

Veterans Justice Clinic & Indigent Defense

Dallas, TX: February 19-20, 2026

Veterans Justice Clinic: This Veterans CLE will be an opportunity for lawyers who represent veterans to 1) learn about getting and using military, medical, and VA records in Veterans Treatment Courts, other courts, and administrative proceedings 2) learn about legal and practical issues unique to these clients and 2) find out which Texas lawyers and organizations can advise and assist you in your representation.

Thursday, February 19, 2026 (full agenda online)

CLE 7.50, including 0 Ethics

- 7:45 am *Opening Remarks*
- 8:00 am Why We Do What We Do
- 8:45 am Panel: Understanding When Someone Graduates Veterans Court, Expunging, & No Fees
- 10:15 am How to Get Records from the Military or the VA, How to Subpoena the Record for Civil or Criminal in the Appeal Process
- 11:15 am Expunctions
- 12:15 pm *Lunch Presentation:* Mental Health and Veteran Rehab Issues & Specialty Courts
- 1:30 pm Collateral Consequences
- 2:30 pm The Orders Project Through NACDL
- 3:30 pm Council on Criminal Justice (Veterans)
- 4:30 pm *Adjourn*

Indigent Defense: Attorneys representing indigent clients often face unique challenges in their practices. The clients are often unique, as well as the cases that bring them to the justice system. The indigent Defense seminars are designed to provide a broad overview of issues most relevant to attorneys who represent indigent clients

Friday, February 20, 2026 (full agenda online)

CLE 7.00, including 1.00 Ethics

- 8:15 am *Opening Remarks*
- 8:30 am Cross Exam
- 9:30 am Digital Searches: Geofence
- 10:30 am Crimmigration
- 11:45 am *Lunch Presentation:* Mental Health Recognition with Limited Resources
- 1:00 pm Appellate: Preservation of Error
- 2:00 pm Ethically Integrating AI (*Ethics*)
- 3:00 pm Voir Dire
- 4:15 pm *Adjourn*

Registration

Registration before 2/10/2026

- ☐ **Veterans Justice Clinic**
February 19, 2026
- ☐ **Indigent Defense**
February 20, 2026
- ☐ **\$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 2/10/2026
- ☐ **\$80** (onsite registration after 2/10/2026)
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Lodging & Meeting Location

The meeting will be held at the Aloft Dallas Downtown located at 1033 Young St, Dallas, TX 75202. The TCDLA room rate is \$149 for a single or double room. Call the hotel at (214) 761-0000 and **refer to "TCDLA" to receive the group rate. The group rate is available until February 5, 2026, or until room block is full, whichever occurs first.**

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