

# Annual Criminal & Civil Law Conference

## September 18–20, 2024

### Galveston

**12 hours of MCLE, including 2.5 hours of ethics  
12 hours of TCOLE (General Law #3150)**

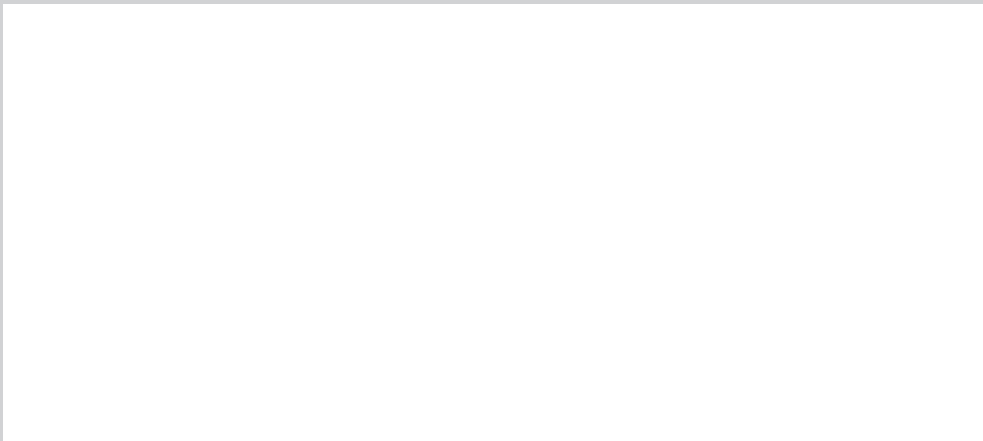
The host hotel and training location:  
**Moody Gardens Hotel**  
 7 Hope Blvd.  
 Galveston, TX 77554  
 888/388-8484

*You can also attend our DNA Evidence training, Rural Prosecutors' Forum, and Juvenile Forum!*

For a premium training experience, look no further than TDCAA's Annual Conference. No matter what role you fill in a prosecutor's office, this year's agenda has something for you. The slate of training includes presentations on transactional drafting, rules of evidence, cutting-edge DNA analysis, employment and EEOC updates, adult sex assault, and much more. How does a full day of in-depth training on the punishment phase of trial sound? Can we interest you in a half-day forum focused on the challenges and rewards of leadership? It would take a whole brochure to list the full dizzying collection of learning options! Join us in Galveston for three days of training, networking, and celebration.

**Registration for this conference and other information is at [tdcaa.com](http://tdcaa.com).**

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## Payment, Reimbursement, & CLE/TCOLE Credit

### 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 Wednesday and Thursday's receptions and lunch on 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.

**Reimbursement:** TDCAA will reimburse only eligible prosecutors and prosecutor office employees up to \$107 per night for Wednesday and Thursday nights at a hotel. TDCAA will not reimburse for meals, 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 and TCOLE credit:** Attendees will receive up to 12 hours of CLE and TCOLE credit, including 2.5 hours of ethics.

## Conference Agenda

(all events are at the Moody Gardens Conference Center)

### Tuesday, September 17

Noon–4:00 p.m. Early registration for the Annual Criminal & Civil Law Conference

1:00–3:00 p.m. Understanding & Effectively Using DNA Evidence (FREE training)  
(1.75 hours of MCLE; requires separate registration from the Annual)

*Tiffany Larsen, Asst. District Attorney, Harris County*

### Wednesday, September 18

8:30 a.m. Registration opens

9:00 a.m. Rural Prosecutors' Forum (2.0 hours MCLE; requires separate registration from the Annual)

*Moderated by Rebekah Whitworth, County Attorney, Mason County, & Staley Heatly, 46th Judicial District Attorney*

11:00 a.m. Juvenile Prosecutors' Forum (1.0 hour MCLE; requires separate registration from the Annual)

*Moderated by Colleen Davis, First Asst. County Attorney, Burnet County, & Maegan Williams, Asst. District Attorney, Harris County*

### General Session

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

1:30 p.m. Taking the Hard Road

*Brian Baker, First Asst. District Attorney, Brazos County*

2:45 p.m. CCA & SCOTUS Update

*Britt Lindsey, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Taylor County, & Emily Johnson-Liu, Asst. State Prosecuting Attorney, Austin*

4:00 p.m. Practical Tools to Secure Mental Health

*Elena M. Doskey de Lobon, Ph.D., Director of Clinical Training, Dallas Children's Advocacy Center*

5:00 p.m. Adjourn // Opening Reception (provided by TDCAA)

# Thursday, September 19

	Leadership Forum	Civil Law	Evidence	Punishment	Investigators	KP & VACs
8:30 a.m.	<b>Focus: Management</b> <i>Moderated by Glen Fitzmartin with Panelists Ben Kaminar, Jarvis Parsons, Erik Nielsen, &amp; Amy Davidson</i>	<b>Transactional Drafting</b> <i>Bushra Khan, Asst. County Attorney, Montgomery County</i>	<b>Authentication</b> <i>Chris Seufert, Asst. District Attorney, Montgomery County</i>	<b>General Punishment I</b> <i>Sunni Mitchell, Asst. District Attorney, Fort Bend County, &amp; Dewey Mitchell, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Collin County</i>	<b>Genealogical DNA</b> <i>Leighton D'Antoni, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Dallas County</i>	<b>Understanding Caselaw &amp; the Appellate Process</b> <i>Steven Conder, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Tarrant County</i>
9:45 a.m.	<b>Focus: Infrastructure</b>	<b>Advising the Bail Bond Board</b> <i>Michelle Turner, First Asst. County Attorney, Fort Bend County</i>	<b>Relevance &amp; Extraneous Conduct</b> <i>Jon English, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Hays County</i>	<b>General Punishment II</b>	<b>Fenanyl Update</b> <i>Michael Ghutzman, Asst. District Attorney, Montgomery County, &amp; Detective Justin Schutzenhofer, Montgomery County Sherriff's Office</i>	<b>Mental Health</b> <i>Belinda Salinas, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Hidalgo County</i>
11:00 a.m.	<b>Focus: Leadership</b>	<b>Employment Law &amp; EEOC Update</b> <i>Leslie Dippel, Asst. County Attorney, Travis County</i>	<b>Hearsay &amp; Confrontation</b> <i>Grace Pandithurai, Asst. County &amp; District Attorney, Ellis County</i>	<b>Priors &amp; Extraneous Conduct</b> <i>Cynthia Walker, Asst. County &amp; District Attorney, Ellis County</i>	<b>Out-of-State Subpoenas</b> <i>Nicole Griffin, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Lubbock County</i>	<b>Open Records</b> <i>Allyssa Delgadillo, Asst. County Attorney, Williamson County</i>
Noon	<b>Lunch (provided by TDCAA)</b>					
	Adult Sex Assault	Civil Law	Evidence	Punishment	Investigators	KP & VACs
1:30 p.m.	<b>Intake to Jury Selection</b> <i>Allenna Bangs, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Tarrant County</i>	<b>Commissioners Court Toolbox</b> <i>Jenny Dorsey, County Attorney, Nueces County</i>	<b>Experts I</b> <i>Lauren Bard, Asst. District Attorney, Harris County, &amp; Whitney Rasberry, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Galveston County</i>	<b>Cross Examination</b> <i>Lance Long, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Smith County</i>	<b>Case Study</b> <i>Jessica Frazier, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Comal County</i>	<b>Protective Order Standardization</b> <i>Kim Piechowiak, Domestic Violence Training Attorney, Office of Court Administration</i>
2:45 p.m.	<b>Intake to Jury Selection (cont'd)</b>	<b>Roads</b> <i>Deborah Bonner, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Kaufman County, &amp; Rebekah Lundberg, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Dallas County</i>	<b>Experts II</b>	<b>Finding Punishment Evidence &amp; Witnesses</b> <i>Ann Duffy &amp; Caitlin Paver, Asst. Criminal District Attorneys, Dallas County</i>	<b>Case Study (cont'd)</b>	<b>Courtroom Testimony</b> <i>W. Clay Abbott, TDCAA DWI Resource Prosecutor, Austin</i>
4:00 p.m.	<b>Presenting the State's Case</b> <i>Kaitlin Kaufmann, Asst. District Attorney, Fort Bend County</i>	<b>Mental Health Update &amp; Developments</b> <i>Daniela Chisolm, Asst. County Attorney, El Paso County</i>	<b>Knowing the Rules</b> <i>Traci Bennett, Asst. District Attorney, Fort Bend County</i>	<b>Argument</b>	<b>Discovery &amp; Discovery Compliance</b> <i>Daniel Cox, First Asst. District Attorney, Henderson County</i>	<b>PTI to Probation: Degrees of Supervision</b> <i>Jake Wright, Office Manager, Palo Pinto County</i>
5:00 p.m.	<b>Adjourn to Thursday night's event at the Pleasure Pier (provided by TDCAA); guest tickets can be purchased separately for \$65.</b>					

# Friday, September 20

	Trial	Civil Law	Investigator	VAC "Core Training"
9:00 a.m.	<b>Beyond Disclosure</b> <i>Ronny Dale Smith, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Tarrant County, &amp; Tiana Sanford, Asst. District Attorney, Montgomery County</i>	<b>Immunities Update</b> <i>C. Scott Brumley, County Attorney, Potter County</i>	<b>Utilizing DFPS Special Investigations</b> <i>Mike Holley, CDA Investigator, Kaufman County, &amp; Marshall Davidson, SI Program Administrator, DFPS, Abilene</i>	<b>Advanced VAC Training</b> <i>Jalayne Robinson, LMSW, TDCAA Victim Services Director</i>
10:45 a.m.	<b>Case Study: Third Time Is a Charm</b> <i>John Jordan, Asst. District Attorney, Harris County</i>	<b>Civil Potpourri</b> <i>Thomas Wilson, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Smith County, &amp; Dwayne Simpson, Asst. County Attorney, Chambers County</i>	<b>Exciting Investigator Training</b>	<b>10:30 a.m. Adjourn</b>
12:15 p.m.	<b>Adjourn</b>			

## Location & Hotel Information

**Location of training:** All training will be held at Moody Gardens Hotel & Conference Center, located at 7 Hope Blvd. Shuttle service to Moody Gardens will be provided from all the conference hotels listed below.

**Hotel information:** The host hotel is the Moody Gardens Hotel & Conference Center. Rooms are \$131 plus tax per night; this rate is good until August 26 or the room block is full, whichever comes first. Call 888/388-8484 to make reservations, or use TDCAA's private reservation page, available on our website. Overflow rooms are available at the following hotels:

**Residence Inn** is located at 4028 Avenue U, which is 3.4 miles (10 minutes) from the conference center, and it offers free continental breakfast, internet, and self-parking. The discounted room rate is \$129 plus tax per night, which is good until August 27 or the block is full, whichever comes first. Call 409/465-3191 for reservations; you must mention TDCAA. Or you can book online using TDCAA's private reservation page, available at our website. This hotel has a 48-hour cancel policy.

**Best Western Plus** is located at 8502 Seawall Blvd., which is 1.7 miles (5 minutes) from the conference center, and it offers free continental breakfast, internet, and self-parking. The discounted room rates are \$129.99 for a single and \$149.99 for a double plus tax per night. This rate is good until August 27 or the room block is full, whichever comes first. Call 409/740-4300 for reservations; you must mention TDCAA. Or you can book online using TDCAA's private reservation page, available at our website. This hotel has a 48-hour cancel policy.

**Hampton Inn & Suites** is located at 6431 Central City Blvd., which is 2.5 miles (6 minutes) from the conference center and offers free hot breakfast, internet, and self-parking. The discounted room rate is \$109 per night; this rate is good until August 27 or the block is full, whichever comes first. Call 409/744-5600 for reservations; you must mention TDCAA. Or you can book online using TDCAA's private reservation page, available at our website. This hotel has a 48-hour cancel policy.

**Holiday Inn Express & Suites—Galveston West** is located at 8628 Seawall Blvd., which is 1.8 miles (5 minutes) from the conference center and offers free continental breakfast, internet, and self-parking. The discounted room rates are \$90 (single), \$100 (double), and \$129 (suite) plus tax per night. These rates are available until August 27 or until the block is full, whichever comes first. Call 409/740-7900 for reservations; you must mention TDCAA. Or you can book online using TDCAA's private reservation page, available on our website. This hotel has a 48-hour cancel policy.

**Courtyard** is located at 9550 Seawall Blvd., which is 2.5 miles (6 minutes) from the conference center and offers free self-parking. The discounted room rates are \$109 for a single and \$119 for a double plus tax per night. These rates are good until August 27 or until the block is full, whichever comes first. Call 409/740-4300 for reservations; you must mention TDCAA. This hotel has a 72-hour cancel policy.

**TownePlace Suites** is located at 9540 Seawall Blvd., which is 2.6 miles (7 minutes) from the conference center, and it offers free self-parking and breakfast. The discounted room rates are \$109 (single) and \$119 (double) plus tax per night. Rates are available until August 27 or until the block is full, whichever comes first. Call 409/667-9001 for reservations; you must mention TDCAA. This hotel has a 72-hour cancel policy.

**Home2 Suites by Hilton** is located at 4302 Seawall Blvd., which is 4.1 miles (11 minutes) from the conference center, and it offers free self-parking and continental breakfast. The discounted rates are \$135 plus tax per night. This rate is good until August 20 or until the block is full, whichever comes first. Call 409/667-9001 for reservations; you must mention TDCAA. Or you can book online using TDCAA's private reservation page, available at our website. This hotel has a 72-hour cancel policy.

**Tru by Hilton** is located at 4302 Seawall Blvd., which is 2.6 miles (7 minutes) from the conference center, and it offers free self-parking and breakfast. The discounted room rate is \$135 plus tax per night. The rate is available until August 20 or until the block is full, whichever comes first. Call 409/740-4300 for reservations; you must mention TDCAA. Or you can book online using TDCAA's private reservation page, available at our website. This hotel has a 72-hour cancel policy.