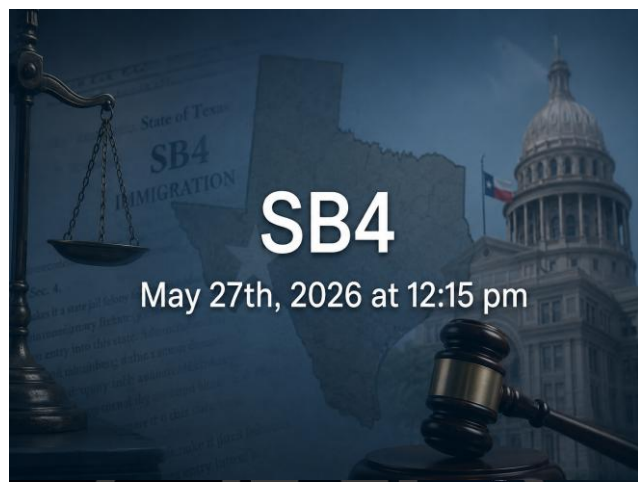




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Join us for **Defending Clients Charged with State Immigration Crimes Under SB4**. Open to all. Forward to a colleague.

Presentation: Defending Clients Charged with State Immigration Crimes Under SB4

Presenters: Amrutha Jindal & Doug Keller

Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2026

Time: 12:15 – 1:30 pm

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Overview: In 2024, Texas created new state immigration crimes and a deportation-like apparatus under Senate Bill 4 (SB4). For the past 2 years, SB4 was not in effect due to an injunction by the federal courts; however, in late April 2026, the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals lifted that injunction. As a result, the State could start making arrests under SB4 for crimes like illegal entry and illegal reentry, as well as ordering individuals to return to Mexico. Led by defense attorneys who coordinated the Operation Lone Star defense program, this training will provide an overview of SB4 charges, discuss trial defenses, as well as suggest potential constitutional challenges to be litigated.

Bio: Amrutha N. Jindal is the Founder and Executive Director of Lone Star Defenders Office, the indigent defense hub for Operation Lone Star cases. In this role, she coordinates and oversees criminal defense representation provided to indigent individuals prosecuted under Governor Abbott's border security program and provides resources and support to attorneys taking these cases. Since 2021, Lone Star Defenders Office has coordinated and provided defense representation to almost 20,000 individuals. Amrutha has worked on the criminal legal system's front lines as a public defender for the past fifteen years, specializing in the criminalization of immigration in both the state and federal court systems. Prior to her work in Operation Lone Star defense, Amrutha worked at a criminal justice nonprofit in Houston and was a federal public defender in San Diego. She is a graduate of Cornell University and Georgetown University Law Center. She is based in Houston, Texas.

Bio: Doug Keller is the Legal Director at the Lone Star Defenders Office, the indigent defense hub for Operation Lone Star cases. Before joining LSDO, Doug worked as a public defender for nearly a decade in the appellate unit at Federal Defenders of San Diego, Inc. He previously clerked on the Fifth Circuit and did a fellowship in Georgetown Law's Appellate Litigation Clinic. He is a graduate of the University of Texas School of Law. He is based out of Austin, Texas.