



TCWLA'S A DAY IN FEDERAL COURT CLE

DATE: Friday, May 9, 2025

TIME: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm. Check-in and breakfast will be from 8:00 am to 8:45 am. The CLE will be from 9:00 am – 4:30 pm.

LOCATION: Federal Courthouse, 501 West Fifth Street, Austin, First Floor Jury Assembly Room.

PARKING: Paid street and garage parking is available in the vicinity of the courthouse.

PRICE: \$200 (for both members and non-members); \$145 for government/non-profit employees.

To register, visit <http://www.tcwla.org/events>

CLE CREDIT: This course will be approved for Minimum Continuing Legal Education credit by the State Bar of Texas Committee on MCLE in the amount of 6.5 credit hours, of which 1.0 credit hour will apply to legal ethics/professional responsibility credit.

Please direct questions to the following:

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Schedule

8:00-8:45 **Check-in and Light Breakfast**

8:45-9:00 **Openings, Greetings, and Order of the Day**

9:00-9:30 **Role of Magistrate Judges – 0.5**

The Honorable Susan Hightower, *U.S. Magistrate Judge – Western District of Texas, Austin Division*

9:30-10:00 **Bankruptcy – 0.5**

Abby Ryan, *Bankruptcy Counsel – National Association of Attorneys General*

10:00-10:45 **From Arrest to Judgment: The Criminal Case Timeline and Contacts – 0.75**

Michelle Fernald, *Chief, United States Attorney's Office – Western District of Texas*

Christie Williams, *Defense Attorney – Law Offices of Christie Williams*

Amanda Ceballos, *Supervisor Pretrial Services Officer – U.S. Pretrial Services (Austin)*

Cinnamon Ornela, *Supervisor – U.S. Probation*

10:45-11:00 **Break**

- 11:00-11:30 Clerk's Office Resources – 0.5**
Alicia Davis, Division Manager - Austin, U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas
- 11:30-12:00 Advice from a Law Clerk – 0.5**
Andrea Houston, Law Clerk to the Hon. Judge Mark Lane
Mark Scott, Law Clerk to the Honorable Derek T. Gilliland
Paige Welch, Law Clerk to the Hon. Judge Alan Albright
- 12:00-12:30 Lunch/Break**
- 12:30-1:30 Judges' Discussion on Decorum and Ethics – 1.0**
The Honorable Susan Hightower, U.S. Magistrate Judge – Western District of Texas, Austin Division
The Honorable Dustin Howell, U.S. Magistrate Judge – Western District of Texas, Austin Division
- 1:30-2:15 Local Rules and Pleadings – 0.75**
Mary-Ellen King, Partner – Lucosky Brookman
- 2:15-2:45 Discovery and E-discovery – 0.5**
Charly Herring, Assistant Federal Public Defender – Western District of Texas
Emi Lawson, Partner – Cleveland Krist
- 2:45-3:00 Break**
- 3:00-3:30 Pre-trial Matters and Injunctive Relief – 0.5**
Jennifer Colimon, Partner – Botkin Chiarello Calaf
María Amelia Calaf, Partner – Botkin Chiarello Calaf
- 3:30-4:00 Trial Practice – 0.5**
Liane Noble, Counsel – Vinson & Elkins
- 4:00-4:30 Post-trial Practice – 0.5**
Shelby O'Brien, Partner – Butler Snow LLP
- 4:30 Closing Remarks**