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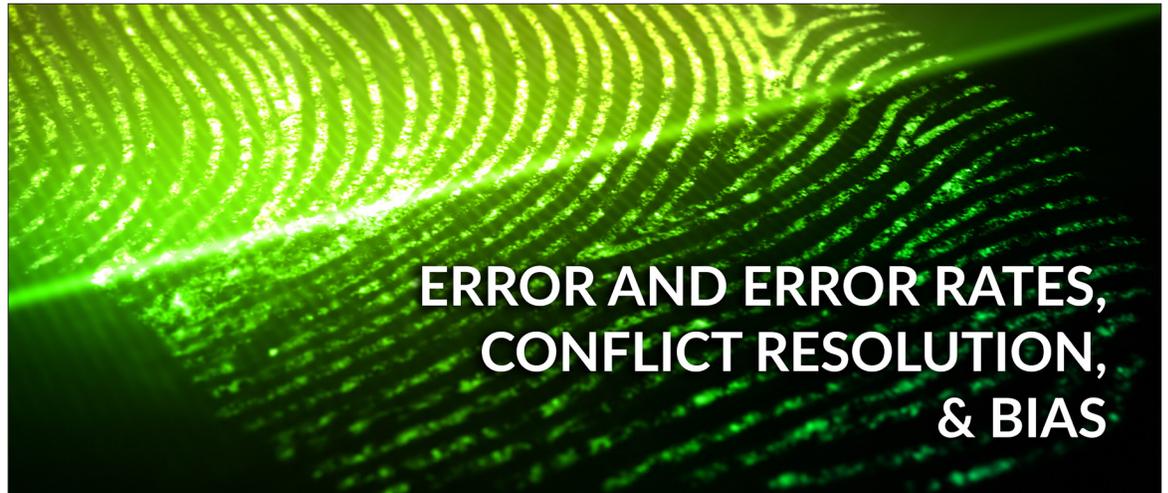
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Instructor: Deborah Smith, CLPE

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Formerly Quality Assurance for Latent Print Examiners

The Quality Assurance for Latent Print Examiners course serves the interest of furthering educational aspects of friction ridge analysis, primarily relating to the importance and necessity of quality control within the analysis and testimony process. The quality of testimony provided by a fingerprint analyst can go a long way into the acceptance of not only that particular analyst, but of the science itself. Not only is it important for an agency to have competent fingerprint analysts, but they must also be able to competently explain the science behind the examination. For this reason, it is a necessity to have a structured quality system in place for the training of anyone performing fingerprint analyses.

This course is designed to provide participants with the quality management principles, techniques, tools, and skills for on-the-job applications useful in latent print disciplines, including auditing principles for potential or existing accreditation, techniques for the recognition and defense of bias, and successful curriculum vitae development. During this course, participants will learn comprehensive methods of quality control improvements for error reduction, including the establishment of recommended guidelines for reporting, documentation, and testimony to ensure examiner competency and proficiency.

Target Audience

This forty-hour course is best suited for individuals currently employed in the fingerprint/latent print discipline. It is also applicable to Quality Managers, however named, and supervisory personnel who play a key role in establishing quality assurance/quality control policies and procedures.

Goals of the Workshop

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will gain an understanding of the effects of human factors, as well as the causes and consequences of human error, in latent print analysis. Likewise, participants will gain an understanding of a variety of factors that may directly and indirectly affect latent print examiners, which will allow for the provision and establishment of quality control methods to defend against bias and other significant sources of error.

COURSE INSTRUCTOR

DEBORAH SMITH, CLPE

Deborah E. Smith serves as an International Association for Identification (IAI) Certified Latent Print Examiner and the Latent Print Supervisor for the Fort Worth Police Crime Laboratory. She is a Certified Technical Assessor for the ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board (ANAB) and is a full member of the Association of Forensic Quality Assurance Managers (AFQAM).

Deborah graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Government with an emphasis in Legal Studies and a minor in Criminal Justice from Texas Woman's University and is currently pursuing her Master of Science degree in Forensic Science from Oklahoma State University. She is also presenting and lecturing on fingerprints at such institutions as Texas Wesleyan University and Remington College, where she also serves on the Program Advisory Committee (PAC) for the Criminal Justice Program. Deborah is also actively involved in training at various police academies such as the Fort Worth Police Academy and Tarrant County College Police Academy.

A strong advocate for quality management and assurance, she involves herself in every opportunity to share knowledge and communicate best practices in the field of fingerprints. While Deborah also has experience in crime scene processing and reconstruction, her professional interests focus primarily on the science of fingerprints as well as improving quality management systems. Her current projects include undertaking Lean Six Sigma Green Belt certification, as well as presenting at various forensic conferences in the United States.