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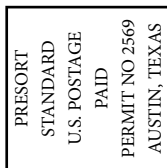
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# Closing the Courthouse Doors to Misleading Forensic Evidence

**Thursday,  
April 1, 2021**  
Livestream Event

**Course Directors:  
Nicolas Hughes  
Rick Wardroup  
Natalie Ware**

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# Closing the Courthouse Doors to Misleading Forensic Evidence

Livestream Event: April 1, 2021 | 8.0 CLE, 0.0 Ethics

## Overview

Criminal defense lawyers in Texas infrequently challenge expert witness evidence in cases, even though many serious questions surround the reliability of the majority of the forensic disciplines. This seminar will provide lawyers the skills needed to challenge unscientific expert evidence and conclusions not supported by the careful use of the scientific method. This seminar will focus on the skill of conducting a 702/105 hearing, as well as the limitations of the major scientific disciplines encountered in court.

## Course Directors

- Nicolas Hughes, Houston, TX
- Rick Wardroup, Lubbock, TX
- Natalie Ware, Houston, TX

## Agenda

Thursday, April 1, 2021

- 8:10 am **Opening Remarks**  
*Nicolas Hughes, Rick Wardroup & Natalie Ware*
- 8:15 am **As Biased as Any Other Group: How Bias Influences Forensic Expert: (Keynote) | Dr. Itiel Dror**
- 9:15 am **Nothing in Life is to be Feared, It is Only to Be Understood: Understanding the Admissibility of Forensic Evidence | Mark Loudon-Brown**
- 10:15 am **Break**
- 10:20 am **Seeing Further by Standing on the Shoulders of Giants: Legal Updates on Forensic Evidence**  
*Richard Torres & Elizabeth Daniel Vasquez*
- 11:20 am **There is No Shortcut to Achievement: The Importance of the Scientific Method**  
*Dr. Patrick Buzzini*
- 12:20 pm **Lunch Break**
- 12:35 pm **Chance is Hugely Significant in Biology: Challenging DNA Evidence | Nikia Redmond**
- 1:35 pm **A Controlled Disrespect for Authority is Essential: Confronting Chemistry and Toxicology Evidence**  
*Dr. Jasmine Drake & Dr. Ashraf Mozayani*
- 2:35 pm **Break**
- 2:40 pm **Testing Shows the Presence, Not the Absence of Bugs: Defeating Digital Evidence | Dr. Cihan Varol**
- 3:40 pm **The Intensity of the Conviction Has No Bearing on Whether It is True or Not: Pattern Evidence**  
*Emily Prokesch*
- 4:40 pm **Questions & Answers | Nicolas Hughes & Natalie Ware**
- 4:55 pm **Adjourn**

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