

JUDICIAL SUMMIT ON MENTAL HEALTH

EMBASSY SUITES
SAN MARCOS, TEXAS



NOVEMBER
5-6, 2026

Wednesday, November 4, 2026

Timing TBD (PM)

JCMH Commission Meeting

Thursday, November 5, 2026

7:45 – 8:45am

Breakfast Provided

8:30 – 8:45am

Introductions from the Texas High Courts

8:45 – 9:30am

45 mins

Plenary Session

Litigating Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity:
A Conversation with Trial Counsel for Andrea Yates

9:30 – 9:45am

Break

9:45 – 10:30 am

45 mins

Plenary Session

Family Perspectives on Serious Mental Illness,
Criminal Adjudication, and the NGRI Verdict

10:30 – 10:45am

Break

10:45 – 11:30am

45 mins

Plenary Session

A Multidisciplinary Approach to Behavioral Threat Assessments

11:30 – 12:15pm

Lunch Provided

12:15 – 1:00pm

45 mins

Lunchtime Plenary Session

A Different Way of Thinking: *Neurodivergence in the Practice of Law*

1:00 – 1:15pm

Break

Thursday, November 5, 2026, *continued*

BREAKOUT TRACKS	Fundamentals	Specialty Courts	Youth Specific
1:15 – 2pm 45 mins	Using the SIM to Create a Behavioral Health Leadership Team	Ethical & Public Safety Considerations for Specialty Court Judges	The Texas Juvenile Justice Continuum of Care Initiative
2 – 2:15pm	Break		
2:15 – 3pm 45 mins	IDD Law & Guardianship	Williamson County's Transformative Justice Diversion Program	Multisystemic Therapy for Youth with Intellectual Disabilities
3 – 3:15pm	Break		
3:15 – 4pm 45 mins	CCP Chapters 46B and 46C: <i>Understanding Competency Restoration and NGRI in Texas</i>	Development of Denton County's AOT Court	Brain, Behavior, and Trauma: <i>Advancing Care for Incarcerated Youth</i>
4 – 4:15pm	Break		
4:15 – 5pm 45 mins	Justice Involved Veterans	Mental Health Courts	Early Support, Stronger Futures: <i>Trauma-Informed Prevention to Reduce Child Welfare and Justice Involvement</i>
5:00 – 6:00pm	Networking Hour		

Friday, November 6, 2026

7:45 – 8:45am	Breakfast Provided		
8:30 – 9:15am 45 mins	Plenary Session Family Feedback for Systemwide Improvements		
9:15 – 9:30am	Break		
BREAKOUT TRACKS	Advanced Discussions	Supportive Programming	Rural Specific
9:30 – 10:15am 45 mins	Understanding Law Enforcement Crisis Response Decisions	Gaps in Texas's Housing System for Justice-Involved Individuals	Benefits of a General Jurisdiction Court
10:15 – 10:30am	Break		
10:30 – 11:15am 45 mins	Advanced Emergency Detention Issues	Valuing the Lived Expertise that Peers Bring to your Organization	Building the Rural Defense Bar: <i>Strategies to Expand Access to Counsel</i>
11:15 – 11:30am	Break		
11:30 – 12:15pm 45 mins	JCMH's Most Frequently Asked Technical Assistance Questions	How Trauma Informed Principals Can Be Used in Mental Health Practice and Court Settings	Beyond County Lines: <i>Using Regional Models to Support Rural Courts and Communities</i>
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