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# Civil Law Conference

**May 7-9, 2025**

**Galveston**

**12 hours of MCLE, including 1.5 hours of ethics**

**The host hotel: Grand Galvez Hotel**  
**2024 Seawall Blvd., Galveston, TX 77550**

**Call 409/765-7721 for reservations and mention TDCAA to get the room rates of \$111 (plus tax) for a single and \$149 (plus tax) for a double; these rates are good until April 15 or the block is sold out, whichever comes first.**

**F**or the highly specific networking, issue appraising, and training needs of Texas civil law practitioners, there is no better destination than TDCAA's Civil Law Conference. Reflecting the scope of projects a prosecutor carrying a civil caseload may face, this year's agenda casts a wide net. Whether you are negotiating large projects for county development, fending off poorly targeted subpoenas, or simply want to run meetings as professionally as possible, our schedule of training has you covered. When not in training, attendees can liaise with colleagues to make connections, discuss their struggles, and share solutions. Don't miss this singular opportunity!



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# Civil Law Conference Agenda

## Wednesday, May 7

- 1:30 p.m. **Welcome & Introductions**
- 1:45 p.m. **Criminal Liability for County Employees**  
*Erleigh Wiley, Criminal District Attorney, &  
Karen Badgley, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Kaufman County*
- 3:30 p.m. **Client Conflict**  
*C. Scott Brumley, County Attorney, Potter County*
- 5:00 p.m. **Adjourn to Opening Reception (provided by TDCAA)**

## Thursday, May 8

### Track 1

- 8:30 a.m. **Employment Law Update**  
*Leslie Dippel, Asst. County Attorney, Travis County*
- 9:45 a.m. **Employment Scenarios**  
*Amy Davidson, First Asst. County Attorney,  
Montgomery County*
- 11:00 a.m. **Should We Sign This?**  
*Rebecca Lundberg, Asst. Criminal District Attorney,  
Dallas County*
- Noon **Hot Lunch (provided by TDCAA)**

### Track 3

- 1:30 p.m. **§1983 Update**  
*Deborah Bonner, Asst. County & District Attorney,  
Ellis County*
- 2:45 p.m. **Subpoenas: Service & Response**  
*Ben Stool, Attorney at Law, Dallas County*
- 4:00 p.m. **Jailhouse Drama**  
*Carlos Madrid, Asst. County Attorney, El Paso County*
- 5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

### Track 2

- 8:30 a.m. **Open Meetings Act: Top Troubles**  
*Thomas Wilson, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Smith County*
- 9:45 a.m. **The Perfect Meeting**  
*Jennifer Dorsey, County Attorney, Nueces County, &  
Christopher Dorsey, Governmental and Legal Affairs  
Department Head, San Patricio County*
- 11:00 a.m. **PIA: Appeals & Litigation**  
*Ariane Flores, Asst. County Attorney, Williamson County*
- Noon **Hot Lunch (provided by TDCAA)**

### Track 4

- 1:30 p.m. **County Real Property: Buying & Selling**  
*Jennifer Fox, Asst. County Attorney, Fort Bend County*
- 2:45 p.m. **P3: Public Private Partnerships**  
*Michelle Turner, First Asst. County Attorney, Fort Bend County,  
& Dwayne Simpson, Asst. County Attorney, Chambers County*
- 4:00 p.m. **P3: Public Private Partnerships (cont'd)**
- 5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

## Friday, May 9

- 9:00 a.m. **Sexually Oriented Businesses**
- 10:15 a.m. **TAC Services Update**  
*Laura Garcia, Associate General Counsel, Texas Association of Counties*
- 11:00 a.m. **Forum: Issues of the Day**  
*Moderated by Ariane Flores, Asst. County Attorney, Williamson County  
With Panelists Deborah Bonner, Asst. County & District Attorney, Ellis County;  
Michelle Turner, First Asst. County Attorney, Fort Bend County; &  
Jonathan Fombonne, First Asst. County Attorney, Harris County*

### Payment options:

- \$500 Registration** (\$250 Registration fee + \$250 Association fee): For CAs, DAs, CDAs, C&DAs, and their office personnel. The TDCAA fee of \$250 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's reception and Thursday's lunch.
- \$250 "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.
- \$750 Registration:** For everyone else.

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

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