



TEXAS CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

PUBLIC DEFENSE LEADERS TRAINING

SEMINAR INFORMATION

Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025

Location: Hyatt Regency Hotel, 123 Losoya Street, San Antonio TX
Rio Grande Ballroom

Course Directors: Kenitra Brown & Ashley De La Garza

Total CLE Hours: 3.00 Ethics: 1.25

Overview: This is the annual in-person gathering for Texas chief public defenders and Managed Assigned Counsel Directors. These leaders will convene for quick updates from across Texas with TIDC, and to learn about improving office outcomes with efficient and ethical data collection and strategies for defense programs from Colorado defenders.

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| Time | CLE | Topic ~ Speaker(s) |
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| 1:15 pm | | Registration |
| 2:00 pm | 0.25 | Opening Remarks/TIDC Update ~ Scott Ehlers |
| 2:15 pm | 0.50 | TIDC Issues on the Horizon (Legislative Update) ~ Scott Ehlers, Wesley Shackelford, & Bill Cox |
| 2:45 pm | 1.25 Ethics | Improving Outcomes with Efficient & Ethical Data Collection in Public Defense ~ Kenneth Hardin, Executive Director, Harris County Managed Assigned Counsel Office, Meg Ledyard, Business Services Analyst, Travis County, & Rocky Ramirez, Assistant Public Defender, Concho Valley Public Defender Moderator: Kenitra Brown |
| 4:00 pm | | Break |
| 4:15 pm | 1.25 | Thinking Outside our Borders, Lessons from Colorado: Exploring Strategies for Effective Onboarding and Employee Mentorship in Public Defense Programs ~ Ara Ohanian, Office Lead, Office of Colorado State Public Defender & Lucienne "Lucy" Ohanian, Chief Deputy Public Defender, Office of Colorado State Public Defender Moderator: Ashley De La Garza |
| 5:30 pm | | Adjourn |
| 7:00 pm | | Optional Dinner at Casa Rio (Limited seating, RSVP required) |

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