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**Registration**  **In Person**  **Livestream/On-Demand At Your Own Pace**  
Electronic Materials Included Available On-Demand until May 31, 2027

Check Appropriate Amount	Registration After February 13*	Onsite Registration After May 29*
<input type="checkbox"/> Member	\$495	\$595
<input type="checkbox"/> Judge**	\$300	\$400
<input type="checkbox"/> New/Veteran Lawyer**	\$300	\$400
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Defender†	\$300	\$400
<input type="checkbox"/> PD Non-Member†	\$400	\$500
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-member	\$720	\$820

**ADD ON**

Book \$100

USB Video \$100

Vegetarian Meal \$5

\*Note: After May 29, books and USBs are limited onsite.  
 \*\*Attorneys practicing fewer than five years or more than 45 years and judges receive reduced registration fees.  
 †Public Defenders must work in one of the Texas PD/MAC/Federal offices.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Voluntary contribution for our legislative efforts

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Voluntary contribution for TCDLEI scholarships



**TCDLEI Scholarships**  
 The Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Educational Institute provides various scholarships for criminal defense attorneys with financial needs. Please find the application on [www.tcdla.com](http://www.tcdla.com) or email [scholarship@tcdla.com](mailto:scholarship@tcdla.com).

**TCDLA Rusty Duncan Havana Membership Party T-Shirt**  
 Get your TCDLA Rusty Duncan Havana shirt today and wear it with pride!

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**Social Events**

<b>Thursday, June 18</b>	<b>Friday, June 19</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Rusty Fun Run/Walk \$0 Quantity: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Bike Ride \$0 Quantity: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Awards Banquet Lunch \$45 Quantity: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Women Defenders Lunch \$5 Quantity: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Goldstein & Orr Pachanga \$0 Quantity: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Party \$20 Quantity: _____

**Can't Attend/Purchase Materials - Members Only** (no CLE, materials must be ordered by May 21, 2026)

USB Materials \$100  Book \$175

**Join TCDLA**  
**TCDLA membership fees** (renew or join as a new member)

2nd-Year Renewal \$100  Regular Renewal \$180  Opt-Out of Auto-Renew

New Member\* \$100  Public Defender\* \$60

\*Endorser: \_\_\_\_\_ (new members need a nominating endorsement from a current TCDLA member)

For your convenience, TCDLA uses AUTO RENEWAL for all membership dues, using your checking account or credit card. You will be automatically enrolled in the auto-renewal program so you do not have to do anything while continuing to enjoy membership benefits every year! You can always opt out of auto-renewal anytime by simply contacting TCDLA by emailing [mduarte@tcdla.com](mailto:mduarte@tcdla.com) or by checking the opt-out option above.

**Payment (cash is NOT accepted)**  
 Checks can be sent to: Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, 6808 Hill Meadow Dr., Austin, TX 78736  
**Cancellation Policy:** To receive a refund — less \$50 processing fee — cancellations must be received in writing two weeks prior to the seminar. Cancellations made within two weeks of the seminar will be charged for materials and the remaining refunded. Materials will be sent after the seminar.

Check Payable to TCDLA  Credit Card (4% Convenience Fee will be applied)

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Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Tax Notice:** \$36 of your annual dues (\$19 if a student member) is for a one-year subscription to the Voice for the Defense. Dues to TCDLA are not deductible as a charitable contribution but may be deducted as an ordinary business expense.  
**COVID Notice:** By registering, you acknowledge that an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. By attending the TCDLA Events, you and any guests voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19 and agree not to hold the TCDLA, or any of their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, agents, contractors, or volunteers liable for any illness or injury.  
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# 39th Annual RUSTY DUNCAN Advanced Criminal Law Course

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## OVERVIEW

The Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association is proud to announce its 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Rusty Duncan Advanced Criminal Law Course. Named for the late Honorable M.P. “Rusty” Duncan, III, of the Court of Criminal Appeals, this course is designed to cover state law and scholarly topics as well as cases from the past year that impact your practice today. Breakout tracks will include: AI & Tech, Appellate, Science & Forensics, and Federal.

## MEETING LOCATION

The seminar is being held at the Hyatt Regency San Antonio Riverwalk Hotel, located at [123 Losoya Street, San Antonio, TX 78205](#). The seminar will take place on the Ballroom level in the Regency and Rio Grande Ballrooms. The entrance is located on Losoya Street. Parking is available nearby. Scan the QR code on the front and click on “Additional Info” to find the hotel booking link.

## LODGING INFORMATION

Group rate lodging is available at two hotels. You must mention the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association (TCDLA) room block in order to receive the group rate. The cut-off date for all hotels is May 26, 2026, or until room block fills, whichever occurs first.

Hotel Name	Phone	Rates	Cut-Off Date
<b>Hyatt Regency (Host)*</b>	<b>210-222-1234</b>	<b>s/d \$202</b>	<b>May 26, 2026</b>

*\*Direct feed available in guest rooms (25% off on self-parking)*

<b>Menger Hotel</b>	<b>210-223-4361</b>	<b>s/d \$132</b>	<b>May 26, 2026</b>
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## REGISTER WITH COMPLETED FORM, PAYMENT & QUESTIONS

**Call:** 512-478-2514    **Fax:** 512-469-0512 or 512-469-9107    **Email:** [register@tcdla.com](mailto:register@tcdla.com)  
**Online:** [www.tcdla.com](http://www.tcdla.com)    **Mail:** TCDLA | 6808 Hill Meadow Dr. | Austin, TX 78736

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2026

### Early Check-In and Welcome Reception (Los Rios Foyer)

Registration and early check in is from 2:30 to 7:00 pm, and the Members Reception with snacks and drinks is from 5:30 to 7:00 pm in the Los Rios Foyer at the Hyatt Regency.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2026

### Rusty Fun Run & Walk (7 am | Hyatt Regency Riverwalk Level)

Kickstart your Rusty Duncan experience with a fun run/walk, coordinated by Savannah Gonzalez. Meet at the riverwalk level of the Hyatt Regency San Antonio Riverwalk Hotel for a morning of fitness and camaraderie. It's a great opportunity to connect, stay active, and make lasting memories. See you at the starting line!

### TCDLA Awards Banquet Lunch (11:45 am | Rio Grande Ballroom)

Experience an unforgettable afternoon at our Awards Banquet Lunch honoring the best in our legal community! Celebrate the Hall of Fame, Percy Foreman Lawyer of the Year, Charles Butts Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year, and Rising Star recipients. Remember to wear your Juneteenth Freedom Day shirt to honor Juneteenth - pre-order when you register! For tickets, please indicate on registration form.

### Goldstein & Orr Pachanga (6:30 pm - 8:30 pm | Beethoven Hall)

Paying tribute to departing TCDLA President, Nicole DeBorde Hochglaube and honoring incoming TCDLA president, Clay B. Steadman. Hosted by Gerry and Christine Goldstein and Cynthia Orr, located at Beethoven Hall, 422 Pereida St., San Antonio, TX 78201.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2026 - WEAR YOUR JUNETEENTH SHIRT!

### Rusty Bike Ride (7 am | Hyatt Regency Riverwalk Lobby)

Join us in the hotel lobby for a brisk ride before diving into legal talk. Wheel and deal your way into a day of fresh air, camaraderie, and a dash of legal banter. Participation is free, and bikes are available for rent.

### Women Defenders Lunch (11:55 am - 1:25 pm | Hill Country Level - Pecan/Live Oak Room)

Registration is \$5, lunch included! Powerhouse women come together to discuss issues important to women practicing criminal defense in Texas. Come learn from the best and how they have achieved their success in this male-dominated world. Bring your problems for a brainstorming session and get tips from those who have “been there and done that.”

— Pre-Registration Only! No Onsite Tickets Sold

### TCDLA Annual Membership Party (8:00 pm to 12:00 am | Regency Ballroom)

Join us for the TCDLA Havana Nights Party! Enjoy the music of a DJ, while playing some fun, Havana themed games! Roll the dice and try your luck as the ballroom is transformed into a casino! (ticket required) Remember to wear your best Havana attire OR your annual Rusty Duncan shirt! If you need childcare, you can contact Northside Sitters Club: 210-710-7940.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026

### 53rd Annual TCDLA Members and Officers Meeting, both new and renewing

(12:15 pm | Regency Ballroom)—open to all.

**CLE 18.00 hours, including 3.00 hours ethics**

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2026

2:30 pm - 7:00 pm **Early-Bird Check-In (Los Rios Foyer, Hyatt Regency)**

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm **Members and Family Reception with snacks (Los Rios Foyer, Hyatt Regency)**

## THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2026

7:00 am **Rusty Fun Run/Walk (Lobby Front Entrance)**

7:30 am **Registration & Continental Breakfast (Breakfast ends at 8:30 am)**

8:00 am **President's Message & Opening Remarks | Nicole DeBorde Hochglaube, Jani Maselli Wood, & Stephanie Stevens**

8:05 am **Strategic Communication | Michelle May O'Neil**

8:50 am **Presidential Award**

8:55 am **Salsa & Selection: Finding the Rhythm of Your Jury | Reagan Wynn**

9:55 am **Opening Statements: The Havana Flare Edition | Mark Thiessen**

11:00 am **Immigration | Jordan Pollock**

11:45 am **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 **The Right to Vote for Previously Incarcerated Persons | Jill Torbert**

1:25 pm **Cross-Examination con Caliente: Turning Up the Heat on the State | Mark Stevens**

2:25 pm **From the Tropics to the Trenches: Defending Fourth Amendment Rights | Monique Sparks**

3:30 pm **Plea Bargaining: State & Federal | Michael Heiskell & Sarah Duncan Jacobs (Ethics)**

4:30 pm **Under the Palms, Over the Line: Understanding Collateral Consequences | Amanda Hernandez (Ethics)**

5:30 pm **Adjourn**

5:30 pm **New Lawyers, New Members, & Law School Students Reception with Board Members (Beethoven Hall)**

5:30 pm **TCDLEI Fellows & Super Fellows Reception (Invitation Only)**

6:30 pm **Goldstein & Orr Pachanga (Beethoven Hall)**

## FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2026

7:30 am **Bike Ride (Lobby Front Entrance)**

7:45 am **Registration & Continental Breakfast (Breakfast Ends 8:45 am)**

8:00 am **President Elect Message & Opening Remarks | Clay Steadman & Michael Heiskell**

8:05 am **High Conflict: The Ethics of Criminal Advocacy | Doug Gladden (Ethics)**

### AI & Tech Track | Regency Ballroom

### Appellate Track | Rio Grande Ballroom

9:05 am **AI Assistance Tools & Challenges in Courtroom  
Sean Hightower**

**Havana Heat: Keeping Cool While Preserving Error  
Mac Secrest**

9:15 am **TCDLEI Annual Board Meeting (Chula Vista | Lobby Level)**

9:50 am **Integrating AI & Media Analysis into Modern Defense  
Miles Brissette**

**So Crazy It Just Might Work: Long-Shot Legal Issues  
Mark Bennett**

10:30 am **CDLP Committee Meeting (Chula Vista | Lobby Level)**

11:10 am **AI in Discovery & Office Management | Felix Valenzuela**

**When the Music Stops: The Final Dance of  
Jury Charges | Anne Burnham**

11:55 am **Lunch On Your Own or Women Defenders Lunch (Live Oak | Hill Country Level)**

1:25 pm **Case Law Update: The Hottest Decisions Heating Up the Courts | Hon. David Newell**

### Science & Forensics Track | Regency Ballroom

### Federal Track | Rio Grande Ballroom

2:25 pm **High Stakes in Havana: The Future of Cannabis  
Prosecution in Texas | David Gonzalez**

**The Dual Cabana: Moving Between Federal vs.  
State Practice | George Milner**

3:25 pm **Break - Family Ice Cream Social**

3:45 pm **Under the Havana Moon: When DNA or Other Science  
Tells the Wrong Story | Frank Sellers**

**Sentencing Guidelines: Finding Justice Beyond  
the Numbers | Roberto Balli**

4:00 pm **Executive Committee Meeting (Presidential Suite)**

4:30 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 **Friends of Bill (Pecan Room | Hill Country Level)**

8:00 pm **TCDLA Annual Membership Party (ticket required) — Havana Nights - Music & Games (Hyatt Regency Ballroom)**

## SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026

7:45 am **Registration & Continental Breakfast (ends 8:45 am)**

8:00 am **Opening Remarks | Michael Heiskell**

8:05 am **Rum & Rulings: Supreme Court Highlights | Gerry Goldstein**

9:00 am **Cuban Calm, Cyber Chaos: Mining Social Media  
Stephen Ross Johnson**

10:00 am **Winning the Challenging Case | Jason Goss & Nico LaHood**

11:00 am **Trial Tactics: Turning Up the Heat in the Courtroom | Brian Steele**

12:00 pm **Adjourn**

12:15 pm **54th Annual TCDLA Members' Meeting and Swearing in of Officers  
and Board Members (Regency Ballroom)—open to all.**

2:00 pm **Rosario's Celebration Lunch**

## FAMILY FRIENDLY! VISIT SAN ANTONIO

- San Antonio Zoo
- Sea World
- Riverboat Dinners
- Witte Museum
- Six Flags
- Tower of the Americas
- San Antonio Aquarium
- DoSeum (Children's Museum)
- Scobee Planetarium
- Culinary Institute

## FRIDAY, JUNE 19

### Rusty Fashion Rack

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Nueces/Frios Room

This special space is just for YOU, where you'll later be able to donate, browse, and shop from an incredible collection of fashion finds.

*Think of it as a sisterhood swap where your once-loved pieces can empower someone else. The more items you bring, the more choices everyone has. Let's lift each other up, one outfit at a time. Because when women show up confident, we all win!*

## TCDLEI Silent Auction

Each year at Rusty Duncan, TCDLA hosts a silent auction located on the Ballroom Level, the proceeds from which go to TCDLEI to fund scholarships given to lawyers to attend CLE events.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, donations made to TCDLEI are tax-deductible.

Please consider donating goods and/or services to be auctioned off this year at Rusty Duncan! For a list of donation eligibility requirements or to submit a donation, please contact Ashley Ybarra at [aybarra@tcdla.com](mailto:aybarra@tcdla.com).

Visit the stores to view the Silent Auction items.



Scan here to donate online!

## EXPLORE, PLAY, WIN!

Don't forget to stop by our exhibitor booths to get your Loteria stamped for a chance to win great prizes!



## IS YOUR REFERENCE MATERIAL UP TO DATE?

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- Cheat Sheet Set
- 42A
- Administrative License Revocation & Driving While Intoxicated Manual
- Annotated Texas Penal Code & Code of Criminal Procedure
- Trial Notebook
- Roadmaps for DWI Cases



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## Havana in Style!

Celebrate Rusty Duncan in style! Our Special Edition Rusty Duncan Havana Shirt blends bold Texas spirit with unforgettable Havana flair—the perfect keepsake from this year's event. Quantities are limited, so grab yours now and wear the vibe long after the music fades! Available Pre-Order Only!



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