



TEXAS CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

31ST ANNUAL MASTERING SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE

SEMINAR INFORMATION

Date: March 27-28, 2025
Location: Royal Sonesta | 300 Bourbon St, New Orleans, LA 70130
Course Directors: Troy McKinney, Doug Murphy, Mimi Coffey, & Gary Trichter
Total CLE Hours: 15.75 Ethics: 0.75

Thursday, March 27, 2025

Daily CLE Hours: 8.25 Ethics: 0.75

Time	CLE	Topic	Speaker
7:45 am		<i>Registration and Continental Breakfast</i>	
8:00 am		<i>Opening Remarks</i>	
8:15 am	1.00	Issue Spotting in Blood Testing	Janine Arvizu, NM
9:15 am	0.75	How to Structure an Effective Cross Examination in a DWI Case	Matt Dodd, MT
10:00 am		<i>Break</i>	
10:15 am	0.75	Drug Toxicology: Why the Numbers Don't Matter	Dr. Jimmie Valentine, MS
11:00 am	1.00	Pre-Analytical Errors in Blood Testing	Chris McKinney, TX
12:00 pm		<i>Lunch on Your Own</i>	
1:00 pm	0.75 <i>Ethics</i>	NCDD Dean's Ethics Address	Mimi Coffey, TX
1:45 pm	0.75	Standardized Field Sobriety Testing & Common Errors	Ron Lloyd, FL
2:30 pm	0.75	The Art of the Science Behind Defending DUI Marijuana Cases	Lara Gressley, CA
3:15 pm		<i>Break</i>	
3:30 pm	0.75	Planting Seeds of Reasonable Doubt in Jury Selection	Thomas Wynne, TX
4:15 pm	0.75	DWI Case Law Update	F.K. Whited, FL
5:00 pm	1.00	Jury Trial Jury Selection	
6:00 pm		<i>Adjourn – Retire to Seafood Buffet</i>	



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Lecture Track

8:30 am 0.75	Effective Cross-Examination: The Defense Function — The 100% Rule ~ Gary Trichter, TX
9:15 am 1.50	Forensic Science Standards and You: An Introduction to the Organization of Scientific Area Committees (OSAC) for Forensic Science ~ Dana Delger, CA
10:45 am	<i>Break</i>
11:00 am 0.75	Persuasive Breath Test Tactics ~ Doug Murphy, TX
11:45 am	<i>Lunch on Your Own</i>
1:15 pm 0.75	Constitutional Issues in DWI Cases ~ Lara Gressley, CA
2:00 pm 0.75	Defeating Hospital Serum/Plasma Test Scores ~ Chris McKinney, TX
2:45 pm 0.75	DRE & ARIDE ~ Ron Lloyd, FL
3:30 pm	<i>Break</i>
3:45 pm 0.75	Handling Intoxication Manslaughter Cases ~ F.K. Whited, FL
4:30 pm 0.75	Walking the Breath Test Score Below the Legal Limit ~ Mimi Coffey, TX
5:15 pm 0.50	Joint Session with Trial Track: Jury Deliberations & Debriefing
5:45 pm	<i>Adjourn</i>

Trial Track

8:45 am 0.50	Opening Statement
9:15 am 1.00	Direct of Arresting Officer
10:15 am	<i>Break</i>
10:30 am 1.50	Cross Examination of the Arresting Officer
12:00 pm	<i>Lunch on Your Own</i>
1:00 pm 1.50	State's Expert – Direct & Cross
2:30 pm	<i>Break</i>
2:45 pm 1.50	Defense Expert – Direct & Cross
4:15 pm .50	Closing Arguments
4:45 pm 1.00	Jury Deliberations & Debriefing
5:45 pm	<i>Adjourn</i>

Defense Lawyers: Thomas Wynne, TX & Matt Dodd, MT
Prosecutors: Douglas V. Hazelton, VA & Adam Nero, WI
Judge: Joe St. Louis, AZ
Experts: Janine Arvizu, NM & Dr. Jimmie Valentine, MS
Arresting Officer: Ron Lloyd, FL