

31st 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 10-11, 2025: 13.00 CLE 2.00 Ethics

Course Directors: Hon. Miguel Torres – El Paso,
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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 10, 2025

8:00 am *Registration, Welcome, & Continental Breakfast*
9:45 am *Opening Session & Fact Pattern*
10:00 am Voir Dire ~ **Troy McKinney**
11:00 am DWI Case Law Update ~ **Ali Dahlberg**
12:15 pm *Lunch Presentation:* Client Mental Health
~ **Hon. Annabell Perez (Ethics)**
1:00 pm SFSTs/DRE ~ **Dr. Lance Platt**
3:45 pm Lawyer Mental Health ~ **Rick Wardroup (Ethics)**
5:00 pm *Adjourn*
5:30 pm *Awards Dinner & Welcome Reception*

Saturday, October 11, 2025

8:00 am CCA Case Law Update ~ **Hon. David Newell & Hon. Bert Richardson**
9:00 am Cross Examining the Detective ~ **Darren Ligon**
10:30 am Artificial Intelligence in the Practice of Law ~ **Felix Valenzuela**
11:30 am *Lunch Presentation:* Forensics – Blood Draw Analysis ~ **Amanda Culbertson**
12:45 pm Blood Draw Litigation ~ **Justin Underwood**
1:15 pm What Every Defense Attorney Wishes the Prosecutor Understood ~ **Steve Keathley & Jennifer Owens Tharp**
2:15 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 17, 2025, or until room block is full, whichever occurs first.**

Registration before 9/27/2025 - \$50+ Onsite

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Awards Dinner Ticket - \$56 x Qty: _____ = _____ Friday, October 10, 2025 at 5:30 pm Family is Welcome!
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vegetarian Lunch Option - \$5 <small>*No Accommodations will be made after the cut-off date. Please mark this box if you will need a vegetarian meal option.</small>

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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.