

# Mental Health and Capital Defense

Dallas, Texas: November 16-17, 2023: 13.25 CLE including 2.0 Ethics

**Capital Defense:** Research shows that capital defendants are made, not born. They are made by the circumstances in which they are raised by the culture they learn, the mental capacities they inherit, the drugs that they are exposed to, and the coping skills they develop as they mature. Fighting for the lives of clients the State sought to execute.

## Thursday, November 16, 2023 ([see full agenda online](#))

7:30 am *Continental Breakfast & Registration*  
8:15 am **Opening Remarks**  
8:30 am **Crime Scene Reconstruction**  
10:00 am **Colorado Method Intro**  
11:15 am **Mitigation**  
12:30 pm **Lunch Presentation:** Ethical Considerations  
1:45 pm **Motions/Jury Charge**  
2:45 pm **Lubbock Case Debrief**  
3:45 pm **Representation After Conviction and Before Direct Appeal**  
4:30 pm *Adjourn*

## Travel Stipends

TCDLA will reimburse for travel expenses (hotel, flight, Ubers, rental car & fuel, or mileage at the standard mileage-rate) **up to \$100 for Capital Litigation Seminar**. Anything beyond that is the registrant's obligation. Registrants should make their own travel arrangements; reimbursement forms will be provided at the on-site registration. **Attendees are responsible for calling the hotel making a room reservation in our block and guaranteeing the room.** TCDLA will move the room to the direct bill upon attendees' arrival.

## Registration before 11/03/23

**Capital Litigation**  **Mental Health**  
(Select one or both)

**\$40** including \$20 deposit (for all classes, continental breakfast and materials) \*\*plus a \$20 voluntary payment to support TCDLA.

**Judge**  **Attorney**  **Investigator**  **Mitigation**  **Staff**

If you wish to omit \$20 **voluntary contribution**, please remit only \$20 and mark this box.

## Registration after 11/03/2023

**\$75** including \$55 tuition (for all classes, continental breakfast and materials) plus a \$20 **voluntary payment** to support TCDLA.

If you do not wish to make the **voluntary payment**, please remit only \$55 and mark this box.

**Reserve My Space I Materials** Registration is required to attend this program, and provides for meals and the materials. Materials will be provided electronically in pdf format.

**Mental Health:** This program will introduce trial lawyers to the manifestations of common mental illnesses, deficiencies and other conditions which affect our ability to communicate with and present complete pictures of our clients. Attendees will be taught how to work with mental health professionals and their clients to present a compelling case for life. This program will also provide training in victim outreach and trial topics.

## Friday, November 17, 2023 ([see full agenda online](#))

8:00 am *Continental Breakfast & Registration*  
8:30 am **Opening Remarks**  
8:45 am **Making the Invisible Injury Visible: The Intersection of Mild Traumatic Brain Injury and Substance Use DO**  
9:45 am **Mitigation Solutions for Dual Diagnosis Addiction & Mental Health**  
11:00 am **Legislative Update**  
12:45 pm **Lunch Presentation:** Guardianship & Criminal Law  
1:45 pm **Cross Examination of Police Officers in MH cases**  
3:45 pm *Adjourn*

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## Meeting/Lodging Location

The seminars will be held at the Aloft Dallas Downtown, 1033 Young St, Dallas, Texas. Accommodations are \$149 S/D. **Hotel cut-off date is November 3, 2023 or until block is full, whichever occurs first.** Please call (214) 761-0000 for reservations and mention TCDLA room block.

## Register:

**Online** [www.tcdla.com](http://www.tcdla.com)

**Phone** 512.478.2514

**Fax** 512.469.0512

**Mail** 6808 Hill Meadow Drive | Austin, Texas 78736

## Questions ?

Email [register@tcdla.com](mailto:register@tcdla.com) or call 512.478.2514. Include the program name in the subject.

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## General Information

NOTE: Please read before registering: you may not register for this program if you are, or are working for, or are affiliated, clerking or interning with: a full-time law enforcement officer, a full or part-time state or federal prosecutor, or if you are a full or part-time criminal defense attorney who is currently acting as a prosecutor or special prosecutor in a capital case. CDLP programs are for criminal defense lawyers and supporting staff who regularly represent Indigent Defendants. (unfortunately, no exceptions).

\*Tuition will be used to cover future expenses of TCDLA's grant programs or to provide for items that the grant cannot sufficiently cover.

\*\*Voluntary contributions go to support The Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association (TCDLA), a nonprofit organization, and will go directly to TCDLA's private fund account.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Written notice must be received 5 business days prior to the program (E-mail: [mschank@tcdla.com](mailto:mschank@tcdla.com)). After this date, no refunds, but substitution of attendees will be permitted with prior approval. Registrants who paid tuition and are not entitled to a refund can receive the course materials. Note: Tuition waiver recipients must attend the program to receive materials.

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