Understanding and Using Forensic Science and Expert Testimony in the Courtroom

The Ohio Attorney General’s Center for the Future of Forensic Science at Bowling Green State University

May 8 & 9, 2023

Day 1: Monday, May 8 (7 hours CLE)

8:00 – 8:30 am Registration

8:30 – 8:45 am Welcome & Remarks

8:45 – 9:45 am Alphabet Soup: What is NAS, PCAST, and OSAC (and Why Should I Care)? – Crystal Oechsle (1 cr.)

9:45 – 10:45 am Caselaw Governing Expert Testimony in Ohio – Dexter Phillips (1 cr.)

10:45 – 11:00 am Break

11:00 – 12:00 pm The Scientific Method v. Daubert (Similarities & Differences) – Matthew Reger & Daniel Davison (1 cr.)

12:00 – 12:30 pm Remarks from Carol O'Brien – Chief Counsel/Deputy Attorney General for Law Enforcement, Office of Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost (not for CLE credit)

12:45 – 1:45 pm Lunch; The Father Robinson Case – J. Christopher Anderson (1 cr.)

2:00 – 3:00 pm Pattern Interpretation and Trace Evidence Disciplines – Jessica Mendofik & Daniel Davison (1 cr.)

3:00 – 4:00 pm DNA 101: DNA Evidence in the Courtroom – Crystal Oechsle (1 cr.)

4:00 – 4:15 pm Break

4:15 – 5:15 pm Synthetic Opioids & Benzos – Jon E. Sprague (1 cr.)

5:15 – 5:30 pm Closing Remarks & Surveys
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**Day 2: Tuesday, May 9 (7.5 hours CLE)**

8:00 – 8:30 am  
*Coffee*

8:30 – 9:30 am  
*Clear as Mud? Questions to Ask Your Expert* – Crystal Oechsle *(1 cr.)*

9:30 – 10:30 am  
*Current Trends in Forensic DNA and Issue Spotting* – Tiffany Roy *(1 cr.)*

10:45 – 12:15 pm  
*Small Group Rotation 1* *(1.5 cr.)*

12:30 – 1:45 pm  
*Lunch; Ask the Experts* – Panel and Group Discussion *(1 cr.)*

2:00 – 3:30 pm  
*Small Group Rotation 2* *(1.5 cr.)*

3:45 – 5:15 pm  
*Small Group Rotation 3* *(1.5 cr.)*

5:15 – 5:30 pm  
*Closing Remarks & Surveys*

* Small Group Rotations:
  
  - *Application of Bloodstain Patterns to Violent Crime Scenes (@ Troup Ave Crime Scene House)* – David Hammond
  - *Evidence Receiving Processes & Tour of BCI Lab* – Jeffrey Lynn
  - *Lab Process Demos: Blood Chemicals, Microscopes, Prints, Color Tests, DNA Profiling (CFFS)* – Crystal Oechsle, Travis Worst, Daniel Davison, Jessica Mendofik