



TEXAS CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

CRIMINAL LAW ON THE BAYOU: STRATEGIES THAT JAZZ

SEMINAR INFORMATION

Date February 19-20, 2026
Location Hyatt Centric French Quarter – 800 Iberville St., New Orleans, LA 70112
Course Directors Laurie Key
Total CLE Hours 7.50 Ethics: 0

Thursday, February 19, 2026

Daily CLE Hours: 3.75 Ethics: 0

Time	CLE	Topic	Speaker
7:30 am		<i>Registration, Coffee, & Pastries</i>	
7:45 am		<i>Opening Remarks</i>	Laurie Key
8:00 am	1.00	Trial Tactics	Mark Thiessen
9:00 am	1.00	Voir Dire	Robert Hirschhorn
10:00 am		<i>Break</i>	
10:15 am	1.00	Attacking & Excluding an Expert Witness	John Hunter Smith
11:15 am	0.75	Collateral Consequences: Family/Federal/Lifetime Bans/Licenses	Stephanie Stevens
12:00 pm		<i>Adjourn</i>	

Friday, February 20, 2026

Daily CLE Hours: 3.75 Ethics: 0

Time	CLE	Topic	Speaker
1:00 pm		<i>Registration</i>	
1:15 pm		<i>Opening Remarks</i>	Laurie Key
1:30 pm	1.00	Untraditional Motions	Mark Stevens
2:30 pm	0.75	Using AI for Case Strategies & Prep	Joseph Esparza
3:15 pm		<i>Break</i>	
3:30 pm	1.00	AI & Digital Forensics	Sean Hightower
4:30 pm	1.00	Mitigation & Sentencing – How to Prepare	Laurie Key
5:30 pm		<i>Adjourn</i>	