



TEXAS CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

GUARDIANS OF SACRED JUSTICE

SEMINAR INFORMATION

Date: Friday, October 10, 2025

Location: Hidalgo County Courthouse, 100 N Closner Blvd., Edinburg, TX 78539

Course Directors: Cesar De Leon, Jose Ozuna, Lucia Regalado, & Patty Tress

Total CLE Hours: 6.00 Ethics: 1.00

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Time	CLE	Topic	Speaker
7:45 am		<i>Registration</i>	
8:00 am		<i>Opening Remarks</i>	Course Directors
8:15 am	0.75	Pre-trial Investigation/Mitigation One must prepare and investigate your case to help your client and protect their rights. Additionally, by doing so, you will also be able to prepare mitigation in case of punishment.	Porscha Brown
9:00 am	1.00	Jury Selection You are in trial due to negotiations breaking down or being unsuccessful. That is ok, not all cases can be negotiated. Now what? Jury selection: This is where you will speak with the panel about all those sacred rights everyone has and, through your preparation, begin laying the groundwork for your trial theme.	Monroe Solomon
10:00 am		<i>Break</i>	
10:15 am	0.75	Opening & Closing Weave your theme through your case and pepper it with those sacred rights to help the jury understand where the state has gone wrong.	Judson Woodley
11:00 am	0.75	Technology How to make technology work for you to help your client.	Blakely Mohr
11:45 am		<i>Lunch Line</i>	
12:00 pm	1.00 <i>Ethics</i>	Lunch Presentation: Mental Health & Ethics Guiding your client through the process of the criminal justice system. Guarding your client's privacy and rights, while helping them navigate the system. Making sure to set boundaries and communicating with all types of clients. Recognizing mental health issues in clients – what you need to ask and file.	Annie Scott
1:00 pm		<i>Break</i>	
1:15 pm	0.75	Statutory Defenses How to use them to guard your client, your burden of proof and making them work for your case.	Andrew Decker
2:00 pm	1.00	Cross-Examination When guarding clients' rights, the most important thing is to tell their story. Learn the art of doing this through cross-examination.	Aaron Diaz
3:00 pm		<i>Adjourn</i>	