

Prairie Pup Nuts & Bolts

Co-sponsored with Lubbock Criminal Defense Lawyers Association

Lubbock, Texas: Wednesday, January 7, 2026: 6.25 CLE

Course Directors

Charles Chambers - Lubbock

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Overview

A very important component of Prairie Dog is Prairie Pup, a nuts and bolts seminar for young attorneys, taught by local attorneys providing both mentorship and education on "what we do".

Agenda - Wednesday, January 7, 2026

- 8:15 am *Registration & Continental Breakfast*
- 8:45 am *Opening Remarks*
- 9:00 am Enhancements ~ *Pat Metze*
- 9:45 am Time Management and Running Your Office ~ *Nicky Boatwright*
- 10:30 am *Break*
- 10:45 am The Art of Persuasion ~ *Laurie Key*
- 11:30 am *Lunch Line*
- 11:45 am *Lunch Presentation:* Cross Examination ~ *Justin Kiechler*
- 12:45 pm *Break*
- 1:00 pm Investigation ~ *Eldon Whitworth*
- 1:45 pm Mitigation ~ *Dennis Reeves*
- 2:30 pm *Break*
- 2:45 pm Working with the Mental Health Caseworker ~ *Callyn Hale & Sarah Velasquez*
- 3:30 pm Representing the Indigent ~ *Rusty Gunter*
- 4:15 pm *Adjourn*

Registration | Materials

Registration before 12/22/2025

- ☐ **\$40** (for all classes, meals, and materials)
[*General Enrollment Information](#)
 - ☐ Criminal Defense Lawyer
 - ☐ Judge
 - ☐ Student
 - ☐ Mitigation Specialist
 - ☐ Paralegal
 - ☐ Investigator
 - ☐ Legal Assistant
 - ☐ Social Worker
 - ☐ Other

- ☐ Add on Vegetarian Meal Option* - **\$5**
*No accommodations will be made after the cut-off date.

- ☐ **\$80** (onsite registration after 12/31/2024)
[*General Enrollment Information](#)

Unable to pay tuition? E-mail mschank@tcdla.com to request tuition assistance.

Meeting & Lodging Location

The seminar will be held at Texas Tech Law School located at 3311 18th St. Lubbock, TX 79409. **Lodging for this event** is at The Overton Hotel and Conference Center located at 2322 Mac Davis Lane, Lubbock, TX 79401. The TCDLA room rate is \$107 for a Double Queen Suite or King Suite. Call the Overton Hotel and Conference Center at 806.776.7000 and refer to "TCDLA" to receive our group rate. **The group rate is available until December 23, 2025 or until room block is full, whichever occurs first.**

Register - Payment Must Accompany Registration

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General Information

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*Tuition will be used to cover future expenses of TCDLA's grant programs or to provide for items that the grant cannot sufficiently cover. **Voluntary contributions go to support The Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association (TCDLA), a nonprofit organization, and will go directly to TCDLA's private fund account.

CANCELLATION POLICY: To receive a refund-less 10% processing fee-cancellations must be received in writing 14 days prior to the seminar (email koreston@tcdla.com). Registrants who paid tuition and are not entitled to a refund will receive the course materials. Tuition waiver recipients must attend the program to receive materials.

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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.

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