

DNA & Criminal Forensics

Explore the science

Join our expert faculty on a deep dive into DNA and forensic testing in criminal cases. Learn about different methods of criminalistic analysis and screenings of crime scene samples and sexual assault kits (e.g., presence of saliva or other biological fluids), and the current state of forensic DNA testing.

Hear from the Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory, a defense expert, and practitioners about DNA mixture analysis using probabilistic genotyping, statistics, and likelihood ratios. Explore the use of forensic genetic genealogy in investigation and as evidence in court. Have your questions ready—the panel wants to hear from you!

Agenda

- Criminalistics and Screening Tests
- Probabilistic Genotyping and DNA Statistics—Likelihood Ratios
- Forensic Genetic Genealogy
- Current DNA Processing at Massachusetts State Police Crime Lab
- Litigation Tips
- “Ask the Experts” Q&A Session

Faculty

Ira L. Gant, Esq., *Committee for Public Counsel Services, Brockton, Chair*

Joanna Arkema, Esq., *Committee for Public Counsel Services, Pittsfield*

Amy Barber, *Forensic Scientist, Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory, Maynard*

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Dates & Location

Register at www.mcle.org

LIVE WEBCAST

Thursday, February 13, 2025

2:00 pm–5:00 pm

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REBROADCAST

Friday, February 28, 2025

9:30 am–12:30 pm

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REBROADCAST

Monday, March 10, 2025

2:00 pm–5:00 pm

Program # 2250098RB2

ON DEMAND WEBCAST

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