Custom Courtroom Testimony for Fingerprint Examiners

*Lecture only. Mock Court not included.

Instructor: Hillary Daluz
July 9 - 10, 2019 | 8 am - 5 pm
Tuition: $349
Location:
BAE Systems, Biometric Support Center
9275 Sky Park Court, Suite 150 | San Diego, CA 92123

Lodging information:
Courtyard by Marriott San Diego Central
8651 Spectrum Center Blvd. | San Diego, CA 92123

Room Rate: $174 plus tax
Booking Info: Make your reservation using the booking link found on the course page (www.tritechtraining.com/070919-CCTFE).

This course has been approved for the following certification/recertification training credits: IAI Crime Scene Certification Board - 16 and IAI Latent Print Certification, Tenprint Fingerprint Certification, and Forensic Video Certification Board - 24. Please visit the IAI Certifications page at tritechtraining.com for additional information.
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Fingerprint examiners are frequently called upon to testify in court regarding their techniques, observations, and conclusions. In order to be accepted as an expert witness, the fingerprint examiner must display a current and in-depth knowledge of the science. Although fingerprint testimony was accepted with few judicial challenges for over one hundred years, challenges to fingerprint science as a method of human identification are becoming more common. These challenges are usually brought forth in what are called Frye or Daubert hearings. The use of these hearings was the result of several judicial decisions in the late 20th Century.

The goal of this course is to provide the students with the knowledge, confidence and practical experience necessary to survive qualifying questioning (voir dire), direct, and cross-examination. Students will learn how to take control of their testimony by preparing themselves and the concerned attorney(s) for the voir dire as well as direct examination.

The course will cover techniques the witness can employ to effectively explain fingerprint science and its application to the judge and jury.

In order to maximize the students’ opportunity to succeed, this course includes a review of the Frye decision and the Daubert trilogy, as well as several challenges to the admission of fingerprint evidence in court cases, including US v Mitchell (1999).

Due to the extensive amount of hands-on training in this course, enrollment is restricted to 16 participants.

*COURSE INSTRUCTOR

HILLARY DALUZ

Hillary Moses Daluz is the author of Fundamentals of Fingerprint Analysis and the Fingerprint Analysis Laboratory Workbook (CRC Press, 2014). She earned her Bachelors of Science degree in Genetics and a Masters of Science in Forensic Science from the University of California, Davis. In 2009 she deployed to the Joint Expeditionary Forensic Facility at Camp Victory in Baghdad, Iraq as a Latent Print Examiner.

After returning stateside, Daluz became a member of the faculty in the Forensic Sciences program at Chaminade University of Honolulu, teaching at the undergraduate and graduate collegiate level. Most recently a Senior Latent Print Technician with American Systems, Daluz has worked in a variety of forensics positions including Police Identification Specialist with the City of Hayward Police Department in California and Forensic Specialist with Forensic Identification Services.

Daluz is a member of the International Association for Identification and the California State Division of the International Association for Identification, serving as the chairperson for the science and practices committee from 2009 to 2012.