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The National Criminal Defense College and the Innocence Project
Present

A Forensic Cross-Examination Workshop: Drilling Down on Toolmark Evidence



Tentative Agenda Thursday, March 16, 2023

11:30-1:00	Lunch Available
12:30-1:00	Workshop Check-In (Holiday Inn Denver East, 3333 Quebec Street, Denver, Colorado 80207)
1:00-1:30	Welcome and Introduction to the Program, The NCDC Deans
1:30-2:30	Why Forensics Matter, Grasping the Foundations, and Daubert Principles, Chris Fabricant, The Innocence Project, New York, NY
2:30-3:30	Drilling Down on the Science (or Lack Thereof): Understanding Toolmark Evidence, Chris McKee, Forensic Defense Strategies, Denver, CO
3:30-3:45	Afternoon Coffee Break
3:45-4:45	Cross-Examination Basics, Karen Smolar, NCDC
4:45-6:00	<u>In Small Groups</u> : Intros, Outlining the Forensic Facts

Friday, March 17, 2023

8:30-9:00	Coffee and Pastries
9:00-11:00	Discussion of Relevant Toolmark Subjects: CV, Training and Experience, Professional Bias, Cognitive bias, Subjectivity, Measurement Issues, Error Rates, Peer Review, Proficiency Testing, Study Design – Panel: Chris Fabricant, Chris McKee, Mark Loudon-Brown, Paul Rudof, Kyla Wells, Mike Oppenheimer
11:00-12:00	<u>In Small Groups</u> : Brainstorming Theory
12:00-1:00	Lunch: Provided
1:00-2:00	<u>In Small Groups</u> : Cross-Examination Prep
2:00-5:00	<u>In Small Groups</u> : On Your Feet Exercises – Cross-Examination of Toolmark Experts (with Witnesses) – Part I

Saturday, March 18, 2023

8:45-9:00	Coffee and Pastries
9:00-12:00	In Small Groups: On Your Feet Exercises – Cross-Examination of Toolmark Experts (with Witnesses) – Part II
12:00-1:00	Lunch: Provided
1:00-1:15	Announcements
1:15-2:00	Demo/Discussion: Cross-Examination of Toolmark Expert, Mark Loudon-Brown, Southern Center for Human Rights & Natasha Perdeu Silas, NCDC
2:00-3:00	Motions and Other Issues
3:00-3:15	Afternoon Coffee Break
3:15-4:30	Cell Site Forensic Basics, John C. Ellis, Jr., Private Practice, San Diego, CA
5:30	Shuttle buses depart.
6:00-7:00	Book Talk Event – Junk Science at the American Criminal Justice System, Chris Fabricant in Conversation with Ann England at the Tattered Cover Bookstore in McGregor Square, 1991 Wazee Street, Suite 100, Denver, CO 80202 (shuttle to event leaves at 5:30pm)

Sunday, March 19, 2023

8:45-9:00	Coffee and Pastries
9:00-10:00	Cell Site Expert Cross-Examination Demonstration, John Ellis
11:00-12:00	Closing Remarks and Presentation of Certificates

Workshop Faculty

<p>Connor Barusch, Boston, MA David Beller, Denver, CO Tania Brief, New York, NY John Ellis, Jr., San Diego, CA Ann England, Boulder, CO Chris Fabricant, New York, NY Kevann Gardner, Washington, DC Shawna Geiger, Denver, CO Andres Guevara, Denver, CO Abe Hutt, Denver, CO</p>	<p>Bridget Krause, Milwaukee, WI Mark Loudon-Brown, Atlanta, GA Chris McKee, Denver, CO Michael Oppenheimer, Baltimore, MD Paul Rudof, Northampton, MA Natasha Perdeu Silas, Atlanta, GA Karen Smolar, Cranston, RI & MA Colette Tvedt, Denver, CO Kyla Wells, Brooklyn, NY LaToya Williams, Macon, GA</p>
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