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**March 5–6, 2020
Wyndham Garden Hotel
Austin, Texas
Betty Blackwell & Clay Steadman
Course Directors
Register online at www.tcdla.com**

Course Directors

• Betty Blackwell (Austin) • Clay Steadman (Kerrville)

The Overview

A warrior is broadly defined as a person engaged in struggle or conflict. Such is the definition of our job as criminal defense lawyers, representing the accused in a daily struggle to protect their rights and livelihood. As a justice warrior, you have to show courage in the face of adversity, so you must be well prepared. Criminal defense attorneys must develop and sharpen their trial skills for that day when they must be used on behalf of the accused. This seminar has been developed with that primary goal in mind--to prepare for battle, responding to the unexpected, confronting adversarial circumstances, and adapting to the ever-changing trial battleground. The Making of a Trial Warrior has been developed for lawyers of all skill and experience levels. Let our speakers drill you on effective advocacy. Harness your trial skills, sharpen that edge so critical to courtroom success. This is a call to arms for all who would become the best possible criminal defense trial attorney.

Meeting/Lodging Location

The meeting will be held at the Wyndham Garden, located at 3401 S. IH-35, Austin, TX 78741. The TCDLA room rate is \$119 single/double. Call the Wyndham at 512.448.2444 and refer to "TCDLA" to receive the group rate. The group rate is available until February 12, 2020, or until room block is full.

Agenda

Thursday, March 5

- 8:00 am** Registration & Continental Breakfast
8:15 am Opening Remarks 🗡️ *Betty Blackwell*
8:30 am Pretrial Investigations and Litigation: A Successful Trial Strategy Begins During Your Pretrial Preparation 🗡️ *Carmen Roe*
9:30 am Effective Story-Telling: Drafting & Delivering a Great Opening and Closing Statement 🗡️ *Eric Davis*
10:30 am Break
10:45 am Jury Selection: Communicating Your Message Begins in Voir Dire 🗡️ *Dan Cogdell*
11:45 am Networking and Lunch (Provided)
1:00 pm Using Visual Aids and Trial Exhibits in Making a More Persuasive Argument 🗡️ *Jeep Darnell*
2:00 pm How to Use and Abuse Expert Witnesses (Using 705 Motions and Making Trial Objections) 🗡️ *Rick Flores*
3:00 pm Break
3:15 pm Arguing the Burden of Proof: The Art of Reframing the Issue and Message to the Jury 🗡️ *Frank Sellers*
4:15 pm Fighting the Good Fight 🗡️ *Paul Tu*
5:00 pm Adjourn

Friday, March 6

- 8:00 am** Registration & Continental Breakfast
8:15 am Opening Remarks 🗡️ *Clay Steadman*
8:30 am Forewarned Is Forearmed: Preserving Error Throughout the Trial Process 🗡️ *Jani Maselli Wood*
9:30 am Extraneous Offenses: Preparing for the Battles Within the War 🗡️ *Sarah Roland*
10:30 am Break
10:45 am Coping With and Handling the Stress of Trial and Ethical Issues Which May Come Up 🗡️ *Heather Barbieri*
11:45 am Networking and Lunch (Provided)
1:00 pm Jury Charges and the Charge Conference 🗡️ *Mark Stevens*
2:00 pm Cross-Examination: Successfully Dissecting the Adversarial Witness 🗡️ *Hon. Charles Baird*
3:00 pm Trials and Tribulations of a Criminal Defense Attorney 🗡️ *David Botsford*
3:45 pm Break
4:00 pm Panel Discussion
5:00 pm Adjourn

Register/Contact TCDLA

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TCDLA's The Making of a Trial Warrior March 5-6, 2020

Contact Information

Name _____ Bar # _____ Cell # _____
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Reserve My Space / Materials

To receive a refund—less 10 percent processing fees—cancellations must be received in writing two weeks prior to the seminar. Cancellations made within two weeks of the seminar will be assessed a 50 percent cancellation fee. Materials will be sent after the seminar. Seminars are open to criminal defense attorneys; other professionals who support the defense of criminal cases may attend at cost. **Law enforcement personnel and prosecutors are not eligible to attend.**

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- \$315 TCDLA member
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- \$100 TCDLA member
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