



TEXAS CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

MITIGATING DISPOSITIONS IN JUVENILE CASES

SEMINAR INFORMATION

Date Friday, January 29, 2027
Location The Whitehall – 1700 Smith St., Houston, TX 77002
Course Director Tressa Surratt
Total CLE Hours 7.25 Ethics: 1.00

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Time		Topic	Speaker
7:00 am		<i>Registration & Coffee</i>	
7:45 am		<i>Opening Remarks</i>	Course Director
8:00 am	.50	Introduction to Holistic Defense in Juvenile Cases	Mollie Wade
8:30 am	.50	Connecting Youth to Community Resources & Limiting Probation Involvement	Cindy Castelan
9:00 am	.75	Working with a Guardian Ad Litem When the Youth's Parent/Guardian is Incapable or Unwilling to Make Best Interest Decisions	Jacky Varela
9:45 am		<i>Break</i>	
10:00 am	1.00	Mitigation in Juvenile Cases	Rachel McDaniel
11:00 am		<i>Lunch Line</i>	
11:15 am	1.00	<i>Lunch Presentation:</i> Using School Law in Negotiations: Understanding School Discipline & Special Education & Using the Information to Your Client's Advantage	Julie Rogers
12:15 pm		<i>Break</i>	
12:30 pm	1.00 <i>Ethics</i>	Dual Status Youth: Advocating for DFPS Placement & Services Over Juvenile Probation Services	Ryan Mitchell
1:30 pm	1.50	Juvenile Sex Offenses	Dr. Casey O'Neil, PhD.
3:00 pm	1.00	Mitigating Juvenile Capital Cases	Andrea DeVinney
4:00 pm		<i>Adjourn</i>	