

Training / Seminar Approval Form

Department Name: District Attorney

Seminar Name: TDCAA Annual Criminal & Civil Law Conference 2023

Purpose: CLE Training

Place: Kalahari Resort and Convention Center Round Rock Texas

Date: September 19 through September 22, 23

Who Will Be Attending:

Matthew Boyle 350.00 + 100.00 Connor Day 350.00 + 100.00

Joshua Griffin 350.00 + 100.00

Matthew Staton 350.00 + 100.00

This Training/ Seminar is necessary for the following reasons:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required continuing education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Job training |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve work performance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required certification |

Attach Registration Form and Complete the following information:

Amount of registration \$^{1800.00} \$1800.00 Date registration is due asap ASAP

- Return check to department head
 Request Treasurer to mail check with registration

If an advance is requested, attach a completed Johnson County Travel Form.

Department Head Signature: Mary Cashion

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COMMISSIONERS COURT

RECEIVED BY COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE _____ DATE: JUL 24 2023

APPROVED BY COMMISSIONER'S COURT: _____ DATE: Approved

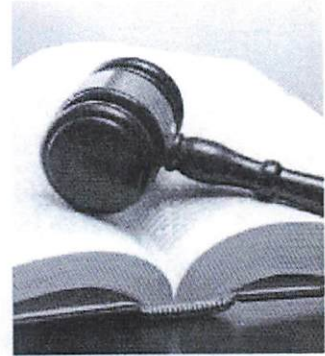


Annual Criminal & Civil Law Conference 2023

Registration Open

Dates: Sep. 20 - Sep. 22, 2023

Location: [Kalahari Resort 3001 Kalahari Blvd. Round Rock, TX](#)



This year's Annual Conference will be held at Kalahari in Round Rock. Please read the below information very carefully.

The usual board meetings will be held on Tuesday, September 19.

Free Domestic Violence training will be held on Tuesday, September 19 from 1:00pm-3:00pm.

The **Legislative Update** will be held on Tuesday, September 19 from 1:00pm-5:00pm.

The Annual Conference begins Wednesday, September 20 and will adjourn Friday, September 22.

9/19/2023
9/20 - 9/22/2023

TDCAA Rate: The group rate of **\$149.00** is valid for one to four people. Any additional person after that is \$50.00 per person per day (3 years old and up). Although the double queen rooms can sleep up to six, adding additional people will cause your rate to fluctuate higher than the TDCAA rate. If you book a room outside of the TDCAA block at a higher rate, you will not be able to transfer that room into the TDCAA block later nor will TDCAA be able to lower this rate for you. **Resort fees of more than \$40.00 per night per room apply to reservations booked outside of the block. Resort fees are waived for all rooms booked inside the block (including upgraded rooms).**

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Reservations: TDCAA is only using **one** hotel this year, so it is extremely important that you do not overbook rooms. Please be considerate of other offices. **You can book up to 5 rooms at one time under one name; you will be able to send individual names to the hotel as we get closer to the date.** Rates will be available until August 29 or until the block is sold out, whichever comes first. If the hotel is sold out, check back periodically as rooms may become available. **Only a certain amount of the \$149 rooms will be available at this time. Once the rooms have filled, the second wave of the \$149 rooms will be available when the brochure comes out.** This is being done so that when the brochure is published and mailed, the host hotel is not already sold out and attendees still have an opportunity to book rooms. Please note that upgraded rooms have higher rates. If you book an upgraded room now and want to cancel it later because you were able to get a \$149 room, you will still be charged a \$30.00 cancellation fee.

If you have multiple rooms under one name, call the Reservations Desk at 877-525-2427 to give them individual names for each room before August 18, 2023.

Annual Criminal & Civil Law Conference

September 20–22, 2023

Round Rock

12 hours of MCLE, including 3 hours of ethics
12 hours of TCOLE (General Law #3150)

The host hotel and training location:
Kalahari Resort
3001 Kalahari Blvd.
Round Rock, TX 78665

You can also attend our DV Assault Victims Training, Rural Prosecutors' Forum, and Juvenile Forum!

There is something for every attendee at TDCAA's Annual Conference. This year's agenda includes everything from a look at social media policies to street racing and takeover investigations. Do you want to become a more polished courtroom advocate or gain a better understand of the grand jury system? We are covering that. Are you looking for the latest on DNA evidence? We are covering that. Do you want to take a deep dive into a discrete phase of trial? We're going to talk about voir dire for an entire day. Do you need to a couple of days to just catch your breath? Well, we have that too. Come to Round Rock for three days of training, networking, and celebration.

Registration for this conference and other information is at tdcaa.com.

This program is funded by a grant from the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and by the Texas District and County Attorneys Association.

Payment, Reimbursement, & CLE/TCOLE Credit

Payment options:

- \$350 Registration** (\$175 Registration fee + \$175 Association fee): For CAs, DAs, CDAs, C&DAs, and their office personnel. The TDCAA fee of \$175 is each participant's share of costs over and above what the grant allows (for example, excess costs of on-site meals and association overhead). In addition, this fee enables TDCAA to lock in discounted hotel rates for participants and entitles them to attend all association functions, including Wednesday and Thursday's receptions and lunch on Thursday.
- \$175 "Training Only" Registration:** For CAs, DAs, CDAs C&DAs and their office personnel. This fee does not allow an attendee to participate in receptions or lunches but entitles the attendee admittance to all training sessions.
- \$500 Registration:** For everyone else.

Reimbursement: TDCAA will reimburse only eligible prosecutors and prosecutor office employees up to \$102 per night for Wednesday and Thursday nights at a hotel. TDCAA will not reimburse for meals, travel, registration fees, hotel tax, parking, taxi costs, or other extraordinary expenses. All meals not provided by TDCAA and other expenses are your own. Associate members are not eligible for reimbursement.

CLE and TCOLE credit: Attendees will receive up to 12 hours of CLE and TCOLE credit, including 3 hours of ethics.

Conference Agenda (all events are at the Kalahari Resort)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Noon–4:00 p.m. Early registration for the Annual Criminal & Civil Law Conference

1:00–3:00 p.m. Understanding Assault Victims (FREE training)
(1.75 hours of MCLE; requires separate registration from the Annual)

Staley Heatly, 46th Judicial District Attorney

1:00–5:00 p.m. Legislative Update
(3 hours of MCLE; requires separate registration and payment from the Annual)

Shannon Edmonds, TDCOA Director of Governmental Relations, Austin

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:30 a.m. Registration opens

9:00 a.m. Rural Prosecutors' Forum (2.0 hours MCLE; requires separate sign-in from the Annual)

Moderated by Mike Fouts, 39th Judicial District Attorney, & Mike Criswell, County Attorney, Swisher County

11:00 a.m. Juvenile Prosecutors' Forum (1.0 hour MCLE; requires separate sign-in from the Annual)

Moderated by Jana Jones, Prosecutor, Special Prosecution Unit

General Session

1:00 p.m. Welcome, Course Introduction, & Special Recognitions

1:30 p.m. Keynote Address

Jaime Esparza, United States Attorney, Western District of Texas

2:45 p.m. CCA & SCOTUS Update

Britt Lindsey, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Taylor County; & Emily Johnson-Liu, Asst. State Prosecuting Attorney, Austin

4:00 p.m. State of Affairs

Mike Holley, First Asst. District Attorney, Montgomery County

5:00 p.m. Adjourn // Opening Reception (provided by TDCOA)

THURSDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 21

Forensic Evidence Update

8:30 a.m. Fentanyl Investigation & Prosecution

Donna Hansen, Asst. District Attorney, Montgomery County, & Jordan Witkop, Ph.D., Shimadzu Scientific Instruments, Montgomery County

9:45 a.m. Forensic Science: DNA Integrity

Down Boswell, Director, Legal Forensics & Training, UNTHSC Center for Human Identification, Fort Worth

11:00 a.m. Forensic Science Experts

W. Clay Abbott, TDCAA DWI Resource Prosecutor, Austin

Civil Law

8:30 a.m. Sovereign Citizens

Ariane Flores, Asst. County Attorney, Williamson County

9:45 a.m. Tax Collections: Strategies & Practicalities

Javier Gutierrez, Asst. County Attorney, Travis County

11:00 a.m. Who is Blocking Whom? Social Media Policy Issues

Laura Hedge, Asst. County Attorney, Harris County

Trial Tips

8:30 a.m. Preparing for & Presenting Punishment

Sunshine Stanek, Criminal District Attorney, Lubbock County

9:45 a.m. Responding to Defense Arguments

Chandler Raine, Asst. District Attorney, Harris County

11:00 a.m. Victory Beyond Verdict

Ryan Calvert, First Asst. Criminal District Attorney, McLennan County

Voir Dire

8:30 a.m. Mechanics I

Jarvis Parsons, District Attorney, Brazos County, & Jessica Frazier, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Comal County

9:45 a.m. Mechanics II

Jarvis Parsons, District Attorney, Brazos County, & Jessica Frazier, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Comal County

11:00 a.m. Voir Dire Focus: Domestic Violence

Allenna Bangs, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Tarrant County, & Jessica Escue, Asst. District Attorney, Brazos County

Investigators

8:30 a.m. Jury Selection with Investigators

Audrey Louis, 81st Judicial District Attorney

9:45 a.m. Autism for Law Enforcement

Ann Jackson, Asst. County Attorney, Bell County, & Michael L. Jackson III, Bell County Autism Intervention Team (BAIT), Belton

11:00 a.m. Autism for Law Enforcement (cont'd)

KP-VAC

8:30 a.m. Criminal Appellate Procedure

Melinda Fletcher, Special Prosecution Unit, Huntsville

9:45 a.m. Bond Conditions & EPOs

Sara Bill, Victim Assistance Coordinator, & Jacqueline Johnson, Asst. County Attorney, Aransas County

11:00 a.m. Immigration Issues Overview

Francisco Mendoza, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Webb County

Noon Lunch (provided by TDCAA)

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 21

Defending Your Evidence

1:30 p.m. The When & How of Warrants

Bryan Jiral, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Smith County

2:45 p.m. Defending Your Evidence: Warrants

John Gillespie, Criminal District Attorney, Wichita County

4:00 p.m. Defending Your Evidence: Warrantless

Phil Hall, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Bastrop County

Civil Law

1:30 p.m. Purchasing

Amy Davidson, First Asst. County Attorney, & Bushra Khan, Asst. County Attorney, Montgomery County

2:45 p.m. Election Day Triage

4:00 p.m. Discretionary Funds
Carlos Madrid, Asst. County Attorney, El Paso County

Domestic Violence

1:30 p.m. Protective Orders

Matt Mills, County Attorney, Hood County, & Brandi Mitchell, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Dallas County

2:45 p.m. Direct Examination

Kristin Burns, Asst. District Attorney, Brazos County

4:00 p.m. Identifying & Using Prior Statements

Rebekah Saunders, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Galveston County

Voir Dire

1:30 p.m. Voir Dire Focus: Intoxication

Alison Baimbridge, Asst. District Attorney, Fort Bend County

2:45 p.m. Voir Dire Focus: Violent Crimes

Sunni Mitchell, Asst. District Attorney, Fort Bend County

4:00 p.m. Voir Dire Focus: Sex Assault

Bill Vassar, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Tarrant County

Investigators

1:30 p.m. Street Racing & Takeovers

Lynn Nguyen, Asst. District Attorney, Harris County

2:45 p.m. Tech Tools for Small Agencies

Mike Holley, CDA Investigator, Kaufman County

4:00 p.m. Agencies & Discovery Compliance

Tanisha Manning, Asst. District Attorney, Harris County

KP-VAC

1:30 p.m. Grants 101

Cyndi Jahn, Victim Services Director, Bexar County

2:45 p.m. Fostering Communication

Mark Warren, Consultant, Texas Association of Counties, Austin

4:00 p.m. Grand Jury

Jamie Felicia, Asst. District Attorney, Williamson County

5:00 p.m. Adjourn 5:30 p.m. TDCAA's Jol: buffet dinner, live music, and entertainment (provided by TDCAA)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 (3 HOURS ETHICS)

Trial Ethics	Civil Law (ethics)	Investigator	VAC "Core Training" Workshop
<p>9:00 a.m. Practical Responses to Cognitive Bias <i>Holly Dozier & Jerry Varney, Asst. Criminal District Attorneys, Dallas County</i></p> <p>10:15 a.m. Discovery Limitations & Response <i>Ronny Smith, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Tarrant County, & Tiana Sanford, Asst. District Attorney, Montgomery County</i></p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Ethical Responsibilities of Civil Practitioners <i>Dwayne Simpson, Asst. County Attorney, Chambers County, & Ariane Flores, Asst. County Attorney, Williamson County</i></p> <p>10:45 a.m. Disciplinary Rules Update <i>C. Scott Brumley, County Attorney, Potter County</i></p>	<p>9:00 a.m. But Wait! There's More! A Case Study <i>Benjamin Kaminar, First Asst. County & District Attorney, Lamar County</i></p> <p>10:45 a.m. Investigation of Nuisance Cases <i>Amy Monsivais, Asst. County Attorney, El Paso County</i></p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Advanced VAC Training <i>Jalayne Robinson, LMSW, TDCAA Victim Services Director</i></p> <p>10:30 a.m. Adjourn</p>
<p>12:15 p.m. Adjourn</p>			

Location & Hotel Information

Location of training: All training will be held at Kalahari Resort located at 3001 Kalahari Blvd., in Round Rock. Shuttle service will be available Wednesday through Friday to and from the conference hotel listed below.

Parking: Self-parking is complimentary. If you are parking for the day, please park on the Convention Center side of the resort; it is closer to TDCAA's events.

Hotel information: This year TDCAA has room blocks at only two hotels, Kalahari Resort and LaQuinta Inn & Suites, so it is extremely important that you do not overbook rooms—please be considerate of other offices. You can book up to five rooms at one time under one name; you will be able to send individual names to the hotel as we get closer to the conference.

At the Kalahari Resort, the room rate is \$149 plus tax; this discounted rate will be available until August 29 or until the block is sold out, whichever comes first. Use the private reservation weblink located on TDCAA's website to make reservations or call 877/525-2427. The \$149 rate includes up to four wristbands for the waterpark. There is an additional \$50 per person per night charge for the fifth and sixth person. Hotel rooms allow up to six people in each room. If the hotel is sold out, check back periodically as rooms may become available.

Check-in time is 4:00 p.m., and checkout is 11:00 a.m. If you would like to get into your room early, there is an additional charge. If your room isn't ready upon arrival, you can leave your luggage with the concierge and have early access the waterpark. If you checkout after 11:00 a.m., the hotel will charge you for an additional night. If you book a room outside of the TDCAA block at a higher rate, you will not be able to transfer that room into the TDCAA block at a later date, nor will TDCAA be able to lower this rate for you.

Resort fees apply to reservations booked outside of the block. However, resort fees are waived for all rooms booked inside the block (including upgraded rooms). For attendees paying for your room via check, payment must be received by the hotel before September 5. Payment must be a county or business check; the hotel does not accept personal checks. If you bring a check upon arrival, you run the risk of paying out of pocket. To pay for multiple rooms with one form of payment, contact the hotel directly for details.

Cancellation policy for the Kalahari Resort: A \$30 processing fee will be charged to the credit card used to hold the room for any cancelled reservation. If the room is canceled less than 72 hours before the conference, a charge of one night's room and tax will be applied to the credit card on file. This means that for each reservation that you make, you will immediately pay \$30 if you cancel it. This fee will not be waived at any time so please be cautious when booking multiple rooms. TDCAA will not be able to waive this fee; this is the hotel's policy and will not be altered at any time before, during, or after the conference. The only way to avoid paying this fee is for you to personally find another attendee to take over the reservation.

Deposits are not required, so if you were/are charged for a deposit, it may be a glitch in the hotel's system. If you were/are charged for a deposit, please email the first and last name of the reservation and your confirmation number to TXGroups@kalahariresorts.com. The resort will issue refunds upon request.

Overflow hotel information: LaQuinta Inn & Suites near Kalahari is located at 3900 E. Palm Drive. The discounted rate is \$149. Use the private reservation weblink located on TDCAA's website to make reservations, or call 737/300-6008. Discounted rates are available until September 4 or until the block is full, whichever comes first. This hotel is 1.6 miles (4 minutes) from Kalahari and includes free breakfast, free internet, and free parking. Reservation cancellations must be made 24 hours in advance. Day passes to the Kalahari waterpark are not included with this hotel; you will have to purchase tickets separately.

Merry Cashion


From: Matthew Boyle
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 8:26 AM
To: Merry Cashion
Subject: FW: Kalahari Resort and Convention Center - Round Rock Reservation Confirmation

From: Kalahari Resort and Convention Center - Round Rock <info@cvent.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 7:52 AM
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RESERVATION CONFIRMATION



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ROUND ROCK, TX

Texas District & County Attorneys Association ~ Sep 18, 2023 - Sep 22,
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Dear Matthew Boyle,

We are pleased to we have received your information for your reservation at the TX Kalahari Resorts and Conventions. Our team is looking forward to your arrival as part of the Texas District & County Attorneys Association. Please note, your reservation confirmation email will be sent within the next 48 hours.

Should your travel plans change and you need to make changes to your reservations, please [click here](#) or call 1-877-525-2427.

We look forward to welcoming you to the TX Kalahari Resorts and Conventions.

- The Staff of the TX Kalahari Resorts and Conventions

Reservation Details

Online Confirmation:	0R6KD0IK			
Date Booked:	Jul 12, 2023			
Reservation Name:	Matthew Boyle			
Arrival Date:	Sep 19, 2023			
Departure Date:	Sep 22, 2023			
Room Type:	2 Bedroom 2 Bathroom Living Room Suite			
Number of Rooms:	1			
Number of Guests:	2			
Night by Night Rate:	Date	Guests	Status	Rate
	Sep 19, 2023	2	Confirmed	263.49
	Sep 20, 2023	2	Confirmed	259.24
	Sep 21, 2023	2	Confirmed	322.99
	Additional GuestRate			
	Second Guest	0.00		
	Third Guest	0.00		
Fourth Guest	0.00			
Fifth Guest	0.00			
Total Charge:	845.72			
Tax Disclosure:	Please note the following taxes are not included into rates:			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6% State Tax Per Night. • 9% City Tax Per Night. 			
Add-Ons:	(1) Tax Exemption Status- ADDITIONAL STEPS REQUIRED (USD 0.00 / purchase) USD 0.00			
Cancel Policy:	Reservations canceled 72 hours or more prior to the date of arrival receive a refund of the deposit, minus a \$30 cancellation fee. Reservations canceled within 72 hours of the date of arrival forfeit the entire deposit of the first night's room and tax.			

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Online Confirmation:	CMMNNME1			
Date Booked:	Jul 12, 2023			
Reservation Name:	Joshua Griffin			
Arrival Date:	Sep 19, 2023			
Departure Date:	Sep 22, 2023			
Room Type:	2 Bedroom 2 Bathroom Living Room Suite			
Number of Rooms:	1			
Number of Guests:	2			
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