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Plano, Texas**

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Courtroom attire is required.

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or more years of experience.

**This course is funded by a grant from
The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.**

Highlights

- Co-chaired by Barry Sorrels and Jeff Kearney
- Gives defense lawyers the opportunity to develop and hone their trial skills & features lectures, demonstrations and workshops.

MCLE Credit

The State Bar of Texas has approved this program for a total of 25.5 hours, including 1.5 hours of ethics.

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Program Description: This intense non-capital course is designed for those who already have some trial experience and gives defense lawyers the opportunity to develop and hone their trial skills.

*Chaired by **Barry Sorrels** and **Jeff Kearney**, and including a faculty comprised of elite criminal defense attorneys, this very highly-rated program focuses on trial skills (voir dire, opening statements, direct examination, cross examination and closing arguments) and law (evidence, protecting the record, and the court's charge). This course features lectures, demonstrations, and small group workshops which will require students to work a mock case and participate in voir dire, conduct direct & cross, and give opening and closing statements.*

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Monday, August 3:

- 8:15 a.m. Registration
- 9:00 a.m. Welcoming Remarks & Expectations
- 9:15 a.m. Synopsis Of The T.L. Allen Facts & Developing A Theory For Your Case
Reed W. Prospere, *Prospere & Russell, Dallas, Texas*
- 9:45 a.m. Mandatory Pre-Trial Preparation
Clint Broden, *Broden & Mickelsen, Dallas, Texas*
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. Storytelling Throughout The Trial
Tyrone Moncriffe, *Moncriffe, Knowles, Muharib & Associates, Houston, Texas*
- 11:15 a.m. Lecture & Demonstration: Voir Dire
Jeff Kearney, *Kearney/ Wynn, Fort Worth, Texas*
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch Provided
- 1:00 p.m. **Small Group Workshop – Voir Dire**
- 2:45 p.m. Break
- 3:00 p.m. Lecture: Fundamentals Of A Powerful Opening Statement
Daniel W. Hurley, *Hurley, Guinn & Sellers, Lubbock Texas*
- 3:45 p.m. **Small Group Workshop – Opening Statement**
- 5:30 p.m. Reception & Ask The Faculty: Open Forum
- 6:30 p.m. Recess

Tuesday, August 4:

- 9:00 a.m. Demonstration: Opening Statements
- **Robert C. Hinton**, *Robert Hinton & Associates, Dallas, Texas*
 - **Phil Umphres**, *Law Office of Phillip C. Umphres, Dallas, Texas*

Tuesday, August 4, continued:

- 9:30 a.m. Evidence: The Rules Of Engagement
Stephanie Luce, Sorrels, Udashen & Anton, Dallas, Texas
- 10:00 a.m. Lecture & Demonstration: Direct Examination
Rick Hagen, Jackson & Hagen, Denton, Texas
- 10:45 a.m. Break
- 11:00 a.m. **Small Group Workshop – Direct Examination**
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch Provided
- 1:15 p.m. Offering Persuasive Exhibits & Demonstrative Evidence
Greg Westfall, Of Counsel, Hill Gilstrap, P.C., Arlington, Texas
- 2:00 p.m. Break
- 2:15 p.m. Protecting The Record: Trial Objections
Bruce Anton, Sorrels, Udashen & Anton, Dallas, Texas
- 2:45 p.m. Cross Examination Lecture: Rule 601 – The Tools Of The Trade
Barry Sorrels, Sorrels, Udashen & Anton, Dallas, Texas
- 3:30 p.m. Break
- 3:45 p.m. **Small Group Workshop – Cross Examination**
- 5:45 p.m. Recess

Wednesday, August 5:

- 9:00 a.m. Demonstration: Cross Examination
Tom Mills, Mills & Williams LLP, Dallas, Texas
- 9:30 a.m. Dealing With the Government's Expert Witnesses
Robert Udashen, Sorrels, Udashen & Anton, Dallas, Texas
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. Ethical Issues Every Lawyer Faces
John Hunter Smith, Wynne & Smith, Sherman, Texas
- 11:15 a.m. Insights From Jury Consultants On Persuasion In The Courtroom
- **Kacy Miller**, CourtroomLogic Consulting, Dallas, Texas
 - **Alison K. Bennett**, Bloom Strategic Consulting, Inc., Dallas, Texas
 - **Jonathan Leach**, Trial Lab, LLC, Dallas, Texas (Invited)
 - **Lyndon G. McLennan, Jr.**, L.M. Consulting, Irving, Texas (Invited)
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch Provided

Wednesday, August 5, continued:

- 12:45 p.m. The Court's Charge: Give The Jury Their Marching Orders
Nancy Kennedy, Mills & Williams LLP, Dallas, Texas
- 1:15 p.m. Lecture: Closing Argument
David Guinn, Hurley, Guinn & Sellers, Lubbock Texas
- 2:00 p.m. *Break*
- 2:15 p.m. **Small Group Workshop – Closing Argument**
- 4:15 p.m. *Break*
- 4:30 p.m. Demonstration: Closing Argument
- **Robert T. Jarvis, Robert T. Jarvis Law Firm, P.C., Sherman Texas**
 - **Toby Shook, Robert T. Jarvis Law Firm, P.C., Sherman Texas**
- 5:15 p.m. Faculty Forum: Nuts & Bolts Of A Criminal Defense Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Recess

Thursday, August 6:

- 9:00 a.m. How To Better Manage Your Practice With Technology: In Court & Out
- **Phil Gommels, The Law Office of Philip Gommels, Houston, Texas**
 - **Frank Sellers, Hurley, Guinn & Sellers, Lubbock Texas**
- 9:45 a.m. Mitigation & Punishment: Hope For The Best, Prepare For The Worst
Carlos Garcia, Carlos Garcia Criminal Defense & Trial Consulting, Austin, Texas
- 10:15 a.m. *Break*
- 10:30 a.m. What Makes Good Lawyers Great
Reagan Wynn, Kearney/ Wynn, Fort Worth, Texas
- 11:15 a.m. Ethics
- **Jeff Kearney, Kearney/ Wynn, Fort Worth, Texas**
 - **Erin Hendricks, Attorney At Law, Dallas, Texas**
- 11:45 a.m. Intangibles: The Will Of A Criminal Defense Lawyer
Barry Sorrels, Sorrels, Udashen & Anton, Dallas, Texas
- 12:15 p.m. Adjourn

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Mark the appropriate boxes:

- I am a licensed Texas criminal defense attorney who regularly represents indigent defendants in criminal matters in Texas State courts. (Texas Bar number required.) **Choose Tuition under Rate I.**
- I am a paralegal, investigator, or mitigation expert for an attorney meeting the above criteria. **Choose Tuition under Rate I.**
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* Tuition will be used to cover future expenses of CAIL's Criminal Law grant programs or to provide for items the grant cannot sufficiently cover.

** Voluntary payments will go directly to CAIL's private fund account.

*** Registrants who have attended this program in the past may be placed on a wait list. We will move attorneys from the wait list into open spaces two weeks prior to the program.

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