

Advanced Trial Advocacy Course 2017- Baylor Law School (Child Homicide)

July 31st – August 4th, 2017 Waco, Texas (22 hours MCLE)

	Courtroom Attire	Courtroom Attire	Courtroom Attire	Courtroom Attire	Casual Dress
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00	Registration Begins (Clay and Ronny Dale available for questions about case file.)	Presenting the Evidence <i>Ronny Dale Smith II, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Tarrant County</i>	Tactical Use of Evidence <i>Scott Simpson, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Bexar County</i>	Cross Examination (15 minutes of this time will be dedicated to defense direct to set up cross) <i>Sunni Mitchell, Asst. District Attorney, Williamson County</i>	Case Law Update <i>Sunshine Stanek, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Lubbock County</i>
10:00	Welcome & Course Introduction	Break	Break	Break	Break
10:15	Charging Decisions: Choosing the Right Indictment <i>Rick Daniel, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Denton County</i>	Opening Statement Strategies <i>Justin Wood, Asst. District Attorney, Travis County</i>	Performance: Direct Exam Includes 15 minutes to meet (as group) with witnesses	Performance: Cross-Examination	Ethical Issues in Child Fatality Cases: Brady and Beyond <i>Clay Abbott, DWI Resource Prosecutor, TDCAA</i>
11:00	Jury Selection <i>Melinda Westmoreland, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Tarrant County</i>	Performance: Opening Statements	Performance: Direct Exam (cont'd.)	Performance: Cross-Examination (cont'd.)	11:15 Best Practices in Groups
Noon	Lunch	Lunch (may start late depending on performance status)	At Conclusion of Direct Exams, FA's groups lunch and Q&A	Lunch at Conclusion of Cross Examination	Noon Adjourn
1:30	Effective use of Experts <i>Jamye Coffman, MD, Cook Children's Medical Center</i>	Evidence Collection and Preparation <i>Kelly Blackburn & Sheri Culberson, Asst. District Attorneys, Montgomery County</i>		Closing Argument and Punishment <i>Brian Baker, Asst. District Attorney, Brazos County</i>	
	3:30 Break	2:30 Break		3:00 Break	
3:15	3:45 Performance: Jury Selection	2:45 Evidence Collection and Preparation Continued		Performance: Closing Argument Guilt/Innocence	
		3:45 Break		4:00 Break	
		4:00 Law Enforcement Context <i>Grant Gildon, Detective, Arlington Police Department</i>		4:15 Performance: Closing Argument Punishment	
5:00	5:30 Adjourn when complete	Adjourn 6:30 Dinner at Ninfa's (provided by TDCAA)		Adjourn when complete	

Witnesses: Grant Gildon, Garth Savage, Ronny Dale Smith, Melinda Westmoreland

FA's: Group 1: Brian Baker, JoAnne Musick, Rick Daniel Group 2: Bill Vassar, Kelly Blackburn, Sunni Mitchell Group 3: Justin Wood, Jennifer Falk, Sheri Culberson

Group 4: Melinda Westmoreland, Scott Simpson, Kayla Allen

Video Critiques: Abbott, Ronny Dale