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# **21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL Forensics**

**October 17-18, 2024**  
**San Antonio, Texas**  
**DoubleTree by Hilton**

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The seminar is sponsored by CDLP, a project of TCDLA, funded by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

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**13.50 CLE, including 1.00 Ethics**

**Overview**

Many lawyers would have been doctors if they had been interested in or talented with science. Forensics is where science runs headlong into the legal process. This seminar will introduce lawyers to the sciences that we often encounter in our more complex cases. Fingerprints and blood spatter experts are State go-to experts. We will have training on what these specialized knowledges can disclose and what their limitations are. We will learn what is available on the web to assist us and what our clients may leave on the web as evidence we have to be prepared for. Computers, cell towers, arson, false confessions, crime scene and collision reconstruction, brain scans and more will be introduced during this two-day seminar. And yes, we will cover DNA! The changes in this field are rapid and significant. Two hour-long plenary sessions will bring us up-to-date and encourage us about the possibilities that are being developed.

**Location**

The seminar is being held at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 611 NW Loop 41, San Antonio, TX 78216. You must mention the TCDLA room block to get the discounted rate of \$117, S/D with a cutoff date of 9/18/2024 or until filled, whichever occurs first. Call 888.728.3031 to make reservations. In the event you need to cancel, attendees are responsible for canceling with the hotel. TCDLA will not pay no-show fees.

**Wednesday, October 16**

Innocence Dinner Presentation at 7:00 pm

**Thursday, October 17 • Opening Remarks at 8:45 am, Adjourns at 5:00 pm (Daily CLE: 7.5)**

	Track 1	Track 2
9:00 AM	Cell Phones Forensics ~ Sal Nolasco & Tara Witt	Plenary
10:30 AM	Problems with Probabilistic Genotyping ~ Dan Krane	Plenary
11:30 AM	AI Deepfake Forensics ~ Brandon Epstein	Plenary
12:30 PM	<b>Lunch Line</b>	
1:00 PM	The Importance of Validation in Digital Forensics ~ Josh Brunty	Use of Forensic Psychology in an Insanity Case ~ Nellie King
2:00 PM	DNA Transfer ~ Cynthia Cale	Plenary
3:15 PM	DNA Activity Level ~ Tiffany Roy	Using Forensic Sciences to Build a Self-defense Case ~ Frank Sellers
4:15 PM	The Science of Shaken Baby Cases ~ Keith Findley	Plenary
5:15 PM	<b>Adjourn</b>	

**Friday, October 18 • Opening Remarks at 8:45 am, Adjourns at 4:15 pm (Daily CLE: 6.00, Ethics 1.00)**

	Track 1	Track 2
9:00 AM	Marijuana Science ~ Daniel Mehler	Plenary
10:00 AM	Texas Forensic Science Commission Update ~ Mark Daniel	Plenary
11:15 AM	False Identification ~ Trent Terrell	The Role of Serology Defense of a Criminal Case ~ Laurie Schile
12:15 PM	<b>Lunch Line</b>	
12:30 PM	Memory Science in a Criminal Trial ~ Trent Terrell	Plenary
1:30 PM	Use of CCP Art. 38.35 ~ Mark Hochglaube	Plenary
3:15 PM	Professional Responsibility Where the Law Meets Science ~ Lynn Garcia	Plenary
4:15 PM	<b>Adjourn</b>	



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**\$50**—including \$30 Tuition (for all classes, continental breakfast, and materials) plus a \$20 voluntary contribution

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