



**HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS
APPLICATION FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL**

DATE OF REQUEST: 02/25/13
 TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES TRAVELING: 1
 DEPARTMENT NAME: PUBLIC DEFENDER'S
 NAME & TITLE OF EMPLOYEE(S) TRAVELING: *Larry Esparza* TO ATTEND THE CROSS EXAM - TCDLE CONFERENCE

EVENT INFORMATION
 TITLE OF EVENT: CROSS EXAM
 EVENT DATE(S) FROM: 03/07/13 TO: 03/08/13
 DEPARTURE DATE: 03/06/13 RETURN DATE: 03/09/13
 LOCATION OF EVENT: CITY: DALLAS STATE: TEXAS

PURPOSE OF TRAVEL
 Place an "X" by the applicable purpose of the trip.
 To obtain statutorily required continuing professional education.
 To obtain continuing education related to an employee's work or maintenance of a license or certification.
 To testify before legislative bodies, regulatory agencies and commissions, and other forums that may make decisions affecting the County and its affiliated organizations and operations.
 To participate in professional organizations related to the employee or official's job assignment.
 To conduct essential research & information-gathering for improvement of County operations or compliance with law.
 To monitor the development of state or federal legislation or implementation of legislation that might affect the County
 To participate in forums, coalitions, & discussions relating to the policy, legislative & regulatory interests of the County
 To pursue the County's interests in litigation or criminal justice.
 To promote the economic development interests of the County.
 To carry out other purposes determined by Commissioners' Court to be in the interest of the County (Commissioners' Court approval is attached).

JUSTIFICATION FOR THE NEED TO TRAVEL OUT-OF-STATE
 Explain the benefits that this trip it will bring to Hidalgo County. Attach an itinerary, agenda, or schedule for the conference and/ or event. If applicable, justify the need for multiple persons traveling to the same event.

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED TRAVEL EXPENSES	ESTIMATED EXPENSES	(DBM USE ONLY) FUNDS AVAILABLE BALANCE	MODE OF TRAVEL (Place an "X" by applicable mode of travel)
1. REGISTRATION FEE(S) Subtotal for Object Code 584	\$ -	\$	AIRFARE*
2. AIRFARE - ROUNDTRIP COACH FARE ONLY	\$ 439.10	✓	BUS**
3. TAXI FARE	\$ 30.00	✓	Rental Car**
4. BUS FARE	\$ -		County Vehicle**
5. RENTAL CAR	\$ -		Private Vehicle**
6. GASOLINE/DIESEL/FUEL	\$ -		OTHER** (Specify)
7. MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 40.00	✓	* If traveling by airplane, the traveler should consider purchasing a refundable fare if possibility of a cancellation exists.
8. TELEPHONE CALLS	\$ -		** If mode of travel includes bus, rental car, county vehicle, private vehicle, or other form of transportation, a comparison of the savings that will be achieved by not choosing to travel by airplane must be provided with supporting documentation.
9. PARKING	\$ -		
10. LODGING	\$ 389.85	✓	
11. MEALS	\$ 96.00	✓	
12. OTHER EXPENSES	\$ -		
Subtotal for Object Code 583	\$ 994.95	✓	
13. TOTAL ESTIMATED TRAVEL EXPENSES	\$ 994.95	✓	

*Airfare:
Req # 232205
\$ 439.10*

*Lodging:
Req # 232219
\$ 389.85*

*Larry Esparza
(meals, mileage & taxi)
Req # 232270
\$ 166.00*

14. IF HIDALGO COUNTY IS NOT FUNDING ANY OR PART OF THIS TRIP, INDICATE BELOW THE EXPENSE TYPE & SOURCE OF PAYMENT:
 Mr. Esparza received a scholarship from TCDLA paying the registration fees.
 NOTE: If trip duration is extended to take advantage of lower airfare, a comparison of the savings to the additional estimated cost must be provided with supporting airfare rate documentation.

** Registration to be paid thru scholarship. (see attached.)*

ELECTED OFFICIAL/DEPARTMENT HEAD CERTIFICATION (Place an "X" by each of the certifications)
 I certify that:
 Trip expenses are necessary and will be incurred for official county business.
 Reasonable efforts to minimize the use of county funds have been explored.
 Sufficient funds are available within in my department's budget to pay for the related travel expenses without the need of a budget amendment.
 If this trip is for out-of-state training, the training is not available in some other form that does not require out-of-state travel.

APPROVED BY ELECTED OFFICIAL/DEPARTMENT HEAD: *[Signature]* DATE: 2/26/13 DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSON: *Patti Loyd* PHONE NO.: 292-7040 EXT. 5433

FOR DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET & MANAGEMENT (DBM) USE ONLY:
 TRAVEL IS APPROVED for the individuals listed below:
 TRAVEL IS NOT APPROVED for the individuals listed below:

REVIEWED BY (PRINT NAME): *Sonie Ateios* DATE: 2-27-13 REVIEWER'S SIGNATURE: *[Signature]* PHONE NO.: 292-7025
 DBM'S DEPARTMENT HEAD APPROVAL (PRINT NAME): DATE: SIGNATURE OF DBM DEPARTMENT HEAD:

cc 3/5/13



TEXAS CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

February 26, 2013

Lawrence Esparza
100 N Closser Blvd
Edinburg, TX 78539-3523
Fax: 956.292.7049

patricia.loya@co.hidalgo.tx.us

Dear Mr. Esparza:

Congratulations! You have been selected to receive a scholarship from The Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Educational Institute. This scholarship allows you to attend the Cross Examination Seminar, which will be held on March 7-8, 2013 at the Crowne Plaza Dallas - Downtown, 1015 Elm Street, Dallas, TX 75202.

Scholarship Materials

The scholarship includes full seminar tuition and materials for the course on USB. You may order a printed book for \$60 by February 15, 2013.

Hotel - Cut off, February 15, 2013 or until filled

The host hotel is the Crowne Plaza Dallas - Downtown, 1015 Elm Street, Dallas, TX 75202. TCDLA has guest rooms blocked at a rate of single/double \$99.00 plus tax per night. You will need to make your reservations by February 15, 2013 in order to guarantee this room rate and availability. Call the Crowne Plaza Dallas at 214.742.5427 for reservations. To receive our group rate, refer to "TCDLA" when making your room reservation.

Scholarship Acceptance - Action Required

In order to accept your scholarship, please complete the attached form as soon as possible. Should you need to cancel your reserved slot, please notify the TCDLA office as soon as possible, so that a substitute can be selected to participate. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments. Once we have received the acceptance we will register you for the seminar and you will receive confirmation via email.

I look forward to seeing you in Dallas!

Sincerely,

Melissa J. Schank
Assistant Executive Director

CC: Phoebe Smith, TCDLEI Chairperson

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Cross-Examination

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 New member Update my information
 Name Lawrence Esparza Bar Number 24036533
 Address 100 N. Clossner City Edinburg State TX Zip 78539
 Phone (956) 292-7040 Fax (956) 292-7049 E-mail Lawrence@esparza.com

Reserve My Space / Materials

To receive a full refund, cancellations must be received in writing two weeks prior to the seminar. Cancellations made within two weeks of the seminar will be assessed a 50 percent cancellation fee. Materials will be sent after event.

Pre-Registration (order by 2/15/13)

- USB** **Book (registration w/ book not available after 2/15)**
- \$195 member \$245 member
 - \$370 non-member \$420 non-member
- Onsite** **Book**
- \$60 member \$110 member
 - \$235 non-member \$285 non-member
- Can't attend? Purchase materials (order by 2/15/13)**
- \$245 member \$420 non-member

Waived fee to Scholarship!

Join TCDLA

TCDLA membership fees (renew or join as a new member)

- \$75 new member (*see below) \$150 renew membership

*TCDLA New Membership
 To sign up as a new member you will need a nominating endorsement from a current TCDLA member.

As a current member of TCDLA, I believe this applicant to be a person of professional competency, integrity, and good moral character. The applicant is licensed to practice law in Texas and is engaged in the defense of criminal cases, unless a student or affiliate applicant.

TCDLA endorser's name (please print) _____
 TCDLA endorser's signature _____

Payment

- Credit Card Check payable to TCDLA

Credit Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____
 Name on Card _____ Signature _____

TCDLA seminars are open only to criminal defense attorneys, litigation specialists, defense investigators, or other professionals who support the defense of criminal cases. Law enforcement personnel and prosecutors are not eligible to attend unless noted "open to all".
 Tax Notice: \$36 of your annual dues (\$19 if a student member) is for a one year subscription to the Voice for the Defense. Dues to TCDLA are not deductible as a charitable contribution but may be deducted as an ordinary business expense. The non-deductible

C.L. Reg. # 37306
Reg. by. # 232205

COURSE DIRECTORS
 Randy Wilson (Abilene) Tyrone Moncrieffe (Houston)

Key Information
 The Overview

Cross-examination is regarded as the "greatest legal engine ever invented for the discovery of the truth." With this in mind, TCDLA brings you the Cross-Examination seminar with some of the foremost legal experts practicing in different areas of criminal law, sharing their tactics from their years of experience, their strategies, and topics to focus on for a successful cross-examination of different witnesses for different types of criminal cases. These attorneys have been recognized as some of the best lawyers in Texas. If you are serious about winning your case in trial, then your attendance at this seminar is a must for trial lawyers of any skill level. Some of the most useful topics are going to be covered, and the insight and the "nuts and bolts" of conducting effective cross-examination will be covered in each topic.

Meeting/Lodging Location

The meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Dallas Downtown, located at 1015 Elm St., Dallas, TX 75202. The TCDLA room rate is \$99 single/double. Call the Crowne Plaza at 214.742.5427 and refer to "TCDLA" to receive the group rate. The group rate is available until Feb. 15, 2013, or until room block is full.

Contact TCDLA

Mail completed registration form to TCDLA • 6808 Hill Meadow Drive • Austin, Texas 78736, or fax to 512.469.0512. Questions? Email jteneyuca@tcdla.com or call 512.478.2514.

Agenda

Day	Time	Topic	Speaker
Thursday, March 7	7:30 am	Registration & Continental Breakfast	
	8:00 am	Opening Remarks	Wilson & Joseph Martin
	8:35 am	How to Prepare for Cross-Examination of a Witness	Phoebe Smith
	9:15 am	Preparing Your Client and Witness for Cross-Exam & Do's and Don'ts of Cross-Examination	Tom Pappas
10:45 am	Break		
Friday, March 8	7:30 am	Registration & Continental Breakfast	
	8:00 am	Opening Remarks	Tyrone Moncrieffe
	8:35 am	Cross-Examination of Victim in Family Violence Case	Susan Anderson
	9:15 am	Cross-Examination of Arresting Officer in DWI Case	David Burrows
10:45 am	Break		
Saturday, March 9	7:30 am	Cross-Examination of Lead Investigating Officer in a Criminal Case	Norm Silverman
	8:00 am	Lunch on your own	
	8:30 am	Cross-Examination of Alleged Child Victim Witness	Mark Daniel
	9:00 am	Cross-Examination of Expert in DWI Case	Troy McKinney
10:45 am	Break		
Sunday, March 10	7:30 am	Cross-Examination of Government Punishment Witness	Randy Wilson
	8:00 am	Lunch on your own	
	8:30 am	Cross-Examination of Expert Witness	Stan Schneider
	9:00 am	Adjourn	

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DEPART MAR 6	03:25 PM	Depart Harlingen, TX (HRL) on Southwest Airlines <i>Stops in Austin, Tx</i>	Flight #1530	Wednesday, March 6, 2013
WED	06:00 PM	Arrive in Dallas (Love Field), TX (DAL)		Travel Time 2 h 35 m (1 stop, no plane change) Anytime
RETURN MAR 9	09:30 AM	Depart Dallas (Love Field), TX (DAL) on Southwest Airlines	Flight #3602	Saturday, March 9, 2013
SAT	10:35 AM	Arrive in Houston (Hobby), TX (HOU)		Travel Time 3 h 00 m (1 stop, includes 1 plane change) Anytime
	11:30 AM	Change ✕ to Southwest Airlines in Houston (Hobby), TX (HOU)	Flight #2738	
	12:30 PM	Arrive in Harlingen, TX (HRL)		

This itinerary is operated by Southwest Airlines.

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PRICE: ADULT

Trip	Routing	Fare Type View Fare Rules	Fare Details	Quantity	Total
Depart	HRL-DAL	Anytime Great Flexibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flight Changes • Same Day Changes • No Change Fees 	1	\$216.80
Return	DAL-HOU-HRL	Anytime Great Flexibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flight Changes • Same Day Changes • No Change Fees 	1	\$222.30

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Subtotal **\$439.10**
Fare Breakdown

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1st and 2nd Checked Bags Fly Free.

Weight and size limits apply.

Bag Charge \$0.00

Air Total: \$439.10

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MAR 6	Depart	Flt 1530
WED	HRL	DAL
	3:25 PM	6:00 PM

Adult Air fare per person Anytime fare **\$216.80**

MAR 9	Return	Flt 3602/2738
SAT	DAL	HRL
	9:30 AM	12:30 PM

Adult Air fare per person Anytime fare **\$222.30**

Cost Breakdown

Adult \$439.10 x 1 **\$439.10**

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Trip Total **\$439.10**

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Grand Hotel Dallas
\$53/night

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Booked on ichotelsgroup.comYour Confirmation Number is **64534582****Hotel Information****Dallas Downtown**

1015 Elm Street,
Dallas, Texas
United States 75202
Hotel Front Desk: 1-214-7425678

Guest Information

MR LAWRENCE ESPARZA
13 NORTH FLOUNDER, EDINBURG TX
USA 0001 78539, esparza9@aol.com

Stay Summary

Check-In Date: Wed Mar-06-2013

Check-Out Date: Sat Mar-09-2013

Room Type: 2 DOUBLE BEDS NONSMOKING

Number of Rooms: 1

Number of Persons: 1 Adults 0 Children

Reservation Price Summary

Best Price Guarantee – find a lower price for our hotels elsewhere and your first night is free.

Average Nightly Rate	\$113.00 USD
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Price for 1 rooms 3 nights	\$339.00 USD
Total Tax ‡	\$50.85 USD
Estimated Total Price ‡	\$389.85 USD
Additional Charges May Apply	
The following fees will be added to your total hotel bill only if they apply to your stay.	
Parking Fee:	\$14.00 USD

Please Note:

- Only the reservation as entered into and confirmed by our system will be honored. Any written or printed confirmation that has been altered may be rejected by the hotel.
- ‡ As taxes and service charges may fluctuate from the time a reservation is made until the actual stay and during the actual stay, the Total Price is an estimate. Estimated price includes Room rate, Extra person charges, Total tax and Total hotel charges.
- As exchange rates may fluctuate from the time a reservation is made until the actual stay, the confirmed rate is guaranteed in the hotel's base currency.

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Notes

*Harry Esparza
Req. 232270
\$166.00*


Trip to:
























100 N Closer Blvd

Edinburg, TX 78539-3523


44.73 miles / 53 minutes

Estimated Mileage Reimbursement: \$25.27

 **Valley International Airport (HRL)**
3002 Heritage Way, Harlingen, TX 78550
(956) 430-8600

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|---|--|---------------------------------|
|  | 1. Start out going north on Airport Dr / Heritage Way toward Marine Dr. Continue to follow Heritage Way. Map | 0.4 MI
0.4 Mi Total |
|  | 2. Turn right onto Iwo Jima Blvd. Map | 0.3 MI
0.7 Mi Total |
|  | 3. Turn left onto N 25th St / FM-507. Map | 0.2 MI
0.9 Mi Total |
|   | 4. Turn sharp right onto TX-499-LOOP W. Map | 3.2 MI
4.1 Mi Total |
|  | 5. TX-499-LOOP W becomes Primera Rd. Map | 0.1 MI
4.2 Mi Total |
|  | 6. Turn left onto US-77 S. Map | 0.07 MI
4.3 Mi Total |
|   | 7. Merge onto US-77 S via the ramp on the left. Map | 1.8 MI
6.2 Mi Total |
|   | 8. Merge onto US-83 W toward McAllen. Map | 30.0 MI
36.1 Mi Total |
|   | 9. Merge onto US-281 N toward Edinburg. Map | 7.1 MI
43.2 Mi Total |
| EXIT
 | 10. Take the exit toward TX-107 / University Dr. Map | 0.3 MI
43.5 Mi Total |
|  | 11. Stay straight to go onto S Expressway 281 / S 25th Ave. Continue to follow S Expressway 281. Map | 0.1 MI
43.7 Mi Total |
|   | 12. Turn left onto E University Dr / TX-107. Map | 0.9 MI
44.6 Mi Total |
|   | 13. Turn left onto S 12th Ave / TX-107. Map | 0.07 MI
44.7 Mi Total |
|   | 14. Take the 1st right onto E Cano St / TX-107. Map | 0.07 MI
44.7 Mi Total |
|   | 15. Turn right onto US-281-BR N / N Closer Blvd. Map | 0.01 MI
44.7 Mi Total |

■ 16. 100 N CLOSNER BLVD is on the right. [Map](#)

 **100 N Closner Blvd, Edinburg, TX 78539-3523**

Total Travel Estimate: 44.73 miles - about 53 minutes

Estimated Mileage Reimbursement: \$25.27

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