

Texas
Judicial
Academy

2009 Fall Judicial Session
Texas Judicial Academy

Thursday, November 19, 2009
9:30 – 10:45am

**“The Criminal Jury
Trial”**

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YOU BE THE JUDGE

JURY TRIALS

From the County Attorney's
Point of View

SALARY SUPPLEMENT FROM STATE FOR CERTAIN COUNTY JUDGES

- A county judge is entitled to an annual salary supplement from the state of \$15,000 if at least 40 percent of the functions that the judge performs are judicial functions.

**SALARY SUPPLEMENT FROM STATE
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- To receive a supplement under Subsection (a), a county judge must file with the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System an affidavit stating that at least 40 percent of the functions that the judge performs are judicial functions. The office of court administration shall send the affidavit to the comptroller.

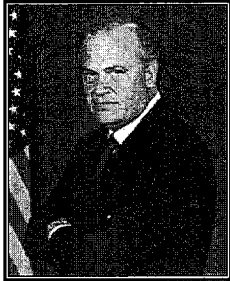
**SALARY SUPPLEMENT FROM STATE
FOR CERTAIN COUNTY JUDGES**

- The commissioners court in a county with a county judge who is entitled to receive a salary supplement under this section may not reduce the county funds provided for the salary or office of the county judge as a result of the salary supplement required by this section

RESOURCES YOU SHOULD HAVE

THE PEOPLE IN YOUR COURT

THE PROSECUTOR



THE PEOPLE IN YOUR COURT

THE DEFENSE ATTORNEY



THE PEOPLE IN YOUR COURT

THE PRO SE DEFENDANT



A MAN WHO REPRESENTS
HIMSELF HAS A FOOL FOR A
CLIENT.

Abraham Lincoln

THE PEOPLE IN YOUR COURT

THE JUDGE



DEMEANOR
IN YOUR
COURTROOM

SEVEN
DEADLY
SINS

The "BE" Attitudes
of
Good Judicial
Demeanor
during trial

ORDER
OF
TRIAL

QUALIFYING
THE
PANEL

“PICKING”
THE
JURY

CHALLENGES
FOR CAUSE
VS.
PEREMPTORY
CHALLENGES

**SOME COMMON
CHALLENGES FOR
CAUSE**

**SEATING
THE
JURY**

**OPENING
STATEMENTS**

**PRESENTATION
OF
EVIDENCE**

**CHARGE
OF THE
COURT**

**CLOSING
ARGUMENTS**

VERDICT

PUNISHMENT

Who gets to punish?
JUDGE or JURY?

A Final Thought

- Trial is a process for the County Attorney.
- Trial is an event for the Judge.
