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DNA & Criminal Forensics

What is left to litigate?

You've heard DNA referred to as the 'gold standard'—does that mean that there is nothing left to argue about when it is introduced in your case? What about fingerprints? Or toolmark analysis? What is this cognitive bias everyone is talking about?

Don't fall into the trap of thinking that the case law is settled or that someone else will litigate these issues. Forensic science is constantly evolving and it is a mistake to stand on the sidelines. This program explores the issues that are still up for debate in DNA technology as well as fingerprint and pattern analysis. Hear from practitioners and scientists who break down the issues and guide you to a greater understanding of where the courts stand now and where they are likely headed.

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Agenda

- DNA: Probabilistic Genetics, Re-Amplification, and More
- Cognitive Bias Across Disciplines and in Labs
- Fingerprints: Defense and Prosecution Perspectives
- Toolmark and Pattern Analysis: What's Not Left to Litigate?
- What Science Is on the Horizon?
- "Ask the Experts" Q&A Session

Faculty

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