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SEPTEMBER 4-5, 2025
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COURSE DIRECTORS:

Anne Burnham, Doug Murphy, & Damon Parrish • 13.00 CLE, including 1.00 Ethics

OVERVIEW

Join us for a cutting-edge seminar designed to enhance your defense strategies and courtroom skills. This two-day seminar brings together top legal experts and criminal defense lawyers to discuss innovative voir dire techniques, the latest in digital forensic tools, AI's role in legal defense, and critical approaches to discovery, client management and case preparation. The sessions will provide practical insights into challenging the prosecution's case through critical motions and tactics to suppress and exclude evidence, and explore strategies for handling bond violations, extraneous offenses, charging instruments and expert testimony. Whether you're a seasoned attorney looking to refine your practice or a new attorney developing trial skills, this seminar provides practical tools and expert guidance to strengthen your defense.

MEETING/LODGING LOCATION

The seminar will be held at the Moody Gardens Galveston Hotel located at Seven Hope Blvd, Galveston, TX 77554. The TCDLA room rate is \$189 for a single/double room. Call Moody Gardens at (409) 683-1299 and refer to "TCDLA" to receive the group rate. The group rate is available until August 18, 2025, or until room block is full, whichever occurs first. Scan the QR code on the front and click on "Additional Info" to find the hotel booking link. Complimentary self parking for guests, overnight valet for \$25, and overnight hotel garage self-parking \$13.

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

AGENDA

Thursday - September 4, 2025

7:45 am	Registration & Continental Breakfast	
8:10 am	Opening Remarks	<i>Course Directors</i>
8:30 am	Voir Dire Strategies	<i>Stephanie Stevens</i>
9:30 am	Cellebrite & CDR	<i>Eric Devlin</i>
10:30 am	AI Assistance, Tools, & Challenges	<i>Sean Hightower</i>
11:45 am	Lunch Panel: Client Management Strategies & Issues.	<i>Damon Parrish, David Price, & Stephanie Stevens</i>
1:00 pm	Bond Violations.	<i>Porscha Brown</i>
1:45 pm	Extraneous & Bad Acts.	<i>Jani Maselli Wood</i>
2:45 pm	Understanding Discovery & Appropriate Demands	<i>Michael Gross</i>
3:45 pm	Adjourn	
4:15 pm	Wellness Committee: Walk on Jogging Path at Moody Gardens Meet in Lobby	

Friday - September 5, 2025

7:45 am	Registration & Continental Breakfast	
8:10 am	Opening Remarks	<i>Course Directors</i>
8:30 am	Discovery Requests & How to Get What You Need	<i>Mark Metzger</i>
9:30 am	Standard Motions for Every Case, Including Suppression	<i>Mark Stevens</i>
10:30 am	Motions (New Law & Updates, Discovery, 404b, Motions to Suppress).	<i>Sara Smitherman</i>
11:45 am	Lunch Presentation: Game Changing Defense - 702, Chain of Custody, Predicate.	<i>Nicolas Hughes, Thuy Le, & Annie Scott</i>
1:00 pm	Evidence Suppression & Exclusion	<i>Vikram Vij</i>
1:45 pm	Challenging Charging Instruments	<i>Chris Downey</i>
2:45 pm	Untraditional Motions	<i>Gary Trichter</i>
3:45 pm	Adjourn	

CONTACT INFORMATION

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	Early Registration Before August 18	Onsite Registration After August 18
Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$315	<input type="checkbox"/> \$365
Non-Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$515	<input type="checkbox"/> \$565
ADD-ONS: Book <input type="checkbox"/> \$75 USB Video <input type="checkbox"/> \$75		
Vegetarian Lunch <input type="checkbox"/> \$5		
		Not Attending <i>Materials Members Only, No CLE</i>
		USB <input type="checkbox"/> \$100
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