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MARCH 5-6, 2026 • ALOFT DALLAS DOWNTOWN

Course Directors:

Jeff Kearney, Patty Tress, & Thomas Wynne • 14.00 CLE, including 1.50 Ethics

OVERVIEW

This seminar gives criminal defense attorneys practical strategies to master evidence at trial, how to get it in, keep it out, and make it count. From business records and digital data to experts, hearsay, and objections, sessions cover the critical rules and skills every lawyer needs. Live demonstrations and hands-on guidance will show you how to effectively use evidence in real courtroom settings.

MEETING/LODGING LOCATION

The seminar will be held at the Aloft Dallas Downtown located at 1033 Young Street, Dallas, TX 75202. The TCDLA room rate is \$149 for a single/double room. Call Aloft at (214) 761-0000 and refer to "TCDLA" to receive the group rate. The group rate is available until February 19, 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.

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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 - March 5, 2026

- 8:00 am **Registration & Continental Breakfast**
- 8:45 am **Opening Remarks** Jeff Kearney, Patty Tress, & Thomas Wynne
- 9:00 am **State Witness Cross-Examination: Breaking Down the Evidence** Eric Davis
- 10:00 am **Getting Experts In & Keeping Theirs Out:** Thomas Wynne
- Winning 702/705 Battles
- 10:45 am **Good, Bad, or Ugly: Using & Defending Against Character** Michael Gross
- Evidence & Strategies Under 404(b) & 38.37
- 11:45 am **Lunch Line**
- 12:00 pm **Lunch Presentation: AI Demo**
- 1:00 pm **Critical Issues in Voir Dire: Lessons from Recent Case Law** George Milner, III
- 2:00 pm **Hidden Evidence: How to Get & Use School,** Deniz Kadirhan
- Family & CPS Records on Your Client's Behalf
- 3:00 pm **Hearsay & Objections: Getting Evidence in &** David Guinn, Jr.
- Keeping It Out
- 4:15 pm **The Confrontation Clause Today: Smith v. Arizona & Beyond** Lisa Greenberg
- 5:15 pm **Adjourn**

Friday - March 6, 2026

- 7:45 am **Registration & Continental Breakfast**
- 8:25 am **Opening Remarks** Jeff Kearney, Patty Tress, & Thomas Wynne
- 8:30 am **Exhibits & Demonstratives: Making Evidence Come Alive** Brent Mayr
- 9:30 am **Forensic Interviews: Defending Without Access (Ethics)** Heather Barbieri
- 10:30 am **Mastering the Heath Motion: Protecting Your Client at Trial** Sam Bassett
- 11:30 am **Lunch Line**
- 11:45 am **Lunch Presentation: Investigations & Investigators:** Katherine Mayer
- Building the Strongest Defense (Ethics)
- 12:45 pm **Evidence in Action: Live Objections &** Frank Sellers
- Courtroom Demonstrations
- 1:45 pm **Taming the Digital Flood & Millions of Documents** Catherine Stanley
- Made Simple: Organizing & Presenting
- 2:45 pm **Smarter Evidence: Leveraging AI to Organize,** Mario Merendon
- Analyze, & Present
- 3:45 pm **Adjourn**

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Bar Number: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Viewing Preference:		<input type="checkbox"/> In Person	<input type="checkbox"/> Livestream/On-Demand
		Early Registration Before February 19	Onsite Registration After February 19
Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$315	<input type="checkbox"/> \$365	
Non-Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$515	<input type="checkbox"/> \$565	
ADD-ONS: Book <input type="checkbox"/> \$75		USB Video <input type="checkbox"/> \$75	
		Vegetarian Lunch <input type="checkbox"/> \$5	

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Materials | Members Only, No CLE
USB ☐ \$100
Book + USB ☐ \$150

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