



Communications in Forensics:

A Multidisciplinary Approach to Problematic Cases

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The **Department of Pathology and Anatomical Sciences** at the **University of Missouri** will be hosting a multidisciplinary educational seminar geared toward improving communication between police, medical examiners/coroners, forensic laboratory personnel and attorneys when confronted with problematic forensic cases. The program will begin with a murder mystery dinner, setting the stage for a problem based learning case study. Daily lectures and panel discussions, from expert practitioners, will complement the case study. The program will conclude with a moot court scenario designed to examine facts of the case study.

This educational seminar will be held *October 16-20, 2011*, at the Hilton, located next to Branson's Convention Center on the Landing, Branson, MO.

Purpose

1. Promote a better understanding of what each profession's (i.e. police, ME/coroners, forensic technicians, attorneys, journalists) role and needs are in carrying out their duties during problematic forensic death investigations/litigations.
2. Teach basic but important pieces of forensic evidence (i.e. DNA, ballistics, toxicology, fingerprint, trace evidence, etc.) with an emphasis on its significance, limitations and integration with other scene information.
3. Emphasize the importance of a team approach with effective and maximal communication between the professions in order to ensure a thorough and accurate outcome in death investigations/litigations.
4. Ensure effective courtroom testimony by correlating all relative evidence, adequately supporting the opinion and appropriately communicating it in an understandable manner through verbal and non-verbal means.

The program will be **POST** approved and offers **CEU** credits. Please contact Dr. Michael Panella, M.D., J.D. at (573-882- 3751), or Jeff Nichols, M.B.A. (573-874-7615) with questions.

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