



# TEXAS CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

## 31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL MASTERING SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE

### SEMINAR INFORMATION

Date: March 27-28, 2025  
Location: Royal Sonesta | 300 Bourbon St, New Orleans, LA 70130  
Course Directors: Troy McKinney, Doug Murphy, Mimi Coffey, & Gary Trichter  
Total CLE Hours: 15.75 Ethics: 0.75

**Thursday, March 27, 2025**

**Daily CLE Hours: 8.25 Ethics: 0.75**

Time	CLE	Topic	Speaker
7:45 am		<i>Registration and Continental Breakfast</i>	
8:15 am		<i>Opening Remarks</i>	
8:30 am	1.00	Issue Spotting in Blood Testing	Janine Arvizu, NM
9:30 am	0.75	How to Structure an Effective Cross Examination in a DWI Case	Matt Dodd, MT
10:15 am		<i>Break</i>	
10:30 am	0.75	Drug Toxicology: Why the Numbers Don't Matter	Dr. Jimmie Valentine, MS
11:15 am	1.00	Pre-Analytical Errors in Blood Testing	Chris McKinney, TX
12:00 pm		<i>Lunch on Your Own</i>	
1:00 pm	0.75 <i>Ethics</i>	NCDD Dean's Ethics Address	Mimi Coffey, TX
1:45 pm	0.75	Standardized Field Sobriety Testing & Common Errors	Ron Lloyd, FL
2:30 pm	0.75	The Art of the Science Behind Defending DUI Marijuana Cases	Lara Gressley, CA
3:15 pm		<i>Break</i>	
3:30 pm	0.75	Planting Seeds of Reasonable Doubt in Jury Selection	Thomas Wynne, TX
4:00 pm	0.75	DWI Case Law Update	F.K. Whited, FL
4:45 pm	1.00	Jury Trial Jury Selection	
5:45 pm		<i>Adjourn – Retire to Seafood Buffet</i>	



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8:00 am *Registration and Breakfast*

Lecture Track		Trial Track	
8:30 am 0.75	Effective Cross-Examination: The Defense Function — The 100% Rule ~ Gary Trichter, TX	8:45 am 0.50	Opening Statement
9:15 am 1.50	Forensic Science Standards and You: An Introduction to the Organization of Scientific Area Committees (OSAC) for Forensic Science ~ Dana Delger, CA	9:15 am 1.00	Direct of Arresting Officer
10:45 am	<i>Break</i>	10:15 am	<i>Break</i>
11:00 am 0.75	Persuasive Breath Test Tactics ~ Doug Murphy, TX	10:30 am 1.50	Cross Examination of the Arresting Officer
11:45 am	<i>Lunch on Your Own</i>	12:00 pm	<i>Lunch on Your Own</i>
1:15 pm 0.75	DRE & ARIDE ~ Ron Lloyd, FL	1:00 pm 1.50	State's Expert – Direct & Cross
2:00 pm 0.75	Defeating Hospital Serum/Plasma Test Scores ~ Chris McKinney, TX	2:30 pm	<i>Break</i>
2:45 pm 0.75	Constitutional Issues in DWI Cases ~ Lara Gressley, CA	2:45 pm 1.50	Defense Expert – Direct & Cross
3:30 pm	<i>Break</i>	4:15 pm .50	Closing Arguments
3:45 pm 0.75	Handling Intoxication Manslaughter Cases ~ F.K. Whited, FL	4:45 pm 1.00	Jury Deliberations & Debriefing
4:30 pm 0.75	Walking the Breath Test Score Below the Legal Limit ~ Mimi Coffey, TX	5:45 pm	<i>Adjourn</i>
5:15 0.50	Joint Session with Trial Track: Jury Deliberations & Debriefing	Defense Lawyers: Thomas Wynne, TX & Matt Dodd, MT Prosecutors: Douglas V. Hazelton, VA & Adam Nero, WI Experts: Janine Arvizu, NM & Dr. Jimmie Valentine, MS Arresting Officer: Ron Lloyd, FL	
5:45 pm	<i>Adjourn</i>		