

Travel Approval Form

Department: District Attorney

Event Name: 2025 Prosecutor Trial Skills Course

Location: 4140 Governors Row, Austin, TX 78744

Event Dates: 7/13/2025 - 7/18/2025

Purpose: ☒ Required Continuing Education/Certification
☐ Job Training
☐ Other: _____

Name of Attendees:

Magaret Nelson _____

Court Decision: <small>This section to be completed by County Judge's Office</small>
 5-27-25

Required Documents Checklist:

**** Same-Day Travel - Commissioners Court Approval is not required ****

Overnight Travel

- ☒ Travel Approval Form
- ☒ Registration Information or Confirmation
- ☒ Itinerary, Agenda, or Breakdown
- ☒ Hotel Information, Confirmation, or Hotel Reservation Request Form

For Out of State Travel, please also include:

- ☐ Cost Estimation Breakdown for Trip with Airfare, Rental Car, Meals, Hotel, Etc.
- ☐ Narrative as to why the Out of State Travel is necessary

Signature of Elected Official/Department Head:

Olivia Heath

INVOICE #**264947**

Registered By: Margaret Nelson (mnelson@johnsoncountytexas.org)

Registration Date 5/14/2025 9:48:43 AM

Registration Amount

\$500.00

Invoice Date 5/14/2025

Amount Paid

\$500.00

Amount Due

\$0.00

Paid Date 5/14/2025



Registration Invoice

**To ensure that you receive credit PLEASE ENTER YOUR
BAR NUMBER and or PID NUMBER.**

**Contact Information: If any pre-populated information
need updating, please contact Kaylene Braden at
kaylene.braden@tdcaa.com.**

Title:

Ms.

Badge Name:

Maggie

First Name:

Margaret

Last Name:

Nelson

Suffix:

Position:

Asst. District Attorney

BAR Number:

24133929

PID Number:

Employer:

Johnson County - DA

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Office State:

TX

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2025 Prosecutor Trial Skills Course - July

Event Date: 7/13/2025 4:00 PM

End Date: 7/18/2025 12:00 PM

-Full Registration \$500.00

Payment Method:

By Credit Card

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Prosecutor Trial Skills Course

**July 13-18, 2025
Austin**

27.25 hours of MCLE, including 3 hours of ethics

**The host hotel: Austin Southpark
4140 Governors Row, Austin, TX 78744**

Call 512/448-2222 for reservations and mention PTSC to get the room rate of \$140 (plus tax); this rate is good until June 20 or the block is sold out, whichever comes first.

Anyone who is new to a prosecutor's office should plan to attend the Texas District and County Attorneys Association's Prosecutor Trial Skills Course this July in Austin. It's a full week of intensive training that prepares new prosecutors for their work both in the courtroom and out. Seasoned faculty advisors are assigned to small groups of attendees to answer questions and direct discussions at each table. New prosecutors won't want to miss this intensive, high-quality training customized especially for them!

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.

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Austin, TX 78701

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Prosecutor Trial Skills Course Agenda

Sunday, July 13 (2 hours CLE)

- 4:00 p.m. Welcome & Course Introduction
4:15 p.m. The Ethical Prosecutor
W. Clay Abbott, TDCAA DWI Resource Prosecutor, Austin
6:00 p.m. Case Scenario / Group Introductions
Faculty Directed at Each Table
6:15 p.m. Adjourn to Opening Reception
(provided by TDCAA)

Monday, July 14 (6.75 hours CLE)

- 9:00 a.m. Identifying & Overcoming Cognitive Bias
Tiana Sanford, Asst. District Attorney, Harris County
10:30 a.m. Pre-Trial Issues
Kristin Burns, TDCAA Domestic Violence Resource Prosecutor, Austin
11:30 a.m. Faculty Discussion:
How Does Your County Work?
Faculty Directed at Each Table
Noon Lunch (provided by TDCAA)
1:00 p.m. The Evidence Primer
Chris Gatewood, First Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Smith County
2:15 p.m. Nuts & Bolts of Jury Selection
Dale Smith, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Tarrant County
3:45 p.m. Peremptory Strikes and *Batson* Challenges
Glen Fitzmartin, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Dallas County
4:30 p.m. Case Scenarios
Faculty Directed at Each Table
5:30 p.m. Adjourn

Tuesday, July 15 (6.25 hours CLE)

- 9:00 a.m. Hearings on Motions to Suppress
Katherine McDaniel, First Asst. Criminal District Attorney, & Derly Chapa, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Kendall County
10:45 a.m. DWI Caselaw Update
Jessica Frazier, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Comal County
Noon Lunch (provided by TDCAA)
1:00 p.m. Case Scenarios
Faculty Directed at Each Table
2:15 p.m. Effective Opening Statements
Tara Avants, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, McLennan County

Tuesday, July 15 (cont'd)

- 3:45 p.m. Your VAC & You
Jalayne Robinson, LMSW, TDCAA Victim Services Director
4:15 p.m. Case Scenarios
Faculty Directed at Each Table
5:00 p.m. Adjourn

Wednesday, July 16 (3 hours CLE)

- 9:00 a.m. DWI: Presenting the Case
Mariel Puryear, Asst. County Attorney, Williamson County
10:45 a.m. Domestic Violence: Presenting the Case
Jessica Escue, Asst. District Attorney, Brazos County
12:15 p.m. Adjourn

Thursday, July 17 (6.5 hours CLE)

- 9:00 a.m. Punishment Evidence
Ben Kaminar, First Asst. County & District Attorney, Lamar County
10:15 a.m. Case Scenarios
Faculty Directed at Each Table
11:00 a.m. Probation Revocation Hearings
Kortney Williams, Asst. District Attorney, Ector County
Noon Lunch (provided by TDCAA)
1:00 p.m. Plea Negotiation & Plea Bargaining Workshop
Jenni Morse, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Dallas County
3:15 p.m. Predicates & Objections
Chandler Raine, First Asst. District Attorney, Harris County
4:15 p.m. Case Scenarios
Faculty Directed at Each Table
5:00 p.m. Adjourn

5:00–5:45 p.m. Optional Class C Forum

W. Clay Abbott, TDCAA DWI Resource Attorney, Austin
This session is an opportunity for attendees who practice in justice or municipal courts to discuss current trends and issues they face in their practice. Attendance at this session is optional and no MCLE credit will be provided.

Friday, July 18 (2.75 hours CLE)

- 9:00 a.m. Cross-Examination and Impeachment
Dalerie Moore, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Dallas County
10:30 a.m. Final Argument
John Jordan, Asst. District Attorney, Harris County
Noon Adjourn

Payment options:

- ☐ **\$500 Registration** (\$250 Registration fee + \$250 Association fee): For CAs, DAs, CDAs, C&DAs, and their office personnel. The TDCAA fee of \$250 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 Sunday's reception and lunch on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.
- ☐ **\$250 "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.
- ☐ **\$750 Registration:** For everyone else.

First name _____ maggie

Last name _____ Nelson

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Telephone _____

Arrival (Month/Day/Year) _____ 7 / 13 / 2025 _____
Departure (Month/Day/Year) _____ 7 / 18 / 2025 _____

Room _____ 710

Confirmation number _____ 4032

Signature of guest _____

Kallie Tribble

From: Austin Southpark Hotel <noreply@mews.li>
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 9:37 AM
To: Kristin Slauson
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Thanks for booking your stay at Austin Southpark Hotel. We hope you're just as excited as we are.
Start getting ready now. Don't put away your travel documents just yet! When you stay with us, we need a little bit of info from you (sorry — it's the law).

Add your info now, so you won't have to when you arrive.

Manage reservation

Add your info

Reservation details

Guests		Total price
1		\$838.25
Jul 13 2025 - Jul 18 2025		
Standard 1 King Bed		
1		\$838.25 ¹
Confirmation number: 4032		
maggie Nelson		
Products: Austin Tourism PID, State Cost Recovery Fee		
1 Corporate Group Rates (CMTG) (PTSC July 2025)		