

# 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Round Top: Advanced Trial Academy

Round Top Festival Institute, Round Top, TX | September 23 - 26, 2026 | 22.00 CLE including 1.00 Ethics  
Space is Limited!

## Course Directors

Don Flanary, San Antonio, Stan Schneider, Houston, & Monique Sparks, Houston

## Overview

This intensive four-day course teaches trial lawyers to effectively discover and communicate their clients' stories to juries, judges, and prosecutors.

- Hands-on approach rather than traditional PowerPoint presentations
- Group work with fellow attorneys using psychodrama techniques
- Reenactment of case events to develop stronger storytelling skills
- Self-exploration components to enhance jury communication abilities

## What Past Attendees Loved Most

"The creativity and openness that this CLE captivates, with a location that matches the program."

"This is a life changing seminar."

"It encourages creativity and thinking about cases differently and shows how to connect the case and client to a jury."

## Location

Round Top Festival Institute, 248 Jaster Rd. Round Top, TX 78954

## Included in Registration

Registration includes rooms (double occupancy) and meals. TCDLA will handle reserving rooms. **Space is limited.**

## Registration

Double Occupancy & Meals - \$150 Deposit  
Preferred Roommate: \_\_\_\_\_

Single Occupancy - \$528  
 Vegetarian Meal Options  
 Other Meal Needs: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Add On, Lunch to Go Saturday - Complimentary

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## Agenda

### Wednesday, September 23, 2026

2:00pm-5:00pm Student Check In  
5:30 pm *Dinner Provided & Faculty Meeting*  
7:00 pm Introductions  
Group Work – Psychodramatist  
9:30 pm *Adjourn*

### Thursday, September 24, 2026

7:30 am *Breakfast Provided*  
9:00 am Psychodramas  
12:00 pm *Lunch Provided*  
2:00 pm Psychodramatist  
5:30 pm *Dinner Provided & Faculty Meeting*  
7:00 pm Big Group: Discovering the Story  
Training for your Opening Statement  
and Closing Argument  
9:30 pm *Adjourn*

### Friday, September 25, 2026

7:30 am *Breakfast Provided*  
9:00 am Breakout Sessions ~ Training Staff  
12:00 pm *Lunch Provided & Faculty Meeting*  
2:00 pm Breakout Sessions  
5:30 pm *Dinner Provided & Faculty Meeting*  
7:00 pm Breakout Sessions  
9:00 pm *Adjourn*

### Saturday, September 26, 2026

7:30 am *Breakfast provided*  
9:00 am Breakout Sessions ~ Training Staff  
11:00 am Closing Session ~ Training Staff  
12:00 pm *Adjourn - Lunch on own or bagged lunch*

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## Contact Information

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## Join TCDLA

**TCDLA Membership Fees (renew or join as a new member)**

New Member or Second-Year Member \$100  
Endorser Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Renew Membership \$180

Public Defender \$60

prefer not to participate in auto renewal

**Total Payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

## Card Required

(CASH IS NOT ACCEPTED)

Payment type:  Credit Card  Check

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_

## General Information

NOTE: Please read before registering: you may not register for this program if you are, or are working for, or are affiliated, clerking or interning with: a full-time law enforcement officer, a full or part-time state or federal prosecutor, or if you are a full or part-time criminal defense attorney who is currently acting as a prosecutor or special prosecutor in a capital case. CDLP programs are for criminal defense lawyers and supporting staff who regularly represent Indigent Defendants. (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](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.

By registering, you acknowledge that an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. By attending the TCDLA Events, you and any guests voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19 and agree not to hold the TCDLA, or any of their affiliates