



**Border Prosecution Unit Region 3 Conference
Isla Grand Beach Resort, South Padre Island
February 21-22, 2024**

MCLE #174221962- 6 Hours

Feb. 21, 2024- TCOLE – 6 Hours- #3150 General Law

Feb. 22, 2024- TCOLE – 4 Hours #3188 Legislative Update

Wed. Feb 21st

- 8:30–8:45 a.m. **Welcome & Course Introduction**
Tom Krampitz, BPU General Counsel
- 8:45–10:00 a.m. **Evidence: What is it? Why is it important? How should it be handled?**
*Justin Wood, Senior Counsel and Director of Government Relations,
Schulman Lopez, Hoffer & Adelstein, LLP*
- 10:00–10:15 a.m. **Break**
- 10:15–11:30 a.m. **Evidence Destruction: “Oh no, you didn’t!!!”**
*Justin Wood, Senior Counsel and Director of Government Relations,
Schulman Lopez, Hoffer & Adelstein, LLP*
- 11:30 –1:00 p.m. **LUNCH (on your own)**
- 1:00–2:00 p.m. **Smuggling of Persons Investigations**
*Havana Schmidt, BPU Attorney, 452nd Judicial District, &
Corporal Lee Meadow, Department of Public Safety*
- 2:00–2:15 p.m. **Break**
- 2:15–3:30 p.m. **Smuggling of Persons Investigations (cont’d)**
*Havana Schmidt, BPU Attorney, 452nd Judicial District, &
Corporal Lee Meadow, Department of Public Safety*
- 3:30–3:45 p.m. **Break**

3:45–5:00 p.m. **Roundtable Discussion: New Special Session Legislation, Hardballs & Hairballs; the Implementation & Challenges**
Rand Booth, BPU Region 3 Regional Counsel; David McCracken, BPU Region 1 Counsel; Kelley McCormick, BPU Regional Counsel-OLS; & Nelson Barnes, BPU Project Director-OLS

Thurs. Feb 22nd -TCOLE #3188

8:00–9:20 a.m. **Legislative Update**
Melissa Hightower, Retired Chief County Attorney Investigator, Williamson County

9:20–9:30 a.m. **Break**

9:30–10:50 a.m. **Legislative Update (cont'd)**
Melissa Hightower, Retired Chief County Attorney Investigator, Williamson County

10:50–11:00 a.m. **Break**

11:00–12:15 p.m. **Legislative Update (cont'd)**
Melissa Hightower, Retired Chief County Attorney Investigator, Williamson County