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39th Annual
RUSTY DUNCAN
 Advanced Criminal Law Course
June 18 - 20, 2026
Hyatt Regency Riverwalk
 San Antonio, TX

THURSDAY - June 18, 2026 - Regency Ballroom

Daily CLE Hours: 7.00, Ethics: 2.00

	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	Rusty Fun Run/Walk (Lobby Front Entrance)
	7:30 AM	5:30 PM	Registration
	7:30 AM	8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast
	8:00 AM	8:05 AM	President's Message & Opening Remarks ~ Nicole DeBorde Hochglaupe, Jani Maselli Wood, & Stephanie Stevens
0.75	8:05 AM	8:50 AM	Strategic Communication ~ Michelle May O'Neil
	8:50 AM	8:55 AM	Presidential Award - Pat Metzke
1.00	8:55 AM	9:55 AM	Salsa & Selection: Finding the Rhythm of Your Jury ~ Reagan Wynn
0.75	9:55 AM	10:40 AM	Opening Statements: The Havana Flare Edition ~ Mark Thiessen
	10:40 AM	11:00 AM	Break - 20 min
0.75	11:00 AM	11:45 AM	Immigration ~ Jordan Pollock
	11:45 AM	1:15 PM	Lunch On Your Own or Awards Banquet Lunch — Rio Grande Ballroom (ticket required)
	1:15 PM		Opening Remarks ~ Michael Heiskell & Reagan Wynn
	1:15 PM	1:25 PM	The Right to Vote for Previously Incarcerated Persons ~ Jill Torbert
1.00	1:25 PM	2:25 PM	Cross-Examination con Caliente: Turning Up the Heat on the State ~ Mark Stevens
0.75	2:25 PM	3:10 PM	From the Tropics to the Trenches: Defending Fourth Amendment Rights ~ Monique Sparks
	3:10 PM	3:30 PM	Break - 20 min
1.00	3:30 PM	4:30 PM	Plea Bargaining: State & Federal (Ethics) ~ Michael Heiskell & Sarah Duncan Jacobs
1.00	4:30 PM	5:30 PM	Under the Palms, Over the Line: Understanding Collateral Consequences (Ethics) ~ Amanda Hernandez
	5:30 PM		Adjourn
	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	New Lawyers, New Members, & Law School Students Reception with Board Members (Beethoven Hall)
	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	TCDLEI Fellows & Super Fellows Reception (Invitation Only)
	6:30 PM	8:30 PM	Goldstein & Orr Pachanga (Beethoven Hall)

FRIDAY - June 19, 2026 - Regency Ballroom

Daily CLE Hours: 7.00, Ethics: 1.00

	7:30 AM	8:30 AM	Bike Ride (Lobby Front Entrance)
	7:45 AM	5:00 PM	Registration
	7:45 AM	8:45 AM	Continental Breakfast
	8:00 AM	8:05 AM	President-Elect Message & Opening Remarks ~ Clay Steadman & Michael Heiskell
1.00	8:05 AM	9:05 AM	High Conflict: The Ethics of Criminal Advocacy (Ethics) ~ Doug Gladden
			AI & Tech Track Regency Ballroom Stephanie Stevens & Reagan Wynn
			Appellate Track Rio Grande Ballroom Michael Heiskell & Jani Maselli Wood
0.75	9:05 AM	9:50 AM	AI Assistance Tools & Challenges in Courtroom ~ Sean Hightower
	9:15 AM	10:15 AM	TCDLEI Annual Board Meeting (Chula Vista Lobby Level)
1.00	9:50 AM	10:50 AM	Integrating AI & Media Analysis into Modern Defense ~ Miles Brissette
	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	So Crazy It Just Might Work: Long-Shot Legal Issues ~ Mark Bennett
	10:50 AM	11:10 AM	CDLP Committee Meeting (Chula Vista Lobby Level)
			Break
0.75	11:10 AM	11:55 AM	AI in Discovery & Office Management ~ Felix Valenzuela
	11:55 AM	1:25 PM	When the Music Stops: The Final Dance of Jury Charges ~ Anne Burnham
			Lunch On Your Own or Women Defenders Lunch (Live Oak Hill Country Level)
1.00	1:25 PM	2:25 PM	Case Law Update: The Hottest Decisions Heating Up the Courts ~ Hon. David Newell
			Science & Forensics Track Regency Ballroom Stephanie Stevens & Reagan Wynn
			Federal Track Rio Grande Ballroom Michael Heiskell & Jani Maselli Wood
1.00	2:25 PM	3:25 PM	High Stakes in Havana: The Future of Cannabis Prosecution in Texas ~ David Gonzalez
	3:25 PM	3:45 PM	The Dual Cabana: Moving Between Federal vs. State Practice ~ George Milner
			Break - Family Ice Cream Social
0.75	3:45 PM	4:30 PM	Under the Havana Moon: When DNA or Other Science Tells the Wrong Story ~ Frank Sellers
	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Sentencing Guidelines: Finding Justice Beyond the Numbers ~ Roberto Balli
			Executive Committee Meeting (Presidential Suite)
0.75	4:30 PM	5:15 PM	Cigars & Contamination: Lighting Up the Truth Behind Bad Science ~ Mark Daniel
			Mojitos & Mandates: The 5th Circuit in Review ~ Camille Knight
	5:15 PM		Adjourn
	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	Friends of Bill (Pecan Room Hill Country level)
	8:00 PM	12:00 AM	TCDLA Annual Membership Party — Hyatt Regency Ballroom (ticket required)

SATURDAY - June 20, 2026 - Regency Ballroom

Daily CLE Hours: 4.00, Ethics: 0

	7:45 AM	8:45 AM	Registration & Continental Breakfast
	8:00 AM	8:05 AM	Opening Remarks ~ Michael Heiskell
1.00	8:05 AM	9:00 AM	Rum & Rulings: Supreme Court Highlights ~ Gerry Goldstein
1.00	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Cuban Calm, Cyber Chaos: Mining Social Media ~ Stephen Ross Johnson
1.00	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Winning the Challenging Case ~ Jason Goss & Nico LaHood
1.00	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Trial Tactics: Turning Up the Heat in the Courtroom ~ Brian Steel
	12:00 PM		Adjourn
	12:15 PM		54th Annual TCDLA Members' Meeting and Swearing in of Officers and Board Members
	2:00 PM		Rosario's Celebration Lunch