

Bill Habern Corrections & Parole and Mental Health & Juveniles

Houston, TX: October 9-10, 2025: 14.25 CLE including 2.00 Ethics

Corrections & Parole: Unfortunately, all of us have had clients whose sentence includes some prison time. This seminar will educate the criminal defense practitioner on how parole works and how to give your client the best shot at early parole. We'll also discuss the parole revocation process for those clients who can't seem to keep it together. This seminar will also cover the unique issues inmates are faced with while in prison. Speakers include some of the best practitioners in the area, current Parole Board Members, and former inmates discussing their experiences.

Thursday, October 9, 2025 ([full agenda online](#))

- 8:00 am *Opening Remarks*
- 8:15 am Interviewing Parole Clients (Checklist)
- 9:00 am Legislative Update
- 10:00 am Parole Revocations
- 11:00 am Texas Voices
- 12:00 pm *Lunch Presentation:* CTE & Brain Issues as Mitigation Factors
- 12:45 pm Minimizing the Post-Conviction Consequences of Plea Bargains
- 1:45 pm Using a Mitigation Specialist
- 2:30 pm Ethics & Prisoner Grievances (*Ethics*)
- 3:45 pm Q&A: Things to Know about Dealing with TDCJ and the Texas Board of Pardons & Paroles
- 5:00 pm *Adjourn*

Mental Health & Juveniles: Join us for an insightful TCDLA seminar focused on juvenile forensics and the intersections of competency, insanity, and the legal process. The event will cover crucial topics, including how to navigate Chapter 55 motions, filing timelines, and the differences between adult and juvenile competency and insanity evaluations. Participants will also dive into juvenile forensic evaluations, fitness restoration, and the role of the Guardian ad Litem in delinquency cases. Attendees will hear from experts on the latest in state hospital admissions and criteria. This seminar provides a comprehensive understanding of the juvenile justice system, offering valuable insights for defense attorneys, legal professionals, and anyone interested in juvenile law.

Friday, October 10, 2025 ([full agenda online](#))

- 8:55 am *Opening Remarks*
- 9:00 am Court-Ordered Mental Health & Intellectual Disability Services Under Subchapters B & C (*Ethics*)
- 10:00 am Lack of Responsibility
- 11:00 am Juvenile Forensic Evaluations
- 12:00 pm *Lunch Presentation:* Legislative Update
- 12:45 pm Fitness Restoration
- 1:15 pm A View from the Bench
- 2:00 pm Practical Application: Work Through Ch. 55 Fact Patterns
- 3:15 pm What Does a Stay Really Mean?
- 3:45 pm Guardian Ad Litem's Role in Delinquency Cases
- 4:15 pm *Adjourn*

Registration

Registration before 9/28/2025

- ☐ **Bill Habern Corrections & Parole**
October 9, 2025
- ☐ **Mental Health & Juveniles**
October 10, 2025
- ☐ **\$40** (for all classes, meals, and materials)
[*General Enrollment Information](#)
 - ☐ Criminal Defense Lawyer
 - ☐ Judge
 - ☐ Student
 - ☐ Mitigation Specialist
 - ☐ Paralegal
 - ☐ Investigator
 - ☐ Legal Assistant
 - ☐ Social Worker
 - ☐ Other

Add on Vegetarian Meal Option* - \$5

- ☐ *No accommodations will be made after the cut-off date.
- ☐ **\$80** (onsite registration after 9/28/2025)
[*General Enrollment Information](#)

Register:

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Lodging & Meeting Location

The meeting will be held at the Cambria Hotel Houston Downtown, located at 1314 Texas Ave., Houston, Texas 77002. The TCDLA room rate is \$122 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 September 24, 2025 or until room block is full, whichever occurs first.**

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General Information

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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). 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. Tax Notice: \$36 of your annual dues (\$19 if a student member) is for a one-year subscription to the VOICE for the Defense. Dues to TCDLA are not deductible as a charitable contribution but may be deducted as an ordinary business expense.