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Presentation: Court Costs

Presenter: Jani Maselli Wood & Ted Wood

Date: Monday, July 13, 2026

Time: 12:30 – 1:30 pm

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Overview: Pursuant to Senate Bill 991 of the 88th Legislative Session, the Texas Department of Public Safety—working in partnership with Sistema Technologies—has been building a groundbreaking discovery portal: Texas Crime Lab Records Connect, or Texas CLR Connect. Set for a rolling launch in August 2026, Texas CLR Connect will provide equal, on-demand access to prosecution and defense attorneys for all crime lab records in Texas and beyond. This presentation will walk you through what the portal is, the progress made so far, and why it will soon become a daily reality in every Texas criminal case involving forensic analysis.

Bio: Jani is currently an assistant public defender with the Harris County Public Defender's Office. She previously worked for Inmate Legal Services and for the Honorable Charles F. Baird as his staff attorney at the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. She has been an adjunct professor at the University of Houston Law Center since 1999. She is Board Certified in Criminal Appellate Law. In 2013, Mrs. Wood was awarded the Harris County Criminal Lawyers Association Lawyer of the Year Award. She was also presented with the 2013 and 2016 Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year Awards from TCDLA. In 2014 Texas Lawyer named her as one of twenty Winning Women throughout the state.

Ted Wood is an Assistant Public Defender with the Harris County Public Defender's Office in Houston. He spends part of his time working on legislative issues and part of his time working on appeals. He has been a public defender since December of 2015. Ted is a 1991 graduate of Baylor Law School where he was a Notes and Comments Editor on the Baylor Law Review. He has an undergraduate degree in Business from the University of Wisconsin. Prior to working for Harris County, Ted worked for over 13 years as an assistant general counsel for the Texas Office of Court Administration (OCA). Before his employment with the State of Texas, Ted served as Randall County Judge from 1995 to 2002. He has worked as a briefing attorney for the Seventh Court of Appeals in Amarillo and has taught state and federal government classes at Amarillo College. Ted is married to Jani Maselli Wood, a fellow criminal defense lawyer. They live in Houston.