



# Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association

<b>TCDLA 23rd Annual Forensics Seminar</b> October 15-16, 2026: Daily CLE 7.00 hrs. 1.00 Ethics			
			<b>Total CLE: 13.00 hrs.</b> <b>Including 1 hr. ethics</b>
<b>Wednesday, October 14</b>	<b>CLE</b>		
7:00 PM	1.00	<b>Innocence Speaker Presentation</b>	
<b>Thursday, October 15</b>	<b>CLE</b>		
7:45 AM		<b>Registration and Continental Breakfast</b>	
		<b>Forensics: Angelica Cogliano, Robe Cowie, Roger Smotts, &amp; Rick Wardroup</b>	<b>Mitigators/Investigators Course Directors: Michelle Moore, Chris Sanders &amp; Christian Smith</b>
8:30 AM	1.00	<b>Memory Issues in False Identification Cases</b> ~ Trent Terrell, Ph.D.	<b>Peer networks - Panel of Peers: The Power of Lived Experience &amp; The Benefits of a Peer Network</b> ~ Wayne Lovings LCDC, Doug Smith MSSW, Lindsay Kocen RSPS, MHPS, PSS <b>Moderated:</b> Laura Elmore LeBlanc, LMSW-AP
9:30 AM	1.00	<b>TBD</b> ~ Jill Fodstad, Ph.D.	<b>Utilizing Data in Program Development &amp; Evaluation: Informing Practice within Forensic &amp; Behavioral Health Settings</b> ~ Dr. Tammy Seeker & Dr. Joel Carr
10:30 AM		<b>Break</b>	
10:45 AM	1.00	<b>Working with Consulting Experts.</b> ~ John Matthew Fabian, MD, Ph.D.	<b>The Role &amp; Function of Social Work/Clinical Social Work in Forensics</b> ~ Dr. Joel Carr & Dr. Tammy Seeker
11:45 PM		<b>Lunch Line</b>	
12:00 PM	1.00	<b>The Science and Pseudoscience of Forensic DNA Profiling</b> ~ Dan Krane, Ph.D.	<b>Lived Experience, Trauma, Re-Entry</b> ~ Christopher Scott
1:00 PM	1.00	<b>Issue Spotting for Probabilistic Genotyping</b> ~ Dan Krane, Ph.D.	<b>Investigation: Thinking Outside the Box</b> ~ Doug Deaton
2:00 PM		<b>Break</b>	
2:15 PM	1.00	<b>Selecting and Examining Fingerprint Experts</b> ~ Kathleen Birnbaum	<b>Mitigation</b> ~ Thea Posel JD
3:15 PM	1.00	<b>Ethical Considerations in Forensic Dominated Cases</b> ~ Lynn Garcia	<b>How can TCDLA help SW &amp; Investigators - What training would be helpful</b>
4:15 PM		<b>Adjourn</b>	



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Friday, October 16		CLE		
7:45 AM			<i>Registration and Continental Breakfast</i>	
			<i>Forensics: Angelica Cogliano, Robe Cowie, Roger Smotts, &amp; Rick Wardroup</i>	<i>Drug Tract Course Directors: Don Flaanary &amp; Joseph Hoeschler</i>
8:30 AM	1.00		<b>The Scientific Basis for Sex Offender Assessment</b> ~ Stephen Thorne Ph.D.	<b>Intro Level Questions to Ask Experts</b> ~ Nii Amaa Ollennu
9:30 AM	1.00		<b>Scientific Bases for Competency Evaluations</b> ~ Megan Thone, Ph.D.	<b>Vape Exoneree</b> ~ Adam Tisdale
10:30 AM			<i>Break</i>	
10:45 AM	1.00		<b>Forensic Considerations in Strangulation Cases</b> ~ Kim Bassinger	<b>Lab Discovery/Interpreting Drug Test Results</b> ~ Joseph Hoelscher
11:45 AM			<i>Lunch Line</i>	
12:00 PM	1.00		<b>DNA Transfer Issues &amp; Resolutions</b> ~ Cynthia Kale	<b>Common Issues of Drug Testing, from Prescriptions to Narcotics</b> ~ Sol Bobst
1:00 PM	1.00		<b>Compliant but Unsatisfactory Forensic Reporting</b> ~ Nathan Adams	<b>Marijuana Whiplash (pleading)</b> ~ Blakely Mohr
2:00 PM			<i>Break</i>	
2:15 PM	1.00		<b>Shooting Reconstruction, Aiming for Justice</b> ~ Amy Santoro	
3:15 PM			<i>Adjourn</i>	