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24TH ANNUAL TOP GUN DWI

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AUGUST 14, 2026
THE WHITEHALL
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OVERVIEW

Join us at the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association's (TCDLA) 24th Annual Top Gun DWI Defense Seminar in Houston, TX, where we are bringing you fresh new speakers and topics to get you ready to handle almost any DWI case and trial. This premier event will teach all lawyers invaluable insights and strategies across a spectrum of crucial topics, including: trial tactics; breath testing; blood testing; involving aspects of alcohol and drug DWI investigations. You'll not only hear from experts involving accident reconstruction and blood testing, but you'll also learn how to win your trial without an expert. And last, but not least, you certainly don't want to miss the opportunity to learn from one of the very best trial lawyers in the nation. This seminar offers a unique opportunity for legal professionals to refine their skills, ensuring they are well-equipped to strategically win almost any DWI case. Don't miss this chance to enhance your expertise and network with fellow legal practitioners at the forefront of DWI defense.

MEETING/LODGING LOCATION

The seminar will be held at The Whitehall located at 1700 Smith St, Houston, TX 77002. The TCDLA room rate is \$128 for a single/double room. Call The Whitehall at (888) 974-7461 and refer to "TCDLA" to receive the group rate. The group rate is available until July 30, 2026, or until room block is full, whichever occurs first. Discounted parking - Overnight Valet for \$25 plus tax, Event Valet \$10 tax inclusive.

TCDLEI SCHOLARSHIPS

The Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Educational Institute provides various scholarships for criminal defense attorneys with financial needs. Application available online at www.tcdla.com or email scholarship@tcdla.com.

AGENDA

Friday - August 14, 2026

- 7:15 am **Registration & Continental Breakfast**
- 8:15 am **Opening Remarks**
- 8:30 am **Voir Dire: "One Question Voir Dire"***Neal Davis*
- 9:15 am **TED Talk: Observations from First DWI Trial***Sean Evans*
- 9:35 am **Defeating Drug Recognition Evidence***Doug Murphy*
with Scientific Studies
- 10:30 am **Cross Examination: Top Ten Commandments***Ryan Gertz*
- 11:15 am **Accident Reconstruction: What You Need to Know***Michael Reyes*
- 12:00 pm **Lunch Line**
- 12:15 pm **Lunch Presentation: Disconnect Defense: Winning Cases***Mark Thiessen*
with High Breath & Blood Alleged Estimates
- 1:00 pm **Examining Blood Discovery: Important Issue Spotting***Amanda Culbertson*
- 1:45 pm **Winning Breath & Blood Cases without an Expert***Sean Darvishi*
- 2:45 pm **Challenging Police Balance Arrest Tools (SFSTs)***Chris McKinney*
& Breath Testing
- 3:15 pm **Case Law Update: The Most Important DWI Cases.....***Kyle Therrian*
for your Trial Notebook
- 4:00 pm **Zealously & Ethically Representing Clients: Lessons***Rusty Hardin*
Learned From Over 50 Years of Practice
- 5:00 pm **Adjourn**

BECOME A DWI SCHOLAR!

Attend five TCDLA DWI seminars within two years and receive the DWI Scholar certificate at a DWI Seminar and have your photo featured in *The Voice!* You will also get the option to purchase the DWI Scholar statue.



TCDLA's 24TH ANNUAL TOP GUN DWI

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Bar Number: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Cell #: _____ Phone #: _____ Fax: _____
 Email: _____

REGISTRATION (INCLUDES ELECTRONIC MATERIALS)

Check Your Viewing Preference: <input type="checkbox"/> In Person <input type="checkbox"/> Livestream/On-Demand		
Early Registration Before August 5	Onsite Registration After August 5	Attend 5 TCDLA DWI seminars within 2 years: <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 discount
Member <input type="checkbox"/> \$225	Non-Member <input type="checkbox"/> \$325	
ADD-ONS: Book <input type="checkbox"/> \$60	USB Video <input type="checkbox"/> \$75	Not Attending <i>Materials Members Only, No CLE</i> USB <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Book + USB <input type="checkbox"/> \$150
<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian Lunch (Not available after August 5)		

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