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Expert Witness Testimony Techniques for Laboratory Analysts

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2 Days | 16 Hours | Tuition \$300.00

Course Description:

Contrary to the public's perception, the majority of crime laboratories and forensic units do not have a formal and comprehensive expert witness testimony training program. This leaves the newly trained forensic scientist in the precarious position of learning to testify by attending the "School of Hard Knocks". Compound this lack of standardized training with the challenges to the forensic sciences since the "Daubert" decision and the recent National Academy of Sciences report and the courtroom environment becomes a potential mine field for the unprepared expert witness.

This two (2) day interactive course will focus on one basic premise: Jurors do not vote on the truth! They can only vote on their perception of the truth as they see it that day in court. It is incumbent upon us to testify in a manner which is believable and understandable. It is up to you, as an unbiased forensic expert witness, to instill within them what is termed "forensic trust". Trust of the forensic discipline you practice and trust in you as the practitioner. This course is designed to teach the student the methodology necessary to foster that level of trust, regardless of the challenges presented by legal counsel. It is a fun, interactive and highly energetic opportunity to significantly improve your testimony skills. Those faint of heart need not attend!

Target Audience:

If you are an analyst, examiner or scientist working in a crime laboratory or a local agency forensic unit you will have to give testimony about the evidence you have examined or analyzed. Testifying with confidence to your findings in court is a skill that requires preparation and training before you enter the courtroom. This course focuses on techniques that will prepare you to communicate effectively in court, before a jury while reducing your stress at the same time. This class is applicable to all forensic disciplines found in a forensic laboratory.

One of the courses in our Testimony Curriculum.

This course is approved for IAI certification/re-certification

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General Course Information:

This training seminar has been approved for 16 hours of Continuing Education Credit required for I.A.I. Certification and Re-certification. Certificates of attendance, authorized by the International Association for Identification, will be awarded to each student successfully completing the seminar. Class attire is business casual.

