AGENDA ITEM
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Travel Approval Form

Department: District Attorney

Event Name: 2026 Advanced Criminal

Location: Houston

Event Dates: July 27 - July 30, 2026

Purpose:

- ☑ Required Continuing Education/Certification
- ☐ Job Training
- ☐ Other: _____

Name of Attendees:

Dylan Morgan

Court Decision:
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✶✶ Same-Day Travel - Commissioners Court Approval is not required ✶✶

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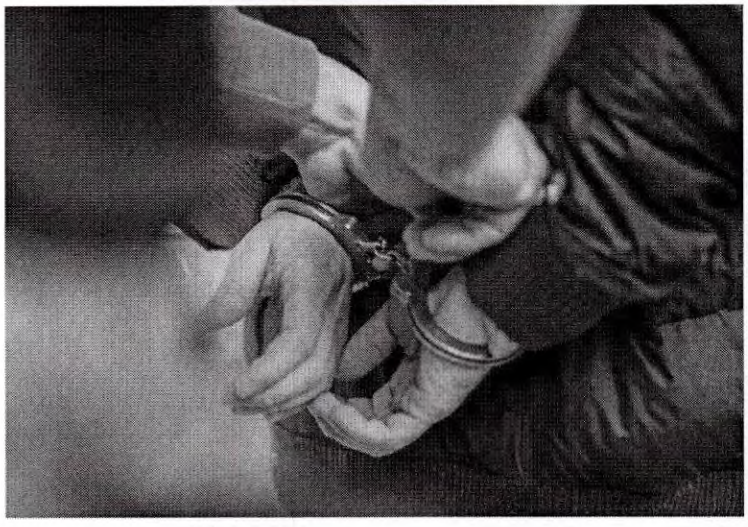
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September 16-18, 2026 • October 14-16, 2026 • November 18-20, 2026

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- October 13, 2026
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SUNDAY
4.25 hours including .25 ethics

12:30 **Registration**

12:55 **Welcoming Remarks**
Course Directors
Brian Middleton, *Richmond*
Fort Bend County District Attorney's Office

Hon. David Newell, *Austin*
Judge, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals

Mitchell Nolte, *McKinney*
Gibbs Nolte Campos

1:00 **Persuasive Writing** .75 hr
Chad Baruch, *Dallas*
Johnston Tobey Baruch

1:45 **Evidence** .75 hr
Hon. Lisa Michalk, *Conroe*
Judge, 221st District Court

2:30 **Preservation of Error** .75 hr (.25 ethics)
Carmen Roe, *Houston*
Carmen Roe Law Firm

3:15 **Break**
Registration and Early Check-In Available for the Advanced Course

3:30 **Motions to Suppress Burdens** .5 hr
Hon. Jennifer Balido, *Dallas*
Judge, Criminal District Court No. 1

4:00 **Lawful Search and Seizure of Cell Phones in Texas** .5 hr
Katherine Peterson, *Richmond*
Fort Bend County District Attorney's Office

4:30 **Confessions** .5 hr
Jo Ann Linzer, *Conroe*
Linzer Law

5:00 **Punishment** .5 hr
Wendy Baker, *The Woodlands*
Law Offices of Wendy Baker

5:30 **Adjourn**

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The Westin Galleria Houston

SUNDAY | 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Registration and Early Check-In

MONDAY
6.5 hours including 2 ethics

8:00 **Registration**

8:50 **Welcoming Remarks**
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Fort Bend County District Attorney's Office

Hon. David Newell, *Austin*
Judge, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals

Mitchell Nolte, *McKinney*
Gibbs Nolte Campos

9:00 **Legislative Update: Bullets, Blunts, & Barratry** *.75 hr*
Hon. Jerry Bullard, *Fort Worth*
Judge, Texas Business Court
Eighth Division

Rep. Ann Johnson, *Houston*
Texas House of Representatives, District 134
Johnson Law Firm

9:45 **Legislative Update: Bail Reform** *.75 hr*
Hon. F. Alfonso Charles, *Longview*
Judge, 124th District Court

10:30 **Break**

10:45 **Substantive Grand Jury Practice** *.75 hr*
Justin Newson, *Tyler*
Cofer & Connelly

Geoffrey Puryear, *Lubbock*
Cofer & Connelly

11:30 **Plea Deals** *.75 hr (.25 ethics)*
Murray Newman, *Houston*
The Law Office of Murray Newman

12:15 **Break - Lunch on Your Own***
**A limited number of sponsored buffet lunch tickets will be available for this lunch on a first-come, first-served basis. More information will be available closer to the event.*

12:45 **Inaugural Icons Luncheon Presentation**
1 hr (.5 ethics)
Moderator
Ibrahim Khawaja, *Richmond*
Fort Bend County District Attorney's Office

Panelists
Dan Cogdell, *Houston*
Cogdell Law Firm

Rusty Hardin, *Houston*
Rusty Hardin & Associates

Chip B. Lewis, *Houston*
Attorney at Law

1:45 **Break**

2:00 **Discovery & Pre-Trial Investigation**
.75 hr
Jason Fine, *Dallas*
Dallas District Attorney's Office

Kyle Therrian, *McKinney*
Texas Defense Firm

2:45 **Crimmigration: Creative Pleading Under *Padilla*** *.75 hr (.25 ethics)*
Jordan Pollock, *Dallas*
Dallas County Public Defender's Office

3:30 **Break**

3:45 **Keynote Presentation: The *Murdaugh* Murders - A Lesson in Ethics** *1 hr ethics*
Eric S. Bland, *Lexington, SC*
Bland Richter

4:45 **Adjourn**

4:45 **Friends of Bill Meeting**

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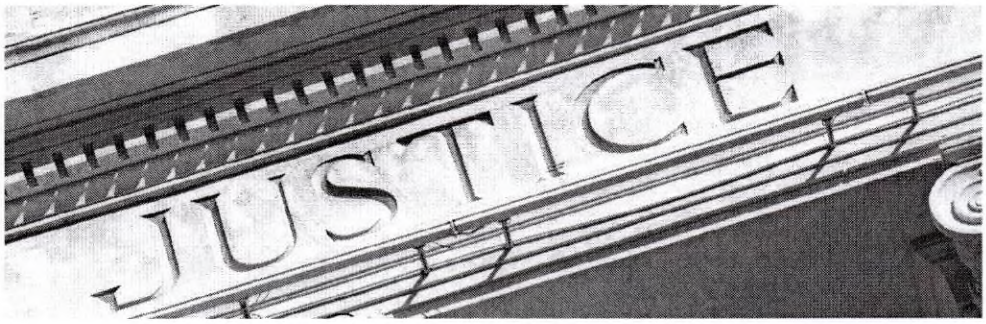
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FAMILY VIOLENCE CREDIT FOR JUDGES
This course has been submitted for review of family violence hours. Credit is pending.



TUESDAY | 6.5 hours including 1.75 ethics

8:25 **Announcements**

8:30 **Criminal Court of Appeals & Supreme Court of Texas Case Law Update** *1 hr*
Hon. David Newell, *Austin*
Judge, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals

9:30 **Ineffective Assistance of Counsel** *.75 hr ethics*
Michael Falkenberg, *Houston*
Harris County Public Defender's Office

10:15 **Break**

10:30 **Voir Dire** *.75 hr*
Thomas Melsheimer, *Dallas*
King & Spalding

11:15 **Jury Charge Common Mistakes** *.75 hr*
Hon. Bert Richardson, *Austin*
Judge, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals

12:00 **Break - Lunch on Your Own**

12:30 **Optional Brown Bag Luncheon: Preparing for the Board Certification Exam** *(no MCLE credit)*
Moderator
Hon. David Newell, *Austin*
Judge, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals
Panelists
Michael Falkenberg, *Houston*
Harris County Public Defender's Office
Mitchell Nolte, *McKinney*
Gibbs Nolte Campos
Paul Still, *Austin*
Texas Court of Criminal Appeals

1:30 **Break**

1:45 **Lawyer Self-Care** *.75 hr ethics*
Terry Bentley Hill, *Dallas*
TBH Criminal Defense

2:30 **Advanced Writing Techniques** *.75 hr (.25 ethics)*
Stephanie F. Cagniart, *Austin*
Alexander Dubose & Jefferson

3:15 **Break**

3:30 **Hope for the Best but Prepare for the Worst: Facing the Unexpected with Mandamus and Prohibition** *.75 hr*
Stacey M. Soule, *Austin*
Office of the State Prosecuting Attorney of Texas
Jennifer A. Tharp, *New Braunfels*
Comal County District Attorney's Office

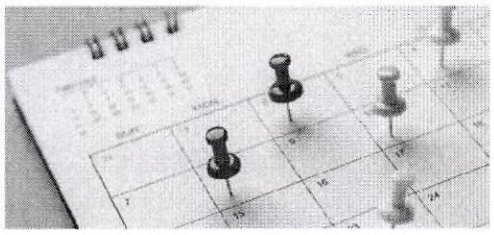
4:15 **When the Spotlight Is on: Prosecuting and Defending High-Profile Cases** *1 hr*
Aaron L. Wiley, *Dallas*
Aaron L. Wiley Law
Erleigh Wiley, *Kaufman*
Kaufman County Criminal District Attorney's Office

5:15 **Adjourn**

5:15 **Criminal Justice Section Meeting**

5:15 **Friends of Bill Meeting**

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WEDNESDAY | MORNING TRACKS

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DWI & Intoxication
3.25 hours

8:00 **Premium Coffee Station Provided by Our Principal Sponsor**

8:25 **Announcements**
Isidro "Chilo" Alaniz, *Laredo*
Webb-Zapata District Attorney's Office

8:30 **Under the Skin and Under the Hood: Evaluating SCRAM and Ignition Interlock** *.75 hr*
Deandra Grant, *Dallas*
Deandra Grant Law

9:15 **When Is Blood Testing Too Legit to Quit?** *1 hr*
Jessica L. Frazier, *New Braunfels*
Comal County District Attorney's Office

10:15 **Break**

10:30 **Intoxication Manslaughter From the Prosecutor's Perspective: Why Does the Nice Guy/Gal Always Finish Dead?** *.75 hr*
Alison Baimbridge, *Richmond*
Fort Bend County District Attorney's Office

11:15 **Intoxication Manslaughter From the Defendant's Perspective** *.75 hr*
Mark Thiessen, *Houston*
The Thiessen Law Firm

12:00 **Break - Lunch on Your Own**

12:30 **Optional Brown Bag Luncheon: Redefining Discovery in Texas – The Texas Crime Lab Records (CLR) Connect Portal**
(up to .75 hr of ethics self-study MCLE credit)
Kevin Callahan, *Garland*
Texas Department of Public Safety, Crime Laboratory Division

1:15 **Break**

Federal
3.25 hours

8:00 **Premium Coffee Station Provided by Our Principal Sponsor**

8:25 **Announcements**
Nelson S. Ebaugh, *Houston*
Nelson S. Ebaugh, PC

Bill Mateja, *Dallas*
Sheppard Mullin

8:30 **Trends in Federal Prosecution** *.75 hr*
Damien Diggs, *Dallas*
Winston & Strawn

Hon. Alamdar Hamdani, *Houston*
Bracewell

G. Karthik Srinivasan, *Austin*
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9:15 **Fifth Circuit Update** *1 hr*
Hon. Irma Carrillo Ramirez, *Dallas*
Judge, Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals

Katherine Haden, *Houston*
U.S. Attorney's Office (Ret.)

Kevin B. Ross, *Dallas*
Law Office of Kevin B. Ross

Leigha Simonton, *Dallas*
Dykema Gossett

10:15 **Break**

10:30 **Federal Fraud Statutes, Including Honest Services Fraud** *.75 hr*
Bill Mateja, *Dallas*
Sheppard Mullin

11:15 **Seizure & Forfeiture of Criminally Derived Property** *.75 hr*
Stefan Cassella, *Laurel, MD*
Asset Forfeiture Law

12:00 **Break - Lunch on Your Own**

12:30 **Optional Brown Bag Luncheon: Starting & Transitioning Your Practice** *(up to .75 hr of ethics self-study MCLE credit)*
Frederick P. Forlano, *Richmond*
Law Offices of Frederick P. Forlano

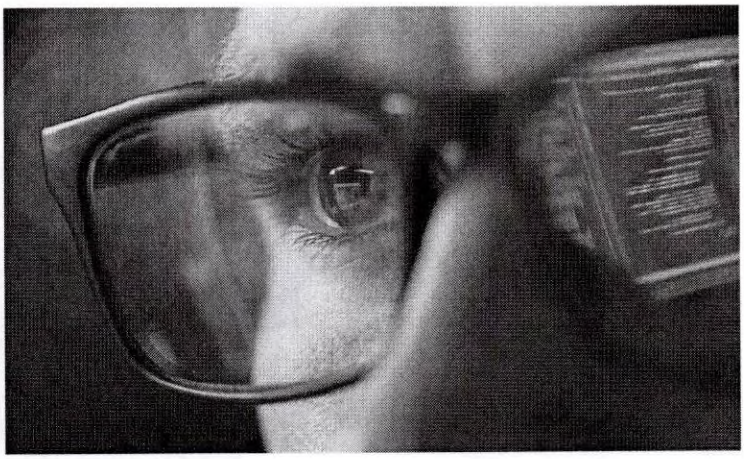
Aaron Veuleman, *Dallas*
AJV Defense

1:15 **Break**

WEDNESDAY | AFTERNOON TRACKS

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Crimes Against Persons
3.25 hours

1:25 **Announcements**
Hon. Clarissa Silva, *Harlingen*
Justice, Thirteenth Court of Appeals

1:30 **The Child Behind the Case: Understanding How Trauma Affects Development** *1 hr*
Dan Powers, LCSW-S, *Plano*
Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County

2:30 **Statutory Defenses - 1776 Style** *.75 hr*
Cheri Duncan, *Houston*
Harris County Public Defender's Office
Emily Johnson-Liu, *Austin*
Office of the State Prosecuting Attorney

3:15 **Break**

3:30 **Prior Bad Acts** *.75 hr*
Lisa Tanner, *Austin*
Lisa Tanner Law

4:15 **Behind Domestic Violence Homicides: When Love Becomes Lethal** *.75 hr*
Jamie Felicia, *Georgetown*
Williamson County District Attorney's Office
Sunni Mitchell, *Richmond*
Fort Bend County District Attorney's Office

5:00 **Adjourn**

5:00 **Friends of Bill Meeting**

Forensics & Technology
3.25 hours

1:25 **Announcements**
Sarah Brandon, *Austin*
Office of Capital and Forensic Writs

1:30 **Junk Science and the American Criminal Justice System** *.75 hr*
M. Chris Fabricant, *New York, NY*
Innocence Project

2:15 **Trending 4th Amendment Issues in Digital Technology and Data Collection** *1 hr*
Michael Price, *Washington, D.C.*
National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

3:15 **Break**

3:30 **Rethinking Pathology Reports: Pathology Determination, Causes of Death, and Implicit Bias** *.75 hr*
Katherine H. Judson, *Madison, WI*
Center for Integrity in Forensic Sciences

4:15 **AI in White Collar Defense: A Practical Guide to Evaluating, Selecting, and Leveraging Generative AI Tools** *.75 hr*
Jason Hoggan, *Dallas*
Sheppard

5:00 **Adjourn**

5:00 **Friends of Bill Meeting**

THURSDAY | 3.25 hours including 2.25 ethics

8:25 **Announcements**

8:30 **Negotiations Beyond Persuasion: The Psychology of the Plea**
.75 hr (.25 ethics)
David Morrison, *Rosebud*
Diaz & Wright

Rachel Woods, *Waco*
Baylor University Hankamer School of Business

9:15 **Problematic Jury Arguments**
.75 hr (.25 ethics)
Hon. Jesse F. McClure III, *Austin*
Judge, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals

10:00 **Break**

10:15 **Ethical Dilemmas** *.75 hr ethics*
Hon. Tina Clinton, *Dallas*
Justice, Fifth Court of Appeals

Hon. Audrey Moorehead, *Dallas*
Judge, Dallas County Criminal Court #3

11:00 **Keynote Presentation: Actual Innocence Panel** *1 hr ethics*
Moderator
Michael Ware, *Fort Worth*
Innocence Project of Texas

Panelists
Amanda Knox, *Seattle, WA*
Writer, The Innocence Center

Anna Vasquez, *San Antonio*
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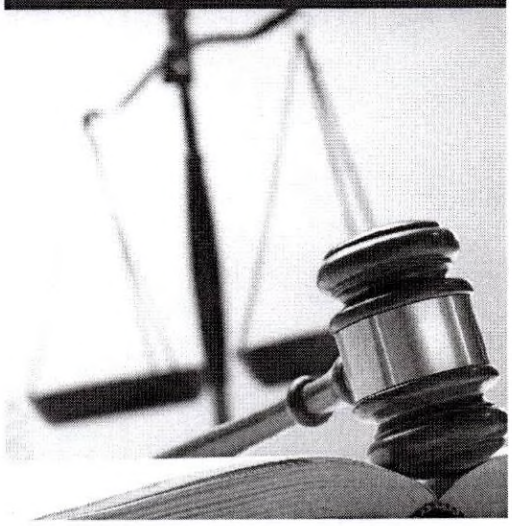
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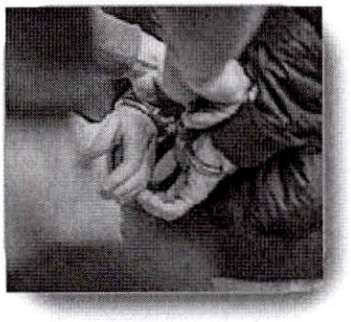
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