



TEXAS CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

50TH ANNUAL TIM EVANS TEXAS CRIMINAL TRIAL COLLEGE

SEMINAR INFORMATION

Date March 21-26, 2027
 Location Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX
 Deans Lance Evans
 Deans Emeritus Lydia Clay-Jackson & Tim Evans
 Total CLE Hours 37.50 including 1.00 ethics

Sunday, March 21, 2027

Daily CLE Hours: 2.50 Ethics: 0.00

Time	CLE	Topic ~ Speaker	Room
2:00 pm		<i>Registration & Check-in</i>	Courtroom Foyer
4:00 pm	0.75	Orientation, History and General Discussion of the Institute ~ Lydia Clay-Jackson	Courtroom
		Lecture: Opening and Closing Arguments How to Start... Week Instructions and Q&A Lance Evans	
4:45 pm	0.75	Developing a Theory of the Case ~ Speaker 1	Courtroom
5:30 pm	0.50	The Fun of an Initial Lawyer/Client Interview ~ Speaker 1	Courtroom
6:00 pm	0.50	Sociodemographic in the Courtroom (Including CS Material) ~ Speaker 1	Courtroom
6:30 pm		<i>Adjourn</i>	
7:00 pm		<i>Dinner at University with Your Group and Faculty</i>	225 I-45

Monday, March 22, 2027

Daily CLE Hours: 7.50 Ethics: 0.00

Time	CLE	Topic ~ Speaker	Room
7:30 am		<i>Breakfast Provided</i>	
8:30 am	0.75	Lecture: Theater and the Lawyer in the Courtroom ~ Tyrone Monciffe	Courtroom
9:15 am	2.25	Introductions, Group Activity and Closing Argument Exercises	Break into Groups
11:30 am		<i>Lunch Provided</i>	A217
1:00 pm	2.50	Continue Closing Argument Exercises	Break into Groups
3:30 pm	1.50	Demonstration and Discussion: Closing Arguments ~ Speaker 1, Speaker 2, Speaker 3	Courtroom
5:00 pm	0.50	Taking Care of Yourself ~ Rick Wardroup	Courtroom
5:30 pm		<i>Daily Evaluation & Adjourn</i>	
6:30 pm		<i>Dinner at Los Pericos Mexican Restaurant</i>	1548 11th St.

Tuesday, March 23, 2027

Daily CLE Hours: 8.00 Ethics: 1.00

Time	CLE	Topic ~ Speaker	Room
7:30 am		<i>Breakfast Provided & Daily Evaluation</i>	
8:30 am	1.50	Lecture: Direct and How to Introduce Demonstrative Evidence (Making and Responding to Objections) ~ Speaker 1, Speaker 2, Speaker 3	Courtroom
10:00 am	2.00	Direct Examination Exercises	Break into Groups 9 Actors
12:00 pm		<i>Lunch Provided</i>	A217
1:30 pm	1.00 <i>Ethics</i>	Lecture: Ethics: Dealing with Difficult Clients Appointed and Retained (Including Collateral Consequences) ~ Speaker 1	Courtroom

2:30 pm	2.50	Complete Direct (If needed) and Begin Cross Examination Exercises	Break into Groups
5:00 pm	1.00	Lecture: Making Objections and Protecting the Record ~ Speaker 1	Courtroom
6:00 pm		<i>Daily Evaluation & Adjourn</i>	
6:30 pm		<i>Dinner Provided</i>	

Wednesday, March 24, 2027
Daily CLE Hours: 8.00 Ethics: 0.00

Time	CLE	Topic ~ Speaker	Room
7:30 am		<i>Breakfast Provided & Daily Evaluation</i>	
8:30 am	1.00	Lecture: Cross-Examination ~ Speaker 1	Courtroom
9:30 am	2.50	Cross-Examination Exercises	Break into Groups 9 Actors
12:00 pm		<i>Lunch Provided</i>	A217
1:00 pm	1.50	Demonstration and Discussion: Cross-Examination ~ Speaker 1, Speaker 2, Speaker 3	Break into Groups
2:30 pm	1.50	Cross-Examination Exercises Continued	Courtroom
4:00 pm		<i>Break</i>	
4:15 pm	1.50	Lecture: Jury Selection ~ Speaker 1	Courtroom 2 Actors
5:45 pm		<i>Daily Evaluation & Adjourn</i>	
6:15 pm		<i>Dinner at Farmhouse</i>	

Thursday, March 25, 2027
Daily CLE Hours: 8.0 Ethics: 0.00

Time	CLE	Topic ~ Speaker	Room
7:30 am		<i>Breakfast Provided & Daily Evaluation</i>	
8:30 am	1.50	Demonstration and Discussion: Jury Selection ~ Speaker 1, Speaker 2, Speaker 3	Courtroom
10:00 am	2.00	Jury Selection Exercises	Break into Groups 8 Actors
12:00 pm		<i>Lunch Provided</i>	A217
1:00 pm	3.00	Jury Selection Exercises Continued	Break into Groups
4:00 pm	0.75	Lecture: Punishment/Sentencing ~ Speaker 1	Courtroom 2 Actors
4:45 pm	0.75	Lecture: Opening Statement ~ Speaker 1	Courtroom
5:30 pm		<i>Daily Evaluation & Adjourn</i>	
6:30 pm		<i>Open Dinner night your choice of Roadhouse, Olive Garden, Buffalo Wild Wings</i>	

Friday, March 26, 2027
Daily CLE Hours: 3.50 Ethics: 0.00

Time	CLE	Topic ~ Speaker	Room
7:30 am		<i>Breakfast Provided</i>	
8:30 am	0.50	Wrap-Up and Questions ~ Lance Evans	Courtroom
9:00 am	0.50	Pitfalls in Parole Law ~ David O'Neil	Courtroom
9:30 am	2.50	Opening Statement Exercise	Break into Groups
12:00 pm		<i>Adjourn, Farewell Lunch, or Grab & Go – Check Out with TCDLA</i>	