

TCDLA | Capital Trial, Mental Health, Veterans, and Appellate

Austin, Texas – February 20-21, 2020 (TWO DAYS - CHOOSE ONE OR BOTH)

Thursday | February 20, 2020

Veterans - CLE 6.5 Ethics 0

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.

8:30 am | Opening Remarks ~ Terri Zimmermann and John Convery

The Honor and Responsibility: Representing Veterans ~ Joseph Esparza

The Travis County Veterans Treatment Court ~ Judge Brad Urrutia, Jolene Grajczyk, and Karen Janda

A Lawyer's Guide to Working with the VA ~ Joanne Hurtekant

Lunch Presentation: Getting VA Benefits for Your Client ~ Rick Rousseau

When They Come Home – The Effect of PTSD and TBI on a Veteran's Conduct ~ Sharon Willis, Ph.D.

The VALOR program and the Regionalized Veterans Treatment Court ~ Judge John Roach, Jr

The Fort Hood Re-Entry/Diversion Program ~ Magistrate Judge Jeffrey C. Manske

Capital – CLE 7.0 Ethics 0

Research shows that capital defendants are made, not born. They are made by the circumstances in which they are raised, by the culture they learn, by the mental capacities they inherit, by the drugs that they are exposed to and the coping skills they develop as they mature.

8:30 am | Opening Remarks ~ Rick Wardroup and Scott Pawgan, Course Directors

The New Model Mitigation Investigation and Presentation ~ Ricardo Jimenez and Anna Jimenez

Investigating and Presenting Trauma in Death Penalty Trials ~ Greg Westfall

Lunch Presentation: Things We've Been Seeing and How to Approach ~ Moderated by Richard Wardroup and Scott Pawgan

Breaking Down a Forensics Report and Finding the Right Experts ~ Matthew Hefti

Race Issues in Capital Litigation ~ Pat McCann

Theater in the Capital Trial ~ Jeff Wax

Jury Selection ~ David Ryan

This course is funded by a grant from the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

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Mental – CLE 6.0 Ethics 0

This program will introduce trial lawyers to the manifestations of common mental illnesses, deficiencies and other conditions which affect our ability to communicate with and present complete pictures of our clients. Attendees will be taught how to work with mental health professionals and their clients to present a compelling case for life. This program will also provide training in victim outreach and trial topics.

8:30 am | Opening Remarks ~ Alyse Ferguson and Rick Wardroup

Addressing Client Disabilities in the Courts and in the Jail ~ Melissa Shearer

Effectively Communicating with A Client with Mental Illness ~ Dr. Tracy Kaip

Services Available for Clients With Mental Illness ~ Dr. Joseph Penn

Lunch Presentation: What Attorneys Need to Know About Texas State Hospitals ~ Dr. Matthew Faubion

Mental Health Policing-What You Need to Know ~ Jon O'Toole and Scott Soland

Appellate – CLE 7.0 Ethics .75

Criminal Defense Appeals and Writs is geared toward effective written defense advocacy throughout the life of a case – from bail writs to petitions for certiorari in the United States Supreme Court. The court offers skill building for all levels of appellate practice, from the first appellate brief to esoteric writs. Attendees will hear from appellate experts in a variety of practice areas, including a Court of Criminal Appeals judge, court staff, academics, and state and federal criminal defense attorneys.

8:15 am | Opening Remarks ~ Jani Maselli Wood

Using Supreme Court Precedent ~ Jennifer Laurin

CCA Update ~ Judge David Newell

The Law Writs – Pretrial and Mandamus ~ Michael Falkenberg

Appellate Issues – How to spot and Create Them ~ Mark Stevens

Lunch Presentation: Handling Writs ~ Nicole DeBorde

Research Tips and Tools ~ Jani Maselli Wood

Small Group Breakout Sessions ~ Facilitated by Cheri Duncan, Nick Vitolo and Ted Wood

Writing Your Best Brief ~ Jennifer Freel

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Early Registration before 2/10/20

- ☐ Capital ☐ Mental | ☐ Veterans ☐ Appellate
(Select one per day)

\$35 including \$15 Tuition* (for all classes, continental breakfast and materials) plus a \$20 voluntary contribution**

- ☐ Judge ☐ Attorney ☐ Investigator ☐ Mitigation ☐ Staff

- ☐ If you do not wish to make the **voluntary contribution****, please remit only \$15 and mark this box.

- ☐ Apply for travel stipend assistance

Onsite after 2/10/20

- ☐ \$75 ☐ Judge ☐ Attorney ☐ Investigator ☐ Mitigation ☐ Staff

Meeting | Lodging

The meeting will be held at the Wyndham Garden, located at 3401 S. IH-35, Austin, TX 78741. The TCDLA room rate is \$119 single/double. Call the Wyndham at 512.448.2444 and refer to "TCDLA" to receive the group rate. The group rate is available until February 5, 2020, or until room block is full.

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