



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