



CRIMINAL DEFENSE TRIAL SKILLS: "IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY: TRIAL SKILLS FOR DEFENDING SEXUAL ABUSE CASES"

PROGRAM CHAIRS: MEHR SINGH AND KELTIN VONGONTEN

This course is approved for 12 hours of MCLE (720 minutes) and 2 hours of Ethics (120 minutes)

AGENDA - DAY 1

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

8:00am		Registration Opens / Light Breakfast and Refreshments
8:55am		Welcome and Introductions - Shannon Evans, CJAI, Mehr Singh and Keltin Vongonten - Introduction of Course Fact Pattern
9:00am	60min	Preparing for Disaster in CSA Cases - Patrick 'Pat' McCann, The Law Offices of Patrick McCann, Houston, TX
10:00am	15 mins	Break
10:15am	60 mins	Jury Selection - Mike Howard, The Law Office of Mike Howard, Dallas, TX
11:15am	15 mins	Break
11:30am	60 mins	AI at the Defense Table: Cutting-Edge Tools and Techniques - Felix Valenzuela, The Valenzuela Law Firm
12:30pm		Lunch (Provided)
1:30pm	60mins	Objections and Cross Examination - Audie Reese, Audie Reese Law, P.C., Lubbock, TX
2:30pm	15mins	Break
2:45pm	60mins	Error Preservation at Trial - Jessica Graf, Jessica Graf Law, Lubbock, TX
3:45pm	60min	Preparing and Finding Your Expert - Alex Nunez, Audie Reese Law, P.C., Lubbock, TX
4:45pm	Adjourn	





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AGENDA - DAY 2

Thursday, August 21, 2025

8:00am		Registration Opens / Light Breakfast and Refreshments
9:00am	60mins	Blind Spots: Seeing the Bias That Hurts our Clients - Kenneth Hardin, Harris County Managed Assigned Counsel
10:00am	15min	Break
10:15am	60mins	Ethics: Landmines in Defending Sex Cases - John Hunter, Wynne & Smith, Sherman, TX
11:15am	15mins	Break
11:30am	60mins	Ethics and Plea Negotiating Strategy - Cody Cofer, Cofer Luster, Ft Worth, TX
12:30pm		Lunch (Provided)
1:30pm	60 mins	Drafting Openings and Closings in Cases of Ambiguity – Mehr Singh, Law Office of Hurley, Guinn, Singh & VonGonten
2:30pm	15mins	Break
2:45pm	60mins	Pre-trial Investigation – Keltin Vongonten, Law Office of Hurley, Guinn, Singh & VonGonten
3:45pm	60mins	Course De-Brief - Panel
4:45pm	Adjourn	

