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DA to Award \$500,000 for Advanced TDCAA Training

(Houston TX) – Harris County District Attorney Kenneth Magidson will award \$500,000 Wednesday (Oct. 15) to the non-profit Texas District and County Attorneys Foundation to continue top-caliber professional training for Texas prosecutors.

The Asset Forfeiture Funds will underwrite the Texas District and County Attorneys Association (TDCAA) Advanced Trial Advocacy and Advanced Appellate Advocacy courses in the latest topics such as DNA evidence.

The funds, which come from the District Attorney's share of assets seized from criminal enterprises, will also support new training in services offered for victims and witnesses of crimes.

Magidson noted that budget constraints forced the National Advocacy Center in South Carolina to curtail similar programs earlier this year. The District Attorney said he wanted TDCAA to be able to keep offering quality courses for his Office and other prosecutorial agencies in the state.

"These funds will ensure that this high level of training will be available in the future," Magidson said. "The continued professional development will enhance prosecutions and public safety for Harris County and elsewhere in Texas."

TDCAA officials applauded the funding support, saying it will enable them to keep pace with the educational needs of a growing membership. "Your gift enables us to offer this unique training for years to come," said Executive Director Robert Kepple.

The media is invited for the check presentation and remarks on Wednesday, Oct. 15, at noon on the 6th Floor of the Criminal Justice Center, 1201 Franklin St.

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