

# Annual Criminal & Civil Law Update

## South Padre Island Convention Centre

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### September 19–21, 2012

Early registration is available Tuesday, Sept. 18, from 2–5 p.m. at the Pearl South Padre (formerly the Sheraton).

#### Wednesday, September 19 at the SPI Convention Centre

**8:00 am** Registration begins at the SPI Convention Centre.

**9:00 am** Rural Prosecutors' Forum (2 hours MCLE)

Moderated by Michael Fouts, 39th Judicial District Attorney, and Michael Criswell, Swisher County Attorney

#### General Session

**1:00 p.m.** Welcome, Course Introduction, & Special Recognitions

**1:30 p.m.** Keynote Address: Justice, Mercy, and Humility—Yes, But How?

E. Pete Adams, Executive Director, Louisiana District Attorneys Association

**2:45 p.m.** Texas Responds to Prosecutorial Misconduct "Reports"

Lee Hon, Criminal District Attorney, Polk County, and President of TDCAA, and Rob Kepple, Executive Director, TDCAA

**3:45 p.m.** *Brady* Evidence for Prosecutors and Personnel: A Foundation for Justice

W. Clay Abbott and Erik Nielsen, Staff, TDCAA

**5:00 p.m.** Adjourn

**5:05 p.m.** TDCAA Business Meeting & Board Elections

**6:00 p.m.** Opening reception at the Pearl South Padre (formerly the Sheraton); reception provided by the Texas District and County Attorneys Foundation [TDCAF])

**Go to [www.tdcaa.com/training](http://www.tdcaa.com/training) today to register!**

Breakouts on Thursday, September 20 at the Convention Centre

Emerging Issues	Civil Law	Organized Crime	Management/Health	Investigators	Key Personnel & VACs
<b>8:30 a.m. SCOTUS/CCA Update</b> David Newell, Asst. District Attorney, Harris County	<b>8:30 a.m. Eminent Domain and Senate Bill 18</b> Will Higgins, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Tarrant County	<b>8:30 a.m. Engaging in Organized Crime: Pleading and Charging Issues</b> John Brewer, Asst. District Attorney, Harris County	<b>8:30 a.m. Identifying and Dealing with Burnout</b> Mark Yarbrough, County & District Attorney, Lamb County	<b>8:30 a.m. “The Deep Web”</b> Patrick Wilson, County & District Attorney, Ellis County	<b>8:30 a.m. Victim-Offender Mediation</b> Stan Garnett, District Attorney, Boulder, Colorado
<b>9:45 a.m. Prosecution in the Investigative Stage</b>	<b>9:45 a.m. Nuisance Abatement</b> Laura Cahill, Asst. County Attorney, Harris County	<b>9:45 a.m. Drug Cartels and Money Laundering</b> Brian Wolfe, Criminal District Attorney’s Investigator, Denton County	<b>10:15 a.m. Tips for the Trial Court Chief: Managing Your People and Your Time</b> Mia Magness, Asst. District Attorney, Harris County	<b>9:45 a.m. Out of State Witnesses and Complex Investigations</b> Steve Brand, Asst. District Attorney, Travis County	<b>9:45 a.m. CJIS Compliance</b> Joel Littlefield, County Attorney, Hunt County, and The Honorable Andrew Bench, County Court at Law Judge, Hunt County, and Shelia Bledsoe, Field Support Consultant, CJIS, TDCJ, Austin
<b>11:00 a.m. Online Goldmine: Digital Evidence from Investigation to Admissibility</b> Brandon Birmingham, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Dallas County, and Jo Anne Linzer, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Montgomery County	<b>11:00 a.m. Bond Forfeitures Update</b> Kathy Braddock, Asst. District Attorney, Harris County			<b>11:00 a.m. Protective Orders</b> Dee Hobbs, Asst. County Attorney, Williamson County	<b>11:00 a.m. Compassion Fatigue</b> Angela McCown, Director, Victim Services Division, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Austin

Noon Lunch at the Convention Centre (provided by TDCAA)

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<b>1:30 p.m. Life and Death Decisions in Charging Capital Cases</b> Wally Hatch, District Attorney, Hale County, and Bill Turner, District Attorney, Brazos County	<b>1:30 p.m. Civil Legislative Preview</b> David Escamilla, County Attorney, Travis County, and Deece Eckstein, Coordinator, Intergovernmental Relations, Travis County	<b>1:30 p.m. Gangs Update</b> Emil Garza, Program Specialist I, Security Threat Group Management Office, Huntsville (invited)	<b>1:30 p.m. Tips for the Trial Court Chief: Managing Your People and Your Time</b> Mia Magness, Asst. District Attorney, Harris County	<b>1:30 p.m. Open Meetings and Election Code Violations</b> Holly Taylor, Asst. District Attorney, Travis County	<b>1:30 p.m. Procedural Problems with Mental Health Cases</b> Susan Bishop, Asst. District Attorney, Harris County (invited)
<b>2:45 p.m. Understanding Autopsies</b> Dr. Sparks Veasey, M.D., J.D., Director, Forensic Services, Montgomery County	<b>2:45 p.m. Juvenile 101</b> Stacey Brownlee, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Gregg County	<b>2:45 p.m. Organized Crime on Both Sides of the Border</b> Isidro Alaniz, District Attorney, and Mark Kimball, Asst. District Attorney, Webb County	<b>3:15 p.m. Identifying and Dealing with Burnout</b> Mark Yarbrough, County & District Attorney, Lamb County	<b>2:45 p.m. EMS Reports</b> Roger Dean, District Attorney’s Investigator, Travis County	<b>2:45 p.m. Dealing with Victims of Family Violence</b> Margaret Bassett, District Attorney VAC, Travis County
<b>4:00 p.m. Contempt 101</b> David Hudson and Chris Ponder, Asst. District Attorneys, Tarrant County	<b>4:00 p.m. TX Torts Claims Act 101.106 Update</b> Michael Hull, Asst. County Attorney, Harris County	<b>4:00 p.m. Asset Forfeiture: a Strong Weapon Against Organized Crime</b> Phil Grant, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Montgomery County	<i>(both presentations are repeats from the morning session)</i>	<b>4:00 p.m. Texas Prescription Program</b> Sherry Wright, Director, Texas Prescription Program, TX Department of Public Safety, Austin (invited)	<b>4:00 p.m. Office Politics and Communication</b> Mark Warren, Training Consultant, Texas Association of Counties

5:00 pm Adjourn 6:00 pm Dinner party at the Isla Grand Hotel (provided by TDCAA)

Breakouts on Friday, September 21 at the Convention Centre

Emerging Issues	Civil Law	Investigators	VAC “Core Training” Workshop
<b>9:00 a.m. Seeking Justice: A Prosecutor’s Ethics Regarding Ineffective Assistance of Defense Counsel</b> Steven Reis, District Attorney, Matagorda County	<b>9:00 a.m. Who Do We Really Represent—Ethical Dilemmas</b> Ray Rike, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Tarrant County	<b>9:00 a.m. Gunshot Wounds</b> Dr. Kimberly Molina, Deputy Chief Medical Examiner, Bexar County	<b>9:00 a.m. Basics of Victim Services (CCP, VIS, CVC, and more)</b> Cyndi Jahn, Criminal District Attorney’s VAC, Bexar County
<b>10:45 a.m. LEMIT: Increasing the Reliability of Eyewitness Testimony</b> Alan Curry, Asst. District Attorney, Harris County	<b>10:45 a.m. Ethical Responsibilities with Quo Warranto and Removal Actions</b> C. Scott Brumley, County Attorney, Potter County	<b>10:45 a.m. James Byrd Case Study</b> Pat Hardy, Asst. District Attorney, Hardin County	<b>10:45 a.m. Implementation in Small and Medium Offices</b> Resources, sample letters, funding, community collaboration, and work group case scenarios
<b>12:15 p.m. Adjourn</b>	<b>12:15 p.m. Adjourn</b>	<b>12:15 p.m. Adjourn</b>	<b>12:15 p.m. Adjourn</b>

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**Registration:** Advance registration is recommended, and **all registration is online only**. Eligible prosecutors and prosecutor office employees are entitled to attend all training and receive applicable expense reimbursement for a \$150 registration fee, which will be deposited into the Court of Criminal Appeals’ Texas Prosecutor Assistance Project (TPAP) account (our grant) and used to fund other TPAP training events. The reimbursement policy is below.

**Association fee:** A TDCAA fee of \$125 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 receptions Wednesday and Thursday and lunch on Thursday. Conference attendees who pay only the \$150 registration fee can attend all training but are not entitled to attend association functions.

**Reimbursement:** TDCAA will reimburse only eligible prosecutors and prosecutor office employees up to \$25 per night for Wednesday and Thursday nights at a hotel and up to \$20 a day for meals not provided at the conference. TDCAA will not reimburse for 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 credit:** TDCAA has received 12 hours of TCLEOSE and CLE credit, including 3 hours of ethics.

**Cancellation:** Registrants canceling after Sept. 5 will not receive a refund but will be sent copies of the course materials on disk.

**Hotel information:** **Please make room reservations in an attendee’s name, not a county or office administrator’s name. Also, if reserving more than one room, do not make all reservations in the same name. Please do not overbook hotel rooms! TDCAA is allotted a certain number of rooms at the state rate, which are surrendered by the hotel if you don’t use them.**

Host hotels	Phone number
Pearl South Padre <i>(formerly the Sheraton—full)</i>	956/761-6551
Isla Grand <i>(full except for a limited number of 1- and 2-bedroom condos)</i>	956/761-6511

Overflow hotels	Rate	Phone number
Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites <i>(refer to “TXD” when booking)</i>	\$99.00	956/761-8844
Howard Johnson	\$63.00	956/761-5658
La Quinta	\$75.99	956/772-7000
Travel Lodge	\$69.99	956/761-4744
Comfort Suites	\$69.99	956/772-9020
Schlitterbahn Beach Resort (opens July 1st)	\$86.00	956/772-7873
Hilton Garden Inn <i>(full)</i>		956/761-8700

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