



TEXAS CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

MAC TRAINING

SEMINAR INFORMATION

Date February 20-21, 2025
Location Wyndham Garden Austin, 3401 S. I-35, Austin, TX 78741
Course Directors Jim Bethke, Rusty Gunter, Kenneth Hardin, & Bradley Hargis
Total CLE Hours 14.25 Ethics: 0.75
Room Highland Lakes Grand Ballroom unless noted

Thursday, February 20, 2025

Daily CLE Hours: 8.25 Ethics: 0.75

Time	CLE	Topic	Speaker
8:15 am		<i>Registration & Continental Breakfast</i>	
8:45 am		<i>Opening Remarks</i>	Course Directors
9:00 am	1.00	History/Overview of MAC/Legal Authority of MAC	Jim Bethke, Scott Ehlers, & Bradley Hargis
10:00 am	0.75	Cross-Functional Understanding & Addressing Silos	Lori Gallo, Bradley Hargis, Kaleigh Phelan & Katy Jo Muncie
10:45 am	0.75 ETHICS	Building a Culture of Effective Representation: A Multidisciplinary Approach Ethically	Rusty Gunter & Sara Smitherman
11:30 am		<i>Lunch Line</i>	
11:45 am	0.75	<i>Lunch Presentation:</i> Navigating Secondary Trauma/Mental Health	Rick Wardroup
12:30 pm		<i>Break</i>	
12:45 pm	1.00	Building the Future of Indigent Defense	Anthony Benedetti & Pete Menna
1:45 pm	1.50	MACs Making a Difference	Rusty Gunter, Kenneth Hardin, & Bradley Hargis
3:15 pm		<i>Break</i>	
3:30 pm	0.75	Community Engagement & Relationship Building	Brandi Neeb
4:15 pm	0.75	Building & Sustaining a Culture of Success & Retaining Employees	Bradley Hargis
5:00 pm		<i>Dinner Line</i>	
5:15 pm	1.00	Cross-Functional Groups #1-5 (Lady Bird Lake Ballroom)	
6:15 pm		<i>Adjourn</i>	



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Time	CLE	Topic	(Room)	Speaker
7:45 am		<i>Registration & Continental Breakfast</i>		
8:00 am	3.00	Tracks by Duties: #1: Management/Leadership: Voucher Policy & Data Management (San Gabriel) #2: Attorney Oversight/Mentoring Attorneys: Managing Conflicts (Barton Creek) #3: Social Work/Case Management/Mental Health (Lake LBJ) #4: Non-Citizen/Padilla/Operation Lone Star (Ladybird Lake Ballroom) #5: Operations: Administrative (Guadalupe) #6 Investigators (Lake Austin)		Facilitators: Anthony Benedetti, Dr. Meg Ledyard, Pete Menna, & Dr. Jessy Tyler Rusty Gunter & Sesenu Woldemariam Alyse Ferguson & Gilan Merwanji Nora Picasso Karen Ellis & Shannon Evans Forrest Good & Eldon Whitworth
11:00 am		<i>Lunch Line</i>		
11:15 am	1.00	<i>Lunch Presentation:</i> Everyone's a Leader – It's Not About the Title (Highland Lakes Grand Ballroom)		Aisha McWeay
12:15 pm		<i>Break</i>		
12:30 pm	2.00	Cross-Functional Groups Group 1 (San Gabriel) Group 2 (Barton Creek) Group 3 (Guadalupe) Group 4 (Highland Lakes Grand Ballroom) Group 5 (Ladybird Lake Ballroom)		
2:30 pm		<i>Adjourn</i>		