

Details

Application and Registration Information

Applications often exceed enrollment, so you are encouraged to apply now. Initial acceptance will be made from applications received by the deadline. Later applicants are placed on a ranked waiting list. This course is designed for all ranges of criminal defense trial experience—from new to veterans to those who left prosecution to the attorney who wants to continue improving trial skills. The College is committed to responsible racial and gender balance. You must be prepared to devote your entire week to this course.

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Housing and Travel Accommodations

The course is conducted at the Texas Criminal Justice Center at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. Participants will stay in the University Hotel adjacent to the Center. TCDLA staff will make your hotel reservations, two participants per room. Single rooms are available on request. The cost of your hotel is included. Breakfast and lunch are provided (dinner at own expense).

invited Faculty

Deans

Kerri Anderson Donica & Lance Evans

Deans Emeritus

Lydia Clay-Jackson & Tim Evans

Richard Anderson, Dallas	Jo Ellen Hewins, Corpus Christi	wScott Pawgan, San Antonio
Roberto Balli, Laredo	Christi	Antonio
Heather Barbieri, Plano	John Hunter Smith, Sherman	Carmen Roe, Houston
Robert Barrera, San Antonio	Daniel W. Hurley, Lubbock	Sarah Roland, Denton
Sam Bassett, Austin	Susan Kelly, Waco	David Ryan, Houston
Mark Bennett, Houston	Jeff Kearney, Fort Worth	Grant Scheiner, Houston
David Burrows, Plano	Laurie Key, Lubbock	Frank Sellers, Fort Worth
John Convery, San Antonio	Adam Kobs, San Antonio	Mark Snodgrass, Lubbock
Nicole DeBorde, Houston	Jim E. Lavine, Houston	Monique Sparks, Houston
Danny Easterling, Houston	Constance Luedicke, Georgetown	Courtney Stamper, Dallas
Don Flanary, San Antonio	Bobby Mims, Tyler	Clay Steadman, Kerrville
Michael Gross, San Antonio	Tyrone C. Moncriffe, Houston	Stephanie Stevens, San Antonio
David Guinn, Jr., Lubbock	David Moore, Longview	Mark Thiessen, Houston
Rusty Guyer, San Antonio	Dave O'Neil, Houston	Ezekiel Tyson Jr., Dallas
Melissa Hannah, Lufkin	Michelle Ochoa, Beeville	Paul Tu, Houston
Theodore Hargrove, San Angelo	Tom Pappas, Dallas	Rick Wardroup, Lubbock
Michael P. Heiskell, Fort Worth	Stephanie Patten, Fort Worth	Michael Ware, Fort Worth
Cynthia Henley, Houston	Worth	Randy Wilson, Abilene
		Reagan Wynn, Fort Worth
		Terri Zimmerman, Houston

Agenda

[37.0 cle hours, including .75 ethics]

Sunday, March 29

- 2:00 pm** Registration and Check-in (Courtroom Foyer)
- 4:00 pm** Courtroom: Orientation and General Discussion of the Institute Lectures: Developing a Theory of the Case—Closing and Closing Argument—Kerri Anderson Donica & Lance Evans
- 5:00–6:30 pm** Group Activity—Kerri Anderson Donica & Lance Evans
- 7:00 pm** Dinner at City Hall Café

Monday, March 30

- 7:30 am** Breakfast Provided
- 8:30 am** Courtroom: Theater and the Lawyer in the Courtroom
- 9:15 am** Closing Argument Exercises (Break into Groups)
- 12:00 pm** Lunch Provided
- 1:30 pm** Closing Argument Exercises (Break into Groups)
- 4:00–5:30 pm** Courtroom: Faculty Demonstrations of Closing Arguments
- 7:00 pm** Dinner at Margarita's Mexican Restaurant

Tuesday, March 31

- 7:30 am** Breakfast Provided
- 8:30 am** Courtroom: Lecture on Direct and Cross-Examination
- 10:00 am** Direct Examination Exercises (Break into Groups w/ Actors)
- 12:00 pm** Lunch Provided
- 1:30 pm** Courtroom: Lecture on Ethics
- 2:30 pm** Direct (Complete, if needed) and Cross-Examination Exercises (Break into Groups w/ Actors)
- 5:00–6:00 pm** Courtroom: Lecture on Making Objections and Protecting the Record
- 7:00 pm** Dinner Provided

Wednesday, April 1

- 7:30 am** Breakfast Provided
- 8:30 am** Courtroom: Lecture on Demonstrative Evidence
- 9:30 am** Cross-Examination Exercises (Break into Groups w/ Actors)
- 12:00 pm** Lunch Provided
- 1:00 pm** Cross-Examination Exercises (Break into Groups w/ Actors)
- 2:30 pm** Courtroom: Cross-Examination Demonstrations
- 4:30 pm** Break
- 4:45–5:45 pm** Courtroom: Lecture on Jury Selection
- 6:15 pm** Dinner at Farmhouse Café

Thursday, April 2

- 7:30 am** Breakfast Provided
- 8:30 am** Courtroom: Lecture on Punishment (Ethics)
- 9:15 am** Jury Selection Exercises (Break into Groups w/ Actors)
- 12:00 pm** Lunch Provided
- 1:00 pm** Jury Selection Exercises (Break into Groups w/ Actors)
- 3:00 pm** Courtroom: Jury Selection Demonstrations
- 4:30–5:00 pm** Lecture: Opening Statement
- 7:00 pm** Dinner at Potato Shack

Friday, April 3

- 7:30 am** Breakfast Provided
- 8:30 am** Wrap Up and Questions—Kerri Anderson Donica & Lance Evans
- 9:00 am** Opening Statement and Final Argument Exercises (Break into Groups)
- 12:00 pm** Adjourn

*Ethical considerations will be emphasized throughout the College.

Registration

Completed applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on January 14th

Bar # _____ Male Female
 Name _____ Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Fax _____ Cell _____
 Email _____

Must be a licensed Texas attorney. Complete entire application.

I would like to attend this training and have enclosed:

- \$150 registration fee (refunds, less 10% processing fee, only for cancellations made before March 10, 2020). Registration price includes breakfast and lunch each day, dinner two nights, and hotel (double occupancy).
- this application plus a letter of intent telling us your level of trial experience. Additionally, please tell us why you want to attend the Texas Criminal Trial College.
- a letter of recommendation from a Texas judge (District, County, or Federal).
- a letter of recommendation from a criminal defense attorney.

You will be notified by January 30, 2020. Only complete applications will be considered. *Special needs or financially unable to pay contact TCDLA.

Note: After March 10, cancellations will be charged the actual cost of \$750 per person if we can't fill your spot.

Required { Credit card number: _____ Expiration date: _____
 Signature _____
 I applied last year. I attended Criminal Trial College in _____
 I accept court appointments: Yes No

Trial Experience

Please be candid about your trial experience, and do not exaggerate.

Number of Trials (as first chair only):

_____ Felony Jury # _____ Felony Bench # _____ Misdemeanor Jury
 # _____ Misdemeanor Bench # _____ Civil Jury

Number of Trials (as second chair):

_____ 2nd Chair Felony Jury** # _____ 2nd Chair Misdemeanor Jury**

**On a separate sheet explain your involvement.

Type of practice and years in practice (general description): _____

Other Training or Experience:

Law school: _____ Date graduated: _____

Other trial training courses taken: _____

Former Prosecutor: Yes No

If yes, how long, when did you leave, and what experience did you have? _____

Public defender: Yes No

If yes, what office? _____

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Key Information

The College

The College is an intensive program of practice exercises, enhanced by faculty demonstrations and personal supervision.

Enrollment is limited to 80 students, who are selected to participate by an application and registration process. A week before the College, students receive course materials simulating a case file, including police reports and witness statements. Preparation is essential because through the week students must try their own case, from jury selection to final argument.

A distinguished faculty member gives a brief lecture on the upcoming segment of the trial. Groups of eight, selected on the basis of experience level, then adjourn to separate classrooms to begin their videotaped exercises. Faculty members not only supervise the exercises but also critique the video performance with each student. Then, a faculty member particularly skilled in that area will present a demonstration to the entire group.

Some portion of each evening must be devoted to preparation for the next day but students and faculty are encouraged to eat together, get to know one another and exchange ideas.

The Mission

The best lawyers are those who recognize and accept their position as defenders, not only of individual clients, but also of the fragile system of checks and balances that ensures freedom for us all. Thus, this College emphasizes the spirit and camaraderie of criminal defense.

The Criminal Defense Lawyers Project has been an endeavor of the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association for over 43 years. It is funded by a grant from the Judicial and Court Personnel Training Fund administered by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

The purpose of the College is to promote efficient administration of criminal justice by providing training for lawyers to render effective assistance of counsel for indigent criminal defendants.

The Faculty

Only experienced trial lawyers are invited to teach at this College. Invited faculty are among the most successful criminal trial lawyers in the state. However, the best lawyers have the busiest schedules so it is inevitable that a few will not be able to attend and that some will stay for only a couple of days.

Note: Onsite registrations will not be accepted.

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