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Presentation: Hand Down

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Date: Wednesday, February 4, 2026

Time: 2:00 – 3:00 pm

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Overview: Public Defenders! Want to stay up to date on the law? Join us once a month to get the lowdown on the high courts! Sponsored by TCDLA, the Harris County Public Defender's Appellate Division will discuss recent case law from the U.S. Supreme Court, the Court of Criminal Appeals, and important cases from the intermediate courts of appeals. Join us on the first Wednesday of the month at 2:00 via zoom to get summaries of important cases, ideas for new issues cropping up, and tips on how to apply new law to your practice. This is open to all public defenders in the state. Let's talk law!

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