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22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL  
**TOP GUN DWI**

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DOUG MURPHY & MARK THIESSEN

**AUGUST 16, 2024 • THE WHITEHALL • HOUSTON, TX**  
*Available In Person, Livestream, & On-Demand At Your Own Pace For Up to a Year*

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**OVERVIEW**

Join us at the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association's (TCDLA) 22nd Annual Top Gun DWI Defense Seminar in Houston, TX, where we'll embark on a journey of decoding DWI: speaking the jury's language. This premier event will equip legal professionals with invaluable insights and strategies across a spectrum of crucial topics, including navigating DWI defense from voir dire to closing arguments, mastering the art of persuasion from SFST to blood testing, and demystifying gas chromatography and blood testing. Explore ethical advocacy and effective marketing strategies, unravel the forensic puzzle to fight the battle in DWI trials, and gain a deep understanding of how jurors think in DWI cases. Learn to leverage technology in DWI defense, delve into the comprehensive guide for defending against charges involving prescription drugs and THC, and master the intricacies of breath testing and general police investigations. Discover the nuances of navigating legal and ethical boundaries and effectively communicate blood testing concepts to the jury. This seminar offers a unique opportunity for legal professionals to refine their skills, ensuring they are well-equipped to strategically weave their theories from voir dire to closing arguments in DWI cases. Don't miss this chance to enhance your expertise and network with fellow legal practitioners at the forefront of DWI defense.

**MEETING/LODGING LOCATION**

The seminar will be held at The Whitehall located at 1700 Smith St., Houston, TX, 77002. The TCDLA room rate is \$115 for a single/double room. Call The Whitehall at (855) 318-8945 and refer to "TCDLA" to receive the group rate. The group rate is available until July 25, 2024, or until room block is full, whichever occurs first. Valet Parking at \$10 per car per day.

**TCDLEI SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Educational Institute provides various scholarships for criminal defense attorneys with financial needs. Application available online at [www.tcdla.com](http://www.tcdla.com) or email [jsteen@tcdla.com](mailto:jsteen@tcdla.com).

**AGENDA**

Friday - August 16, 2024

- 7:30 am **Registration & Continental Breakfast**
- 8:00 am **Opening Remarks** ..... *Doug Murphy & Mark Thiessen*
- 8:05 am **Technology at Trial: Leveraging Tech in DWI Defense** ..... *Chris McKinney*
- 8:30 am **Behind the Numbers: Gas Chromatography & Blood Testing Demystified** ..... *Lee Polite*
- 10:30 am **Break**
- 10:45 am **Teaching Blood Testing to the Jury: Effective Communication Strategies** ..... *Mark Thiessen*
- 11:15 am **Strategic Advocacy: Weaving Your Theory from Voir Dire to Closing Arguments** ..... *Doug Murphy*
- 12:00 pm **Lunch Line**
- 12:15 pm **Lunch Presentation: Unraveling the Forensic Puzzle: Fighting the Battle in DWI Trials** ..... *Catherine Evans*
- 1:00 pm **Ethics: Ethical Advocacy: Marketing Strategies in DWI Defense** ..... *Ed McClees*
- 1:30 pm **Over-the-Counter Influence: Defending Against DWI Charges Involving THC** ..... *Nicolas Hughes*
- 2:15 pm **Break**
- 2:30 pm **DNA Found in Cars** ..... *Nicolas Hughes*
- 3:00 pm **Field to Courtroom: Understanding SFSTs and Police Investigations in DWI Defense** ..... *Don Egdorf*
- 4:00 pm **Drugs, Testing, & How They Affect the Human Body** ..... *Amanda Culbertson*
- 5:00 pm **Adjourn**

**BECOME A DWI SCHOLAR!**

Attend five TCDLA DWI seminars within two years and receive the DWI Scholar certificate and the option to purchase the DWI Scholar statue.



**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**REGISTRATION (INCLUDES ELECTRONIC MATERIALS)**

<b>Viewing Preference:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> In Person <input type="checkbox"/> Livestream/On-Demand		<b>Attend 5 TCDLA DWI seminars within the year:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 discount
<b>Early Registration</b> Before July 31	<b>Onsite Registration</b> After July 31	
<b>Member</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$225	<input type="checkbox"/> \$325
<b>Non-Member</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$425	<input type="checkbox"/> \$525
<b>ADD-ONS:</b> Book <input type="checkbox"/> \$60    USB Video <input type="checkbox"/> \$75		
Vegetarian Lunch <input type="checkbox"/> \$5		
		<b>Not Attending</b> <i>Materials   Members Only, No CLE</i> USB <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Book + USB <input type="checkbox"/> \$150

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