



Welcome to **NEW LAWYER LIVESTREAM!**

TCDLA invites you to join us for an exclusive web series designed specifically for new and aspiring criminal defense attorneys like yourself. This is a unique opportunity to gain valuable insights, sharpen your skills, and connect with insightful professionals in the field. When: Once a month! Location: Online - Join from the comfort of your home, office, or school!

Presentation: Effective Assistance

Presenter: Gary Smart

Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2027

Time: 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

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Overview: This presentation is designed for new defense lawyers and focuses on the fundamentals of providing effective assistance of counsel. Attendees will learn best practices for client communication, case preparation, investigation, ethical obligations, and preserving the record to ensure competent and zealous representation at every stage of a case.

Bio: Gary Smart earned a B.A. in Political Science from Texas Tech University in 1985 and a Juris Doctor from St. Mary's University School of Law in 1988. After serving as a prosecutor with the Dallas County District Attorney's Office from 1989 to 1991, Gary joined Robinson & Smart, where he has practiced since 1991.

Board Certified in Criminal Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization since 1995, Gary is admitted to practice before the State Bar of Texas, the Northern and Western Districts of Texas, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court. He is an active member of the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and the Tarrant County Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, where he served as President in 2020. He also serves on the Capital Assistance Committee of the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association.