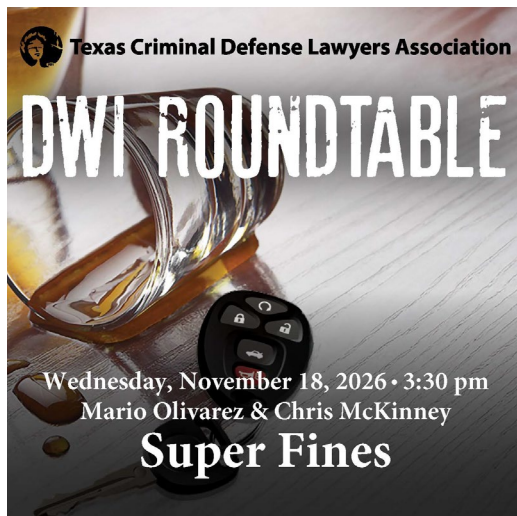




Welcome to **TCDLA ROUNDTABLES!**

Join us for a **DWI Committee Roundtable** presentation followed by open discussion. Free for Members. Open to all. Forward to a colleague.

Presentation: Super Fines

Presenter: Mario Olivarez & Chris McKinney

Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2026

Time: 3:30 – 4:30 pm

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Overview: DWI super fines can come with big consequences, but what do they really mean for your clients? Join TCDLA's DWI Committee for an interactive virtual roundtable as we break down these costly penalties, discuss how they impact DWI cases, and explore strategies for navigating the challenges they present. Connect with fellow defense attorneys, share experiences, ask questions, and gain valuable insights to help you better advocate for your clients. Bring your questions and join the conversation!

Bio: Mario Olivarez is the managing partner of Cassidy & Olivarez in Corpus Christi, Texas. Mario is a true believer in advocating for your clients both in and outside of the Courtroom. He began practicing with Stephen Hamilton's office in Lubbock after passing the bar and has continued practicing Criminal Defense since that time. Mario grew up in McAllen, Texas before moving away for college and is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a B.A. in History and a graduate of the Texas Tech University School of Law where he participated in the Criminal Defense Clinic. Mario has also been a member of TCDLA since his time with the Texas Tech Criminal Defense Clinic. In 2022, Mario became a member of the Board for TCDLA and also serves on the board for the Coastal Bend Criminal Defense Association and is a magistrate for the City of Corpus Christi.

Bio: Christopher M. McKinney is a partner at Murphy & McKinney Law Firm in Houston, Texas, and is Board Certified in Criminal Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. A former felony prosecutor in the Harris County District Attorney's Office Vehicular Crimes Division, he handled serious bodily injury and fatality cases and trained prosecutors and law enforcement officers on crash investigation and courtroom presentation. He now represents individuals charged in complex felony matters arising from impaired driving and other serious allegations. His experience on both sides of the courtroom informs his approach to forensic evidence and cross-examination.

Chris serves as Co-Chair of the Impaired Driving Task Force and as a Faculty Member of the National College for DUI Defense. He regularly presents nationally on forensic toxicology, hospital blood testing, DRE evidence, and trial strategy in impaired driving cases.