

# Forensic Justice Institute 2025

Virtual Event: January 24, 2025

## SCHEDULE

### 8:15 AM Welcome and Opening Remarks

### 8:20 AM Statistics for Forensic Science

- Understand what probabilities are and how they are computed in practice
- How to select the correct probability rule depending on the situation: product rule, addition rule or conditional probabilities rule
- Describe the main fallacies when interpreting probabilities

*Claudia Solís-Lemus*

### 9:20 AM From Lab to Court: DNA-TPPR and Forensic Testimony

- Overview of key studies on DNA transfer, persistence, prevalence, and recovery (TPPR) and their implications for forensic science
- Addressing common misconceptions about DNA evidence and its interpretation
- Discussing Chapter 7 of the NIST.IR.8503 Report (How and When Questions in DNA Analysis)
- Highlighting the obstacles to comparing forensic DNA studies and the implications these challenges have for activity-level interpretations in legal contexts

*Cynthia Cale*

### 10:20 AM Break

### 10:35 AM Judicial Perspectives

- Best practices when evidence is in a new or early stage of development

*Moderator: Guy J. Cardamone*

*Panelists: Hon. John D. Hyland, Hon. Beth W. Jantz, Hon. Jed S. Rakoff*

### 11:35 AM Lunch Break

### 12:35 PM The Dreaded Digital Dump: How to Strategically Tackle the Digital Evidence in Your Case

- Using a recently closed case as reference, discuss:
  - Types of evidence encountered and the tools and techniques handling them
  - Developing a litigation strategy

- Working with an expert and the dynamic between lawyer and expert in terms of lines between division of roles / responsibilities and collaboration

*John C. Ellis, Jr., Emily J. Prokesch*

### 1:35 PM Ethics: Plea Bargaining and Forensic Science

- Effective assistance of counsel
- Special responsibilities of the prosecutor dealing with pro se parties during plea negotiations (SCR 20:3.8)
- Conflicts that may arise for the defense when representing co-defendants (SCR 20:1.7)
- Discuss the not-quite-overlap between an ineffective assistance claim made for the purposes of post-conviction relief, and whether there are actual violations of the Supreme Court Rules

*Katherine H. Judson, Stacie H. Rosenzweig, Dr. Kelly Sutherland*

### 2:25 PM Break

### 2:40 PM Forensic Science and OWIs

- Review the basics of blood testing in OWI cases using headspace gas chromatography with flame ionization methods
- Comparing the two main labs that test forensic blood samples in OWI cases, the State Hygiene Lab and the State Crime Lab
- Best practices when dealing with blood litigation packets from state labs in order to determine the flaws in the State's case with the client's sample

*Teuta Jonuzi*

### 3:40 PM Forensic Sciences with Little Evidence

- What to do when there is little evidence
- Litigating a homicide case without an autopsy

*Georgina Wakefield*

### 4:40 PM Institute Concludes

*Following start time, schedule may vary slightly from above. All times are Central Time Zone.*

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