

# Battling the Resistance in McKinney

McKinney, TX: March 19, 2021 : 6.0 CLE Including 1.0 Ethics

## Course Directors

- John Hunter Smith ~ Sherman
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## Overview

The Resistance is the enemy within us all. It is the opposing force blocking the path to our own personal victory. It is relentless and fueled by fear. To overcome the Resistance, you must identify it, acknowledge its power, and prepare for it. Criminal lawyers face the Resistance every day. "Battling the Resistance" will arm lawyers with the knowledge and skills necessary to challenge the Resistance in a way that bolsters commitment and dedication to clients, and sharpens the tools for zealous advocacy. The resistance is a force within us all that requires us to be ready to meet the challenge when the finish line is in sight to ultimately get to the higher realm beyond the Resistance.

## Agenda

### Friday, March 19, 2021

- 8:15 am **Opening Remarks** ~ John Hunter Smith and Jon O'Toole
- 8:30 am **The More Important the Action, the Greater the Resistance: (Cross Examination)** ~ Amanda Hernandez
- 9:15 am **The Battle Must be Fought Anew Every Day: (Pretrial)** ~ Patty Tress
- 10:15 am *Break*
- 10:30 am **The Resistance is Fueled by Fear: (Opening Statements)**~ Michael LeMond
- 11:15 am *Lunch Break*
- 11:30 am **The Resistance is Self Sabotage: (Mental Health)**~ John Fritz
- 12:30 pm *Break*
- 12:45 pm **Procrastination; the Most Common Resistance and the Easiest to Rationalize: (Voi Dire)**~ Clifford Duke
- 1:30 pm *Break*
- 1:45 pm **Controlling the Perceptions: (Experts)**~ Sarah Roland
- 2:30 pm **When the Finish Line is in Sight: (Closing Arguments)**~ Christie Merchant
- 3:30 pm *Adjourn*

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### Registration, Please Specify

- \$35** including \$15 tuition (for all classes, continental breakfast and materials) plus a \$20 **voluntary payment** to support TCDLA.
- Texas Criminal Defense Lawyer – Who Regularly Represents Indigent Defendants
  - Texas Judge
  - Texas Student
- If you do not wish to make the **voluntary payment**, please remit only \$15 and mark this box.

*\*Special needs or financially unable to pay contact TCDLA\**

## Meeting and Lodging Location

The seminar will be held at the Sheraton McKinney Hotel located at 1900 Gateway Boulevard, McKinney TX 75070. The room rate is \$116 for a single/double room. Call the Crowne Plaza Hotel at (972) 549-4000 and refer to "TCDLA" to receive the group rate. The hotel cut-off date is February 25, 2021 or until block is full whichever, occurs first.

## Register: New Address

- **Mail** completed registration form with payment to TCDLA | 6808 Hill Meadow Dr. | Austin, TX 78736
- **Online** at [www.tcdla.com](http://www.tcdla.com)
- **Fax** 512.469.0512

## Questions?

Email [snay@tcdla.com](mailto:snay@tcdla.com) or call 512.478.2514

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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.

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