

Eyewitness Identification

The landscape of trying ID cases

Eyewitness identification is considered one of the leading causes of wrongful conviction, accounting for more than 70 percent of exonerations revealed through DNA evidence. At the same time, such evidence remains an important tool for law enforcement to solve crimes and for the prosecution of criminal cases. Oftentimes, eyewitness identifications of a defendant are a critical point in a trial and thus it is important to begin considering the implications of eyewitness identifications from the case's inception.

Join our experienced panelists as we discuss the litigation surrounding eyewitness identifications and their admissibility. The panel addresses types of identification procedures, evaluation of identifications for suppression, conducting suppression hearings, and handling identification issues at trial.

Agenda

- Types of Identification Procedures
- Motions to Suppress Identification: Evaluation of Reliability of Identification Procedures; Crafting Motions to Suppress; Opposing Motions to Suppress; Preparation for the Evidentiary Hearing; and Conducting the Evidentiary Hearing
- Identifications at Trial: Pretrial Pleadings and Hearings; Presentation of In-Court Identification; Jury Instructions
- Expert Witnesses
- "Ask the Experts" Q&A Session

Faculty

Sarah Stancato McEvoy, Esq., *Suffolk District Attorney's Office, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*,
Chair

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Hon. David A. Deakin, *Superior Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

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Dates & Location

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Wednesday, October 12, 2022

2:00 pm–5:00 pm

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Thursday, October 27, 2022

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