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JANUARY 6, 2027

6.25 CLE, including 0 Ethics

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46th Annual

Prairie Dog

Advanced Criminal Law Seminar

JANUARY 7-8, 2027

14.50 CLE, including 4.00 Ethics

COURSE DIRECTORS

**Mehr Singh, Paula Millan,
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**Texas Tech School of Law
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COURSE DIRECTORS:

Mehr Singh, Paula Millan, & Robert Sullivan • 15.00 CLE, including 3.00 Ethics

OVERVIEW

2027 marks the 46th Annual Prairie Dog Seminar. First held in 1981, it has evolved into one of the premier CLE courses in Texas and consistently draws top-speakers from across the State as well as prominent local attorneys. Proceeds are donated to the Philip Wischkaemper scholarship. A very important component of Prairie Dog is Prairie Pup, a nuts and bolts seminar for young attorneys, taught by local attorneys providing both mentorship and education on "what we do".

MEETING/LODGING LOCATION

The seminar will be held at the Texas Tech Law School located at 3311 18th St. Lubbock, TX 79409. Sleeping accommodations are at the Overton Hotel & Convention Center, located at 2322 Mac Davis Ln, Lubbock, TX 79401. The TCDLA room rate is \$110 for a single/double room. Call the Overton Hotel at (806) 776-7000 and refer to "TCDLA" to receive the group rate. The group rate is available until December 23, 2026, or until room block is full, whichever occurs first. Scan the QR code on the front and click on "Additional Info" to find the hotel booking link. Complimentary self-parking.

TCDLEI SCHOLARSHIPS

The Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Educational Institute provides various scholarships for criminal defense attorneys with financial needs. Application online at www.tcdla.com or email scholarship@tcdla.com.

AGENDA

Thursday - January 7, 2027

8:00 am	Registration & Continental Breakfast	
8:30 am	Opening Remarks	Sarah Gunter & Paula Millan
8:45 am	TBD	TBD
9:45 am	Jury Charges: Winning the Case at the Charge Conference	Elizabeth Berry
10:45 am	Break	
11:00 am	AI Deepfakes & Digital Evidence in Criminal Cases	Cody Breunig
11:45 am	Lunch Line	
12:00 pm	Lunch Presentation: Incorporating AI in Your Practice (Ethics)	Felix Valenzuela
1:00 pm	Break	
1:15 pm	Cross-Examination in Child Sexual Abuse Cases	Audie Reese
2:15 pm	Mental Health from the Police Side of Things	Deputy Alexis Brown & Lubbock County Mental Health Officers
3:00 pm	Break	
3:15 pm	Trying Felonies Alone: The Solo Practitioner's Trial Practice	Dan Warrick
4:15 pm	A View from the Bench	Moderator: Robert Sullivan, with 3 Lubbock County Judges

Friday - January 8, 2027

8:00 am	Registration & Continental Breakfast	
8:15 am	Opening Remarks	Sarah Gunter & Mehr Singh
8:30 am	Practicing Where There Is No Bar: Building & Keeping a Rural Criminal Practice (Ethics)	Paul Holloway
9:30 am	Identification & Memory Issues in Witnesses	Dr. Trent Terrell
10:30 am	Break	
10:45 am	Crimmigration	Maria Oviedo
11:30 am	Lunch Line	
11:45 pm	Lunch Presentation: Sixteen & Confessed — From the Interrogation Room to Acquittal (Ethics)	Carlos Garcia
12:45 pm	Break	
1:00 pm	Writs: Incompetency, Mental Health, & Undoing the Conviction	Haley Hickey
2:00 pm	Reading, Challenging, & Cross-Examining the Autopsy	Robert Sullivan
3:00 pm	Break	
3:15 pm	TBD	TBD
4:15 pm	Intersection of Family & Criminal Law	Phil Ricker
5:00 pm	Adjourn	
7:00 pm	Prairie Dog Party (Ticket Required)	



TCDLA'S 46TH ANNUAL PRAIRIE DOG ADVANCED CRIMINAL LAW SEMINAR

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Bar Number: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Cell #: _____ Phone #: _____ Fax: _____
Email: _____

REGISTRATION (INCLUDES ELECTRONIC MATERIALS)

Wednesday Program - Prairie Pup Nuts & Bolts:

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Nuts & Bolts ☐ \$40* (Wednesday, January 7)

*Wednesday program is FREE if Attending Prairie Dog Seminar
\$40 includes \$20 voluntary support if attending Prairie Pup only
seminar sponsored by CDLP are funded by the Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas

Thursday-Friday Program - Prairie Dog:

Viewing Preference: ☐ In Person ☐ Livestream/On-Demand

Early Registration
Before December 23

Onsite Registration
After December 23

LCDLA/TCDLA Member ☐ \$215

☐ \$265

Non-Member ☐ \$415

☐ \$465

ADD-ONS: Book ☐ \$60 USB Video ☐ \$75

☐ Vegetarian Lunch

(Not available after December 28)

Prairie Dog Party

Lubbock, TX 79401
Friday, January 8 @ 7 pm

Ticket ☐ \$40

Not Attending

Prairie Dog Seminar Only
Materials | Members Only, No CLE

USB ☐ \$100

Book + USB ☐ \$150

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LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS \$ _____

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Total: _____

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