

18TH ANNUAL TMCEC PROSECUTORS CONFERENCE

February 16 - 18, 2011

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The Texas Municipal Courts Education Center (TMCEC) is pleased to offer a special conference for prosecutors. The overall purpose of this program is to provide each participant the necessary legal tools, tempered with the tenets of professional conduct, to effectively and competently prosecute in the municipal courts of this State. Presentations and materials cover both theory and practice of *municipal* court prosecutions of fine-only misdemeanors.

This program will be submitted for approval for at least 10.5 hours of MCLE credit – including up to 3.0 hours of ethics – from the State Bar of Texas and the Texas Board of Legal Specialization (credit towards the continuing legal education requirements for certification and re-certification in Criminal Law).

* Do you want to earn up to 15.0 hours of MCLE credit? 10.5 hours of credit will be earned for attending the conference. An additional 3.0 hours of MCLE credit can be earned by attending the entire optional pre-conference session. An additional 1.5 hours of MCLE credit is given for attending the optional debriefing session.

To register for the conference, please complete the registration form and return it to the TMCEC office. The registration fee must be submitted with registration. We will mail each registrant a confirmation letter and hotel brochure prior to the conference.

The TMCEC grant will provide the course materials, breakfast and lunch on Day 2, breakfast on Day 3, and a single-occupancy room for nights of Day 1 and Day 2. **Housing deadlines are January 14, 2011 and May 6, 2011; please call for availability after that date.**

Cancellations must be received at least 10 working days before the conference date by calling TMCEC at 800.252.3718. Costs for meals, course materials, and housing will be charged to late cancellations.

18th Annual TMCEC Prosecutors Conference

All Times, Titles, and Topics are Tentative and Pending MCLE Approval

Day 1

1:00 – 5:00 p.m. **Registration**
 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. **Pre-Conference:**
A Glimpse at the Horizon: Legislation of Interest in the 82nd Texas Legislature

Day 2

6:45 – 8:00 a.m. **Registration and Breakfast**
 8:00 – 8:05 a.m. **Announcements**
 8:05 – 9:20 a.m. **Persuasion: Confronting Adverse Material in Legal Advocacy**
 9:20 – 9:30 a.m. **Break**
 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. **Conflicts of Interest+ (1.0hr Ethics)**
 10:30 – 10:45 a.m. **Break**
 10:45 – 12:00 p.m. **Effective Use of Visual Aids in Trial Presentation**
 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. **Lunch**
 1:00 – 2:15 p.m. **Case Law and Attorney General Update+ (.25hr Ethics)**
 2:15 – 2:30 p.m. **Break**

	Track A: Municipal Law	Track B: Juvenile Law
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Nuisance Abatement and the Psychology of Hoarding: Inside the Mind	What Every Prosecutor Should Know about the Transfer of Juvenile Cases from Municipal to Juvenile Court+ (.75hr Ethics)
3:45 – 5:00 p.m.	Epic Fail - The Terribly Drafted Criminal Ordinance: A Group Discussion	Citation Abuse: Classroom to Prison Pipeline

5:05 – 6:35 p.m. **Optional Debriefing Session**

Day 3

6:45 – 8:00 a.m. **Breakfast**
 8:00 – 9:15 a.m. **Problems in the Law of Recusal and Disqualification of Municipal Judges+ (1hr Ethics)**
 9:15 – 9:30 a.m. **Break**
 9:30 – 10:45 a.m. **Speed Kills: Stock Objections and Answers in Speed Measurement Argumentation***
 10:45 – 11:00 a.m. **Break**
 11:00 – 12:00 p.m. **Application of Traffic Law to Bicycles***
 12:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

* Denotes Municipal Traffic Safety Initiatives (MTSI) curriculum funded by a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation.

+ Denotes course that shall be submitted for ethics MCLE credit.

Credit:

15.0 hours = all sessions on all 3 days, including pre-conference and debriefing session
 13.5 hours = pre-conference on Day 1, 8-5 on Day 2, and 8-12 on Day 3
 12.0 hours = 8-5 and debriefing (5:05-6:35) on Day 2 and 8-12 on Day 3
 10.5 hours = 8-5 on Day 2 and 8-12 on Day 3
 Up to 3 hours Ethics

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TEXAS MUNICIPAL COURTS EDUCATION CENTER FY11 REGISTRATION FORM

Conference Date: _____
 Conference Site: _____

Check one:

- Prosecutor **not seeking CLE/no room** (\$200) Prosecutor **not seeking CLE credit** (\$350) Non-Municipal Prosecutor **seeking CLE credit** (\$500)
 Prosecutor **seeking CLE/no room** (\$300) Prosecutor **seeking CLE credit** (\$450)

By choosing TMCEC as your MCLE provider, attorney-judges and prosecutors help TMCA pay for expenses not covered by the Court of Criminal Appeals grant. Your voluntary support is appreciated. (For more information, see the TMCEC Academic Schedule)

Name (*please print legibly*): Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____
 Names you prefer to be called (if different): _____ Female/Male: _____
 Position held: _____
 Date appointed/Hired/Elected: _____ Years experience: _____
 Emergency contact: _____

HOUSING INFORMATION

TMCEC will make all hotel reservations from the information you provide on this form. To share with another participant, you must indicate that person's name on this form.

- I need a private, single-occupancy room.
 I need a room shared with a seminar participant. Please indicate roommate by entering seminar participant's name: _____ (Room will have 2 double beds)
 I need a private double-occupancy room, but I'll be sharing with a guest. [I will pay additional cost, if any, per night]
 I will require: 1 king bed 2 double beds

Arrival date: _____ Smoker Non-Smoker

- I do not need a room at the seminar.

Municipal Court of: _____ Email Address: _____
 Court Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
 Office Telephone #: _____ Court #: _____ Fax: _____
 Primary City Served: _____ Other Cities Served: _____

STATUS (*Check all that apply*):

- Full Time Part Time Attorney Prosecutor
 Presiding Judge Associate/Alternate Judge _____ Other: _____

I certify that I am currently serving as a prosecutor in the State of Texas. I agree that I will be responsible for any costs incurred if I do not cancel 10 business days prior to the conference. I agree that if I do not cancel 10 business days prior to the event that I am not eligible for a refund of the registration fee. I will first try to cancel by calling the TMCEC office in Austin. If I must cancel on the day before or day of the seminar due to an emergency, I will call the TMCEC registration desk at the conference site IF I have been unable to reach a staff member at the TMCEC office in Austin. I understand that I will be responsible for the housing expense if I do not cancel or use my room. If I have requested a room, I certify that I work at least 30 miles from the conference site. **Payment is due with the registration form. Registration shall be confirmed only upon receipt of registration form and payment.**

Participant Signature (May only be signed by participant)

Date

PAYMENT INFORMATION

- Check Enclosed (*Make checks payable to TMCEC.*)
 Credit Card (*Complete the following; \$5.00 will be added for each registration made with credit card payment.*)

Credit Card Payment:

Credit card type: *Amount to Charge:* _____ *Credit Card Number* _____ *Expiration Date* _____

MasterCard \$ _____

Visa _____ *Name as it appears on card (print clearly):* _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Please return completed form with payment to TMCEC at 1609 Shoal Creek Boulevard #302, Austin, TX 78701, or fax to 512.435.6118.