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OCTOBER 7 - 8, 2021
Radisson Hotel Fort Worth at Fossil Creek
Fort Worth, Texas

COURSE DIRECTORS
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Overview

The number of changes in sciences over the past few years, especially those associated with criminal trials, has exploded. Judges who have, for years, admitted bite mark and hair microscopy evidence are now being faced with the battle between stare decisis and scientific progress. The responsibility of teaching the Court what the science is, why it is better, and why evidence should be admitted where it previously wasn't or vice versa, such that it can perform its gatekeeping function, falls to defense counsel. Rules 702 and 705 deal not only with scientific evidence but also knowledge of "technical, or other specialized knowledge," if it will be helpful to the jury. Many times, we aren't able to exclude this type of evidence but we must be prepared to explain how the testimony must be restricted and how the jury must be instructed. This program features presentations by both scientists and trial attorneys on topics as varied as DNA and crime scene reconstruction. Divergent views on the utility of some of the disciplines will be represented at the program. Trial attorneys must refresh themselves on forensics regularly or stare decisis will prevail when it shouldn't!

Location

The seminar is being held at the Radisson Hotel, 2540 Meacham Blvd, Fort Worth, TX 76106. The cost for rooms in the block is \$99.00, S/D with a cutoff date of 09/15/2021 or until filled, whichever occurs first. Call 817-769-4023 to make reservations. You must mention the TCDLA room block to get the discounted rate of \$99, S/D.

Thursday, October 7 • Opening Remarks at 8:45 am, Adjourns at 4:30 pm (Daily CLE: 6.25)

	Track 1	Track 2	Track 3
9:00 AM	False Memory - Frank Sellers and Aaron Pierce, Ph. D.		
10:15 AM	Computer & Cell Phone Forensics - Lance Sloves & E.X. Martin		Cell Phone Tracking - Sal Nolasco
11:15 AM	Break		
11:30 AM	Ballistics & Toolmarks - Martin Dante		The SANE Investigation - Carrie Edwards
12:30 PM	Lunch Provided		
1:15 PM	Gun Shot Wounds - Martin Dante	The Polygraph In The Criminal Case - Rick Holden	Pathological Findings in Shaken Baby Cases - Sridhar Natarajan
2:15 PM	False Confessions - Kate Houston, Ph. D	Sex Offender Risk Assessment - Stephen Thorne, Ph. D.	The Other Side of Blood Spatter Evidence - Louis Akin
3:15 PM	Break		
3:30 PM	Understanding, Evaluating and Cross-Examination on the Forensic Autopsy - Sridhar Natarajan		Lab Quality Control - Janine Arvizu

Friday, October 8 • Opening Remarks at 8:45 am, Adjourns at 4:00 pm (Daily CLE: 6.5)

9:00 AM	Blood Spatter Workshop - Larry Renner	Audio & Video Evaluation - Herbert Joe
10:00 AM	Blood Spatter Lecture - Larry Renner	Defending the Shaken Baby Case - Keith Findley
11:00 AM	Break	
11:15 AM	Website and Technology Compliance with the Texas Rules of Professional Responsibility - E.X. Martin	
12:15 PM	Lunch Line	
12:30 PM	Lunch Presentation: Junk Science Strikes Again, Exonerations of Lydell Grant - Mike Ware & Lydell Grant	
1:45 PM	Fingerprints - Simon Cole	Evaluation of SCRAM use & Reports Generated - Deandra Grant
2:45 PM	DNA in the Courtroom - Dr. Greg Hampikian	

TCDLA 18th Annual Forensics

October 7-8, 2021

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Early-Registration (before 09/17/2021) Electronic Materials

\$50—including \$30 Tuition (for all classes, continental breakfast, and materials) plus a \$20 voluntary contribution ☐ If you do not wish to make the **voluntary contribution**, please remit only \$30 and mark this box.

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☐ Wednesday Innocence Dinner Presentation—Complimentary (7:00 PM, Wednesday, October 6, 2021)

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