



# TEXAS CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

## JUVENILE LAW

### SEMINAR INFORMATION

Date Thursday, April 16, 2026  
Location Livestream  
Course Director Rubén Castañeda, Kameron Johnson, & Stephanie Stevens  
Total CLE Hours 7.75 Ethics: 1.50

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Time		Topic	Speaker
8:25 am		<i>Opening Remarks</i>	Course Directors
8:30 am	0.75 <i>Ethics</i>	<b>Mitigation &amp; Investigation in Juvenile Court</b> – Discovery, Detention Hearings to Certifications, Disciplinary Records, Past Adjudications	Kameron Johnson
9:15 am	0.50	<b>Engaging the Community in Youth Defense</b>	Melanie Lister
9:45 am	0.50	<b>School Law</b> - Education Code & Weapons at School	Vicky Sullivan
10:15 am	0.75	<b>Experts in Juvenile Court</b> - Testifying as an Expert, Understanding the Different Types of Experts	Stephen Thorne
11:00 am		<i>Break</i>	
11:15 am	0.75	<b>TJJD</b>	Rubén Castañeda
12:00 pm	0.75	<b>Disposition Alternatives:</b> Regional Diversion Alternatives, Diversionary Programs, Alternative Disposition Options	Ashley Kintzer
12:45 pm	0.75 <i>Ethics</i>	<b>The Role of Guardian Ad Litem</b> - Differences Between Guardian Ad Litem & Attorney	Tressa Surratt
1:30 pm	0.75	<b>Determinate Sentences</b>	David Gonzalez
2:15 pm		<i>Break</i>	
2:30 pm	0.75	<b>Certifications</b>	Lauren McCollum
3:15 pm	0.75	<b>Juvenile Sex Cases</b>	Laura Peterson
4:00 pm	0.75	<b>Racial &amp; Social Justice</b>	Nydia Thomas
4:45 pm		<i>Adjourn</i>	