



TEXAS CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

JAZZ, JUSTICE, & THE FEDERAL SYSTEM OF FEDERAL LAW GUMBO

SEMINAR INFORMATION

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

Thursday, February 19, 2026

Daily CLE Hours: 3.75 Ethics: 0

Time	CLE	Topic	Speaker
1:00 pm		Registration	
1:15 pm		Opening Remarks	Course Directors
1:30 pm	1.00	5 th Circuit Supreme Court Update	Judy Madewell
2:30 pm	0.75	Sentencing Guidelines: Minor Role, Variance, & the Death of Departures	Roberto Balli
3:15 pm		Break	
3:30 pm	1.00	Fresh Ideas on Pretrial Agreements	Michael McCrum
4:30 pm	1.00	Guns: Who Can Possess a Weapon & Other Issues	Cody Cofer
5:30 pm		Adjourn	

Friday, February 20, 2026

Daily CLE Hours: 3.75 Ethics: 0

Time	CLE	Topic	Speaker
7:30 am		Coffee & Pastries	
7:45 am		Opening Remarks	Course Directors
8:00 am	1.00	Aliens: Illegal Reentry Issues	TBD
9:00 am	1.00	Federal Motion Practice	Michael Heiskell
10:00 am		Break	
10:15 am	1.00	Suppression, Touhy Issues, & Taint Hearings	Michael Clark
11:15 am	0.75	Restitution Issues	Michael Gross
12:00 pm		Adjourn	