

# 3rd Annual Dr. Floyd Jennings Mental Health Symposium

Houston, Texas: August 21-22, 2025: 13.50 CLE including 1.00 Ethics

## Course Directors

Barbara Drumheller – Houston  
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## Agenda

### Thursday, August 21, 2025

- 7:30 am *Registration*  
8:25 am *Opening Remarks*  
8:30 am The Arc's National Center on Criminal Justice & Disability ~ **Leigh Anne McKingsley & Janniece Sleight**  
9:30 am Recognizing Signs & Symptoms of IDD ~ **Dr. Trista Huckleberry**  
10:45 am How to Use Information about MI & IDD at Trial ~ **Danallynn Recer**  
12:00 pm *Lunch Presentation:* IDD & Litigation, A Case Study ~ **Luis Garcia, Jane Vara, & Vafa Jasemi-Zergani**  
12:45 pm Ethics ~ **Barbara Drumheller (Ethics)**  
1:45 pm Voir Dire ~ **Andrea Lyon**  
3:00 pm Conducting Mental Health Hearings ~ **Anthony Robinson**  
4:00 pm *Panel Discussion:* IDD Resources & Housing Grievances ~ **Staci Biggar, Nicole Newsome & Maria Chavarria**  
5:00 pm *Adjourn*

### Friday, August 22, 2025

- 8:30 am *Registration*  
8:55 am *Opening Remarks*  
9:00 am What Families Want You to Know to Improve Outcomes for Individuals with SMI ~ **Jerri Clark**  
10:00 am The Law of Storytelling: A Conversation about Schizophrenia & Drug Addiction ~ **Reggie Burch**  
11:15 am Dangerous Minds: Combating the Fear of Mental Illness in the Defense ~ **Eric Davis**  
12:30 pm *Lunch Panel:* Alternatives to Incarceration in Mental Health Cases ~ **Melissa Shearer**  
1:15 pm Interactive Presentation on Interviewing Clients with Mental Illness and/or IDD ~ **Michael Moore**  
2:30 pm Trying a Sanity Case to a Jury: A Case Study ~ **Gianpaolo Macerola**  
3:30 pm *Optional Tour*  
4:30 pm *Adjourn*

## Overview

Dr. Floyd Jennings was a trailblazer in mental health advocacy and education in the State of Texas. This training in honor of his memory will equip criminal defense lawyers with practical skills for dealing with clients with mental illness – both through learning how to utilize the processes in the criminal legal system and through learning how to effectively defend their cases.

## Hotel & Meeting Location

The meeting will be held at the Cambria Hotel Downtown Houston, located at 1314 Texas Ave., Houston, TX 77002. The TCDLA room rate is \$119 for a single/double room. Call the hotel at (713) 222-2100 and refer to "TCDLA" to receive the group rate. **The group rate is available until August 6, 2025, or until room block is full, whichever occurs first**

## Registration | Materials

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<input type="checkbox"/> \$40 (for all classes, meals, and materials) <a href="#">*General Enrollment Information</a>	<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Defense Lawyer <input type="checkbox"/> Judge <input type="checkbox"/> Student <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigation Specialist <input type="checkbox"/> Paralegal
<input type="checkbox"/> Add on Vegetarian Meal Option* - \$5 *No accommodations will be made after the cut-off date.	<input type="checkbox"/> Investigator <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Assistant <input type="checkbox"/> Social Worker <input type="checkbox"/> Other
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\*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](mailto: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.

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