



Riding for the Defense

College Station, Texas: Friday, April 19, 2024: 6.0 CLE including 1.0 Ethics

Course Directors

- Shane Phelps, Bryan
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Overview

Traditionally, ranch life called for all of the ranch hands working for an outfit to dedicate themselves to the brand, in other words, the marking of the ranch where they were employed, by working as hard as they could to help the ranch succeed. Cowboys worked from sunup to sundown, come snow, rain, sleet, hail, or blistering sun. From day to day cowboys could be on horseback pushing cattle, down on the ground fixing fences, or in the corrals branding and working cattle. Working on a ranch still requires that the ranch hands know how to do every job to achieve success. The hit TV series *Yellowstone* has brought the idea of this way of life to popular culture in a very dramatic fashion. However, the old adage of working as hard as someone can at their craft to achieve success lives on. This course will harken back to the days when ranches dominated the Texas lifestyle to help teach the attendee how to hone their craft as a criminal defense lawyer through work and grit.

Agenda

Friday, April 19, 2024

- 7:30 am *Continental Breakfast & Registration*
- 8:15 am **Opening Remarks** ~ Shane Phelps, Phil Baker, & Paul Tu
- 8:30 am **Gathering the Herd: Voir Dire** ~ Jason Parrish
- 9:15 am **Working from Sunup to Sundown: Opening and Closing** ~ Garret Cleveland
- 10:15 am *Break*
- 10:30 am **A Ranch Hands Work Isn't Always Glamorous: Pre-Trial Investigations** ~ Kameron Johnson
- 11:15 am *Lunch Line*
- 11:30 am **Lunch Presentation – Staying Mentally Strong for the Days Work: Mental Health** ~ Rebecca Tavitas
- 12:30 pm *Break*
- 12:45 pm **Ranch Life is Always Changing: Technology in the Court Room** ~ Catherine Stanley
- 1:30 pm **A Good Horse Always Makes for a Good Ranch Hand: Experts & Witnesses** ~ Porscha Brown
- 2:15 pm **Why Do We Ride for the Brand? Client Relationships & Communications** ~ Paul Harrell
- 3:15 pm *Adjourn*

This course is funded by a grant from the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals

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Registration, order by 3/28/24 – Electronic Materials

- \$40** including \$20 tuition (for all classes, continental breakfast plus lunch and materials) plus a \$20 **voluntary payment** to support TCDLA.
 - Criminal Defense Attorney Judge
 - Mitigator Paralegal
 - Investigator Social Worker
- If you do not wish to make the **voluntary payment**, please remit only \$20 and mark this box.

Registration after 3/28/24 Register over phone or in person

- \$80** including \$60 tuition (for all classes, continental breakfast and materials) plus a \$20 **voluntary payment** to support TCDLA.
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Meeting/Lodging Location

The seminar will be held at the Texas A&M Hotel and Conference Center located at 177 Joe Routt Blvd. Accommodations are \$107 per night single/double. **Hotel cut-off date is March 28, 2024 or until block is full, whichever occurs first.** Please call (888) 654-4436 for reservations and mention TCDLA room block.

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General Information

(Please read before registering) you may not register for this program if you are a full-time law enforcement officer, prosecutor, or currently acting as a prosecutor or special prosecutor in a capital case (unfortunately, no exceptions).

*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.

CANCELLATION POLICY: To receive a refund-less 10% processing fee-cancellations must be received in writing 14 days prior to the seminar (email kpreston@tcdla.com). Registrants who paid tuition and are not entitled to a refund will receive the course materials. Tuition waiver recipients must attend the program to receive materials. Tax Notice: \$36 of your annual dues (\$19 if a student member) is for a one-year subscription to the VOICE for the Defense. Dues to TCDLA are not deductible as a charitable contribution but may be deducted as an ordinary business expense.