

32nd Annual Judge David C. Guaderrama El Paso Criminal Law Seminar

Co-Sponsored with the El Paso Criminal Law Group & The Criminal Justice Section of the State Bar of Texas

Ruidoso, New Mexico | October 9-10, 2026: 12.25 CLE 1.75 Ethics

Course Directors: U.S. Magistrate Judge Miguel Torres – El Paso, Jeep Darnell – El Paso, & Hon. Sam Medrano – El Paso

Overview: This program is the premiere and long-established criminal law CLE for primarily El Paso-based criminal law practitioners. The Program is intended to provide CLE on the latest criminal law legal developments in Texas, trial advocacy instruction, and CLE on diverse criminal law issues, including federal court practice and interstate practice in New Mexico. Presenters include outstanding local practitioners, and frequent presenters with a statewide profile, including judges from the Texas Criminal Court of Appeals.

Agenda

Friday, October 9, 2026

- 9:15 am *Registration, Welcome, & Continental Breakfast*
9:45 am *Opening Session & Fact Pattern*
10:00 am Artificial Intelligence in Voir Dire ~ **Reagan Wynn**
11:00 am Eighth Court of Appeals Caselaw Update ~ **Hon. Maria Salas-Mendoza**
12:15 pm *Lunch Presentation: Innocence ~ TBD (Ethics)*
1:00 pm Crime Scene Investigation ~ **Officer Ruben Villareal**
3:00 pm Blood Spatter Analysis ~ **Officer Ludovico Granillo**
4:45 pm *Adjourn*
5:30 pm *Awards Dinner & Welcome Reception*

Saturday, October 10, 2026

- 8:00 am CCA Case Law Update ~ **Hon. David Newell & Hon. Bert Richardson**
9:00 am Cross Examining the State's Expert ~ **Clay Steadman**
10:30 am Fourth Amendment Update ~ **Hon. Henry Bemporad**
11:45 am *Lunch Presentation: Lawyer Mental Health ~ Hon. Ruben Nuñez (Ethics)*
1:00 pm Murder Case from a Prosecutor's Perspective ~ **TBD**
2:45 pm Teaching New Dogs Old Tricks ~ **Tom Hughes, Gary Weiser, Joe Spencer, & Jim Darnell**
3:00 pm *Adjourn*

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This course is funded by a grant from the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

Hotel & Meeting Location:

The meeting will be held at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort, located at 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd., Ruidoso, NM. The TCDLA room rate is \$109 - \$209, depending on the room type and day. Call the Inn of the Mountain Gods at (575) 464-7777 and refer to "Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association" to receive the group rate. The group rate is available until **September 11, 2026, or until room block is full, whichever occurs first.**

Registration before 9/27/2026- \$50+ Onsite

<input type="checkbox"/>	\$200 – (for all classes, continental breakfast and materials) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><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"/> Investigator<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Assistant<input type="checkbox"/> Social Worker<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/>	Awards Dinner Ticket - \$56 x Qty: _____ = _____ Friday, October 9, 2026 at 5:30 pm Family is Welcome!
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vegetarian Lunch Option <small>*No accommodations will be made onsite. If you have dietary needs not covered by the vegetarian option, please contact register@tccla.com.</small>

Questions? Email register@tccla.com or call 512.478.2514

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