



# COURSE AGENDA

## UNDERSTANDING AND UTILIZING FORENSIC EVIDENCE

June 5-8, 2023  
DoubleTree by Hilton St. Paul Downtown  
411 Minnesota Street  
St. Paul, MN

*Town Square Ballroom – Lobby Level*

*Attendees must wear their name tags to all events.  
Please turn off cell phones during all sessions.*

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### TENTATIVE AGENDA\*

#### **DAY 1: Monday, June 5, 2023 - *Coffee and Tea Available***

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| 8:00 AM             | Check-in and Registration  |
| 8:30 AM             | Welcome and Orientation  |
| 8:45 – 10:30 AM     | Advanced Issues in 21st Century Prosecutions   |
| 10:30 –10:45 AM     | Break  |
| 10:45 –12:15 PM     | Determining How, What, and Where with Bloodstain Pattern Analysis  |
| 12:15 - 1:45 PM     | Lunch ( on your own)   |
| 1:45 – 3:00 PM      | Digital Evidence -Nuts and Bolts : Overcoming Typical Objections and Cross Examination of the Defense Digital Evidence Witness |
| 3:00 – 3:15 PM      | <i>Refreshment Break (Coffee, Tea, and Sodas)</i>  |
| 3:15 - 4:30 PM      | <i>Daubert, Frye and PCAST:Update: Anticipating and Countering Post Crawford Challenges to Scientific Evidence</i>             |
| Adjourn for the day |  |
| 5:00 PM- 6:00 PM    | Welcome Reception Hosted by DoubleTree by Hilton St. Paul Downtown   |



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## **DAY 2: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 *Coffee and Tea Available***

- 8:30 – 10:00 AM Utilizing Technology to Persuasively Present Multiple Types of Scientific Evidence
- 10:00 – 10:15 AM Break
- 10:15 – 11:45 AM Ghost Guns and Traditional Firearms : Preparing and Presenting Firearm Evidence and the Ballistics Expert
- 11:45 AM – 1:15 PM Lunch (on your own)
- 1:15 - 2:15 PM Mass Shootings and Officer Involved Shootings
- 2:15 – 2:30 PM *Refreshment Break (Coffee, Tea, and Sodas)*
- 2:30 - 3:15 PM Countering Attacks to Use of Litigation Technology, Animations, Simulations, and Interactive Graphics
- 3:15 - 3:30 PM Break
- 3:30 - 5:00 PM DNA 101: Understanding the Science and the Numbers
- Adjourn for the day



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## **DAY 3: Wednesday, June 7, 2023 *Coffee and Tea Available***

- 8:30 – 9:45 AM Organizing the Case with Multiple Expert Witnesses
- 9:45- 10:00 AM Break
- 10:00 – 11:30 AM Advanced DNA Issues: Touch DNA, Genetic Genealogy, New Statistical Challenges (Including Q and A)
- 11:30 AM–1:00 PM Lunch (on your own)
- 1:00 - 2:30 PM Anticipating and Overcoming Challenges with Forensic Evidence in Cold Cases
- 2:30 – 2:45 PM *Refreshment Break (Coffee, Tea, and Sodas)*
- 2:45 – 4:15 PM The Compelling Closing Argument in “The Battle of The Experts”
- 4:15- 4:20 PM Stretch Break
- 4:20 - 5:20 PM Now You See It...Now You Don't : No Body Homicide Case Study  
Countering Lack of Forensic Evidence
- Adjourn for the day



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## **DAY 4: Thursday, June 8, 2023 *Coffee and Tea Available***

8:15 – 9:30 AM Surgical Cross Exam of Expert Witnesses Using Visuals

9:30 – 9:45 AM Break

9:45 – 11:00 AM Effective and Ethical Discovery, Preparation, and Presentation of Forensic Evidence

Course Concludes

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