



TEXAS CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

22ND ANNUAL FORENSICS

SEMINAR INFORMATION

Date October 16-17, 2025
Location Wyndham Garden Austin, 3401 S Interstate 35, Austin, TX 78741
Course Director Angelica Cogliano, Rob Cowie, Roger Smotts, & Rick Wardroup
Total CLE Hours 13.00 Ethics: 0

Thursday, October 16, 2025

Daily CLE Hours: 7.00 Ethics: 0

Time	CLE	Topic	Speaker
8:00 am		<i>Registration</i>	
8:45 am		<i>Opening Remarks</i>	Course Directors
9:00 am	1.00	Closing Arguments in the Science Dominated Trial	Drew Findling
10:00 am	1.00	Effects of Alcohol & Other Substances on Memory	Andy Schraegle, Ph.D.tcd;
11:00 am	1.00	SANE Interviews of Children	Carrie Edwards, Ph.D., RN
12:00 pm		<i>Lunch Line</i>	
12:15 pm	1.00	<i>Lunch Presentation:</i> Introduction to the Use of DNA Evidence in Criminal Cases	Dan Krane, Ph.D.
1:15 pm	1.00	Familial DNA	Dan Krane, Ph.D.
2:15 pm		<i>Break</i>	
2:30 pm	1.00	Challenging Carceral Software	Marc Canellas, Ph.D., JD
3:30 pm	1.00	Investigating the Investigator	Roger Smotts
4:30 pm		<i>Adjourn</i>	



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8:45 am		<i>Opening Remarks</i>	Course Directors
9:00 am	1.00	THC Science & the Defense of Possession Cases	Daniel Mehler
10:00 am	1.00	Content-Based Analysis of Audio, Acoustic, & Video Evidence	Herbert Joe, M.A., JD, LLM.
11:00 am		<i>Break</i>	
11:15 am	1.00	Understanding the Forensic Autopsy & Cross Examination of State's Pathologist	Evan Matshes, MD
12:15 pm		<i>Lunch Line</i>	
12:30 pm	1.00	<i>Lunch Presentation:</i> Prompt or Perish: Crafting a Smarter Defense, One Command at a Time	Patrick Barone
1:30 pm	1.00	Wounds, Welts & Witness Testimony: A Forensic Nurse's Guide to Bodily Injury Cases	Tara Godoy
2:30 pm		<i>Break</i>	
2:45 pm	1.00	Geo OSINT	Merilea Place
3:45 pm		<i>Adjourn</i>	