

# Mitigation Bootcamp

**Austin, TX: August 7 - 9, 2024: 25.50 CLE, including 2.00 Ethics**

## Course Directors

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## Overview

The Bootcamp is an intensive, interactive workshop to develop or hone the practical skills needed for working within a multi-disciplinary team to identify, develop, and present social history evidence in a capital defense context. It is required of all attorneys, mitigation specialists, and interns joining GRACE as attorneys, mitigators, fellows, or volunteers; therefore, it is designed for people with a wide range of experience, and it addresses the roles of all core defense team members.

The format is a mix of lecture, group discussion, and practice; e.g., role-playing interviews, written exercises, and small group brainstorming. Over the three days, we work through the process of conducting a multi-disciplinary, multi-generational, culturally-competent, bio-psycho-social history investigation; then organizing the results into a cohesive narrative and using it to help decision-makers (including the client) choose life. We learn and practice GRACE's methods and protocols for each step along the way, but everything taught is easily transferrable to other organizations and not so GRACE-specific as to waste any time of defenders from outside the office.

## Topics include:

client relationships; team communication; scorched-earth record collection; identifying and locating life history witnesses; interview skills; memorializing witness and client visits; processing primary documents and generating secondary documents; plea strategies; identifying and working with experts; and themes and theories for life.

Participants will role-play visits with clients, life history witnesses, and potentially hostile witnesses, e.g., estranged family/friends and/or jurors for PCR; write mock visit memos and investigation plans; and use online sources to identify and locate people and records.

## Agenda – Total CLE 25.5 including 2.0 ethics

### Wednesday, August 7, 2024

#### (meals provided)

8:00 am - Registration

8:30 am - 7:30 pm

### Thursday, August 8, 2024

#### (meals provided)

8:00 am - Start

8:30 am - 7:30 pm

### Friday, August 9, 2024

#### (meals provided)

8:00 am - Start

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

## Meeting | Lodging Location

The meeting will be held at the Wyndham Garden located at 3401 South I-35 Austin, TX 78741. The TCDLA room rate is \$129 for a single/double room. Call the Wyndham at (737) 304-0630 and refer to “TCDLA” to receive the group rate. The group rate is available until July 13, 2024, or until room block is full, whichever occurs first.

## Registration | Materials | Travel Stipends

TCDLA will reimburse for travel expenses (flight, Ubers, rental car & fuel, or mileage at the standard mileage-rate) up to \$250. Anything beyond that is the registrant's obligation. Registrant should make their own travel arrangements; reimbursement forms will be provided at the on-site registration.

TCDLA will cover the hotel costs of Tuesday, August 6, 2024 (check in) to Friday, August 9, 2024 (check out). **Attendees are responsible for calling the hotel making a room reservation in our block and guaranteeing the room.** TCDLA will move the room to the direct bill upon attendees' arrivals.

### Registration before 7/13/2024

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>\$75</b> (for all classes, meals, and materials) <a href="#">*General Enrollment Information</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Defense Lawyer</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Judge</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Student</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Mitigation Specialist</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Paralegal</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Investigator</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Legal Assistant</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Social Worker</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Other</li></ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Add on Vegetarian Meal Option* - \$5 *No accommodations will be made after the cut-off date.

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[WWW.TCDLA.COM](http://WWW.TCDLA.COM)

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## Register - Payment Must Accompany Registration

Online [www.tcdla.com](http://www.tcdla.com)

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## Contact Information

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☐ Renew Membership \$180

☐ Public Defender \$60

☐ prefer not to participate in auto renewal

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## Payment ☐ Check ☐ Credit Card

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_

## General Information

NOTE: Please read before registering: you may not register for this program if you are, or are working for, or are affiliated, clerking or interning with: a full-time law enforcement officer, a full or part-time state or federal prosecutor, or if you are a full or part-time criminal defense attorney who is currently acting as a prosecutor or special prosecutor in a capital case. CDLP programs are for criminal defense lawyers and supporting staff who regularly represent indigent Defendants. (unfortunately, no exceptions).

\*Tuition will be used to cover future expenses of TCDLA's grant programs or to provide for items that the grant cannot sufficiently cover.

\*\*Voluntary contributions go to support The Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association (TCDLA), a nonprofit organization, and will go directly to TCDLA's private fund account.

CANCELLATION POLICY: To receive a refund-less 10% processing fee-cancellations must be received in writing 14 days before the seminar (email [kpreston@tcdla.com](mailto:kpreston@tcdla.com)). Registrants who paid tuition and are not entitled to a refund will receive the course materials. Tuition waiver recipients must attend the program to receive materials. Note: Tuition waiver recipients must attend the program to receive materials.

Tax Notice: \$36 of your annual dues (\$19 if a student member) is for a one-year subscription to the VOICE for the Defense. Dues to TCDLA are not deductible as a charitable contribution but may be deducted as an ordinary business