



TEXAS CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

TRAINER FOR TRAINERS SEMINAR INFORMATION

Date July 9, 2025
Location Margaritaville Beach Resort | 310 Padre Boulevard, SPI, TX 78597
Course Directors Paul Tu, Patty Tress & Thomas Wynne
Total CLE Hours 5.00 Ethics: 0.00

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

CLE Hours: 5.0, Ethics 0.0

Time	CLE	Topic	Speaker
7:30 am		<i>Registration & Continental Breakfast</i>	
8:00 am		<i>Opening Remarks</i>	Paul Tu & Patty Tress
8:15 am	1.00	Mastering Media in Presentations PowerPoint/video/audio in your presentation – how to and when to know it's too little or too much. Bring your laptop – interactive workshop	Thomas Wynne
9:15 am	1.00	Storytelling Connect with the audience and interact, not just telling war stories	Audrey Moorehead
10:15 am	1.00	Types of Learning Audio visual touch – we need to know how to reach each person in the audience just like we have to reach jurors and prosecutors to help our clients	Lara Bracamonte Davila
11:15 am		<i>Lunch Line</i>	
11:30 am		<i>Lunch Discussion: Signing up for future seminars</i> CDLP theme, mental health, capital, forensics etc., Pair with a partner from CDLP, speaker expectations	Patty Tress, Alyse Ferguson & Melissa Schank
12:00 pm		<i>Break</i>	
12:15 pm	1.00	Writing an Effective Paper Using your paper to help with the speech and learning process, what should be included in a paper	Laurie Key
1:15 pm	1.00	Preparing for the Speech What is needed to prepare to get up in front of a room of peers, getting what others want to know	Amanda Hernandez
2:15 pm		<i>Adjourn</i>	



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WAY OF THE WARRIOR SPI

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Thursday, July 10, 2025

Daily CLE Hours: 3.0 Ethics: 0.0

Time	CLE	Topic	Speaker
8:00 am		<i>Continental Breakfast & Registration</i>	
8:30 am		<i>Opening Remarks</i>	Paul Tu
8:45 am	.75	Jury Selection Jury Selection is about not only listening to the people but also hearing the messages they send, identifying any biases, and using well-reasoned challenges for cause and effective preemptory strikes to select your jury.	Shawn Sareen
9:30 am	.75	Pre-Trial Investigations A warrior's preparation begins early. Effectively conducting client interviews, investigation, securing and reviewing discovery, and pre-trial litigation requires constant collaboration, planning, and the use of pretrial motions. Effective pretrial investigation and strategy development will make all the difference. This is the preparation you can rely on to pin the state in and limit their reach.	Michael Edwards
10:15 am		<i>Break</i>	
10:30 am	.75	Opening and Closing Opening Statements is the first opportunity to tell our client's story and reinforce our theory of the case. Closing Argument is the opportunity we get to close the loop we opened in the opening and to highlight reasonable doubt in the State's case. The argument is also our chance to summarize our client's story and demand justice.	Huma Yasin
11:15 am	.75	Technology in the Courtroom The price to be paid by a trial lawyer often includes learning new technologies and new uses for those we're accustomed to. Effective and fluid use of technology is essential to any warrior's strategy for success. Seamless PowerPoint presentation is a minimum requirement. New developments in the digital world compel us to integrate artificial intelligence, digital exhibits, and Zoom proficiency to deliver our best for our clients.	Garrett Cleveland
12:00 pm		<i>Adjourn</i>	
12:30 pm		<i>Beach BBQ with Bobby Lerma & the Boca Chica Beach Boys</i>	



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Friday, July 11, 2025

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8:00 am		<i>Continental Breakfast & Registration</i>	
8:30 am		<i>Opening Remarks</i>	Patty Tress
8:45 am	1.00	Client/Attorney Mental Health Awareness As trial warriors, we need to be competent in identifying the signs and symptoms of mental illness. Understanding our client's past trauma is vital for their future. This is a foothold to discovering the accused's story and building a strong defense. Furthermore, as lawyers, we are regularly subjected to secondary trauma; let us learn to identify stress and prioritize our well-being.	Paul Harrell
9:45 am	1.00	Cross-Examination Cross-examination is the skillful interrogation of your opponent's witnesses. Effective cross-examination is an art form that requires mastery of the facts, understanding of the subject matter, and familiarity with the witness's background, education, and/or motive. This session will focus on formulating questions and tactics to direct the focus of the inquiry.	Joseph Esparza
10:45 am		<i>Break</i>	
11:00 am	1.0 <i>Ethics</i>	Client Relationships and Communications We must listen to and connect meaningfully with our clients. But we must also set expectations and boundaries from the start. Communication, contracts, consideration of potential conflicts of interest, and ethics are all skills we must continually hone.	David Ryan
12:00 pm		<i>Adjourn</i>	



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TCDLA/TCDLEI/CDLP ORIENTATION

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Date: July 12, 2025

Location: South Padre Island, Texas

TCDLA Objectives

Nicole DeBorde

Hochglaube

TCDLA President

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- Increase visibility and use of member benefits/resources
- Promote unity to amplify our collective voice
- Collect data about the compliance with discovery and brady obligations throughout the state and investigate whether TCDLA can aid members in getting better compliance and

TCDLEI Objectives

Jim Darnell

TCDLEI Chair

- Strategic long-term investment of TCDLA gift to generate investment income for TCDLEI.
- Continue to develop our major donor initiative by identifying individuals, businesses, and entities seeking to invest in changes in the criminal justice system at the grass roots level.
- Identify and develop strategies for obtaining governmental grant funding.

CDLP Objectives

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Saturday, July 12, 2025

Time	Topic	Speaker
9:00 am	<i>Breakfast</i>	
9:30 am	<i>Welcome and Introductions</i>	Nicole DeBorde Hochglaube
9:40 am	TCDLA Overview, Goals, and Objectives Board Member Responsibilities and Expectations Committee Chair Roles	Nicole DeBorde Hochglaube
10:00 am	TCDLEI Overview, Goals, and Objectives Board Member Responsibilities and Expectations	Jim Darnell
10:15 am	CDLP Overview, Goals, and Objectives Committee Member Responsibilities and Expectations	Patty Tress
10:30 am	TCDLA/TCDLEI/CDLP Overview Challenges for 2025-2026 Board, Staff, and Support Capital Assistance, Resources, Publications	Melissa Schank
10:45 am	Financial Overview	Mari Flores
10:50 am	Q & A	Nicole DeBorde Hochglaube, Jim Darnell, Patty Tress
11:05 am	Closing Comments	Nicole DeBorde Hochglaube
11:15 am	Breakouts – TCDLA, TCDLEI, and CDLP	Nicole DeBorde Hochglaube, Jim Darnell, Patty Tress
11:30 am	<i>Adjourn</i>	



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