



## 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:** Contracts

**Presenter:** Mario Olivarez

**Date:** Wednesday, April 7, 2027

**Time:** 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

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**Overview:** This presentation provides new defense lawyers with a practical overview of attorney-client contracts and engagement agreements. Participants will learn key contract provisions, ethical considerations, fee arrangements, scope of representation, and best practices for creating clear agreements that protect both the client and attorney while setting expectations for a successful professional relationship.

**Bio:** Mario Olivarez is the managing partner of Cassidy & Olivarez in Corpus Christi, Texas. Mario is a true believer in advocating for your clients both in and outside of the Courtroom. He began practicing with Stephen Hamilton's office in Lubbock after passing the bar and has continued practicing Criminal Defense since that time. Mario grew up in McAllen, Texas before moving away for college and is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a B.A. in History and a graduate of the Texas Tech University School of Law where he participated in the Criminal Defense Clinic. Mario has also been a member of TCDLA since his time with the Texas Tech Criminal Defense Clinic. In 2022, Mario became a member of the Board for TCDLA and also serves on the board for the Coastal Bend Criminal Defense Association and is a magistrate for the City of Corpus Christi.