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2018

8/22 - 8/24

## Capital & Non-Capital Training for the Prosecution

AT THE CENTER FOR AMERICAN AND  
INTERNATIONAL LAW  
PLANO, TEXAS, USA

With the exception of invited faculty, attendance is limited to Texas prosecuting attorneys and their personnel.

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

### Highlights

This training will include updates on significant cases, PCAST & the Texas Forensic Science Commission, sessions on search warrants, pre-trial preparation, closing arguments in capital cases, crossing experts & more. Plus 2 hours of Ethics!

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# SCHEDULE

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**Jennifer A. Tharp**  
Comal County Criminal  
District Attorney  
New Braunfels, Texas

**William "Bill" H. Wirsky**  
Collin County  
District Attorney's Office  
McKinney, Texas

## Wednesday, August 22

- 8:00 a.m. Check-in & Registration
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome
- 8:45 a.m. Pretrial Preparation & Information Gathering  
– *Jen Falk (Dallas County)*  
– *Dewey L. Mitchell (Dallas County)*
- 9:45 a.m. Break
- 9:55 a.m. Update On PCAST, DNA & The Texas  
Forensic Science Commission  
– *Lynn Robitaille Garcia (Texas Forensic  
Science Commission)*
- 10:55 a.m. Break
- 11:00 a.m. Voir Dire In Non-Death Cases  
– *Joshua Somers (Bexar County)*
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch (Provided)
- 1:00 p.m. Significant Cases Update  
– *Lisa Smith (Collin County)*
- 2:00 p.m. Break
- 2:05 p.m. Ethics  
– *Jack Roady (Galveston County)*
- 3:05 p.m. Break
- 3:10 p.m. Search & Seizure Update  
– *John Rolater (Collin County)*
- 4:10 p.m. Break
- 4:15 p.m. Intellectual Disability  
– *Roe Wilson, Attorney At Law*
- 5:15 p.m. Reception
- 6:15 p.m. Recess

## Thursday, August 23

- 9:00 a.m. Punishment Evidence in Non-Capital Cases  
– *Jennifer A. Tharp (Comal Co. Criminal DA)*
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:10 a.m. Child Deaths  
– *Sunni Mitchell (Williamson County)*
- 11:10 a.m. Break
- 11:15 a.m. Capital Writs – *Josh Reiss (Harris County)*
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch (Provided)
- 1:15 p.m. The OAG's Role in Federal Writs  
– *Ed Marshall (Office of Attorney General, Texas)*
- 2:15 p.m. Break
- 2:20 p.m. Voir Dire In Capital Cases (incl. a 5 min. break)  
– *Bill Turner (Office of Attorney General, Texas)*
- 4:25 p.m. Break
- 4:30 p.m. Ethics – *Scott Durfee (Harris County)*
- 5:30 p.m. Recess

## Friday, August 24

- 9:00 a.m. Death Cases In Small Counties:  
A Case Study  
– *Lee Hon (Polk Co. Criminal DA)*
- 9:45 a.m. Break
- 9:55 a.m. The Capital Case: A Perspective From The  
Regional Public Defender's Office For Capital  
Cases – *Edward Ray Keith, Jr., Chief Public  
Defender, Regional Public Defender's Office*
- 10:55 a.m. Break
- 11:00 a.m. Mental Health Issues in Capital Cases  
– *J. Randall Price, Ph.D., ABPP, FACPN*  
– *Timothy J. Proctor, Ph.D., ABPP*
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch (Provided)
- 12:30 p.m. Crossing Experts – *Brian Baker (Brazos County)*
- 1:30 p.m. Break
- 1:35 p.m. Technology & Visual Aids  
– *Matt Powell (Lubbock Co. DA)*  
– *Todd Smith (Lubbock County)*
- 2:35 p.m. Break
- 2:45 p.m. Closing Arguments In Capital Cases  
– *Lisa Tanner (Office of Attorney General, Texas)*
- 3:45 p.m. Co-Chair Panel Discussion
- 4:15 p.m. Adjourn

# CAPITAL & NON-CAPITAL TRAINING FOR THE PROSECUTION

August 22-24, 2018

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