new Society inductees are recognized at a special reception at TDCAA’s Elected Prosecutor Conference in December. In 2022, we celebrated a new class, bringing the number of TPS members to 251. (See the photo below for those in the Class of 2022 who attended.) It will continue to grow as more prosecutors and alumni are invited to join every year. Listed on the next two pages is the membership of TPS with 2022 inductees in **bold**.



Texas Prosecutors Society (TPS)

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In memoriam



Carol Vance
*photographed in
2010 at a TDCAF
event in Houston*

We lost a giant of prosecution in 2022: Carol Vance, former District Attorney in Harris County, passed away in June at the age of 88. During his tenure as DA from 1966 to 1978, Mr. Vance was seminal in the formation of the Texas District & County Attorneys Association; he also served on the Texas District & County Attorneys Foundation's Advisory Committee from its inception in 2006 until his death. He was ahead of his time when it came to training prosecutors, serving crime victims, and creating efficiency in the criminal justice system. "Do the right thing, in the right way, for the right reasons," was something he preached to those who worked for him. Ken Magidson, TDCAF Board President, former DA in Harris County, and onetime ADA under Mr. Vance, remembered him this way: "Like a coach leading a team, he encouraged detailed and complete preparation, healthy competition, and good sportsmanship among his lawyers. Never judgmental or angry, he mentored us and helped us to grow better as prosecutors. He expected us to perform at our best and to pursue excellence. We strove to meet his expectations, to elevate the office, and to well-represent the State of Texas." Mr. Vance will be terribly missed—but his legacy lives on in those prosecutors he trained and the Association he nurtured.



Mike Hinton
*photographed in
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We also spent 2022 remembering Mike Hinton, a former ADA in Harris County who went on to become a renowned criminal defense attorney—who supported the Foundation wholeheartedly. After his passing in 2021, friends and colleagues gave money in Mr. Hinton's name to fund scholarships for TDCAA's Annual Criminal & Civil Law Conference. TDCAA awarded five scholarships in 2022 and will accept applications for scholarships to the 2023 Annual too. Ensuring that prosecutors get the training they need, even if they or their offices don't have the means to pay for it, is such a wonderful legacy for Mr. Hinton.

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There are three easy ways to contribute toward the Foundation’s mission of supporting TDCAA and its purpose in helping prosecutors and staff see that justice is done in their communities.

- You can send a check made payable to TDCAF to LaToya Scott, TDCAF, 505 West 12th Street, Ste. 100, Austin, TX 78701.
- Give online with a Visa or Mastercard at tdcaf.org.
- Donate asset forfeiture funds. A few years ago, the Texas Legislature amended Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 59.06(d-2) to allow elected prosecutors to donate these funds to an entity that provides training or education related to the detection, investigation, or prosecution of a crime or abuse. We are grateful for these contributions (when local needs have already been met) and have committed that all such funds are “restricted”—meaning, they are used only for training, without any expenditures for Foundation overhead and the like.

TDCAF by the numbers

	2022	Budget	% of Budget
Unrestricted Funds			
Income	\$61,850	\$50,000	124%
Expenses	\$38,675	\$32,300	120%
Net Unrestricted Income	\$23,175	\$17,700	
Restricted Funds			
Income	\$51,917	\$120,000	43%
Expenses	\$53,254	\$50,000	107%
Net Restricted Income	(\$1,337)	\$70,000	
Fund Balances			
Restricted	\$586,053		
Unrestricted	\$118,391		
Endowment	\$651,550		
Total All Funds	\$1,355,994		

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