

**Course Title:**

RS&A Practical Answers to Challenging Questions in the Courtroom – Maynard MA

**Course Dates:**

October 19 – 21, 2020

**Tuition Cost:**

\$700.00

**I.A.I. Approved Hours for Certification or Re-certification:**

24 Hours

**Course Location:**

Massachusetts State Police  
124 Acton Street  
Maynard MA 01754

**Course Instructor(s):**

Instructor 1: Glenn Langenburg  
Instructor 2: Carey Hall  
Instructor 3: Brendan Max

**Course Description:**

This fingerprint testimony course provides practical answers to challenging questions in today's courtroom environment by delivering the material to you in a novel way. Students will gain practical information for improving their courtroom performance. They will also be better prepared for Frye and Daubert challenges.

This unique course is taught by three instructors. Two of the instructors are experienced fingerprint experts. These instructors take turns answering mock court questions asked by a third instructor, an experienced criminal defense attorney, who will dynamically attack the answers. The instructors will demonstrate the strengths and weaknesses of different responses—both “good” and “bad” answers. Students will be able to ask questions and get feedback on their own personal responses. The instructors will highlight what strategies a defense attorney might take depending on the answer.

The instructors will share court experiences, case law, and other court decisions so that students are aware of precedent cases and emerging legal trends. Lastly, the instructors will share published papers, data, or the reactions of lay people to court room responses. This approach will give the student valuable insight into the reactions and understanding of the most important people in the courtroom: the triers of fact.

Course materials will include summaries of the major class topics, examples of model answers, lists of relevant cases, and reference materials. The course also provides the rare opportunity

to gain insight into the strategies and tactics of a criminal defense attorney in a safe learning environment.

### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

- Students attending this course will:
- Learn about key case law related to latent print evidence
- Learn about cross-examination during voir dire
- Learn about strategies for cross-examination related to accreditation
- Understand the current legal environment, issues, and strategies to challenging latent print evidence in the courtroom including:
  - The strength and limitations of ACE-V
  - AFIS examinations
  - Bias and verification
  - Documentation or the lack thereof
  - Understand the current terminology and definitions of “identification”
  - Learn about error rate testimony
  - Learn about Activity Level testimony – do’s and don’ts
  - Have the opportunity to get feedback on their individual specific answers

### **Target Audience:**

All practicing friction ridge examiners, both latent and tenprint who could be required to give expert witness testimony are greatly encouraged to participate in this thought provoking, completely unique, fact finding mission to provide better answers than what we all have been taught in the past. If your goal is to respectfully but confidently respond to the challenges presented in the modern courtroom, then join your peers and gain a better understanding of more contemporary concepts from these three skilled instructors in a format that has never been used in a classroom.

**Note:** this course is aimed at both latent print and tenprint practitioners and is not appropriate for attorneys to attend. The learning objectives are focused on improving examiners’ responses, not a “how to” cross-exam an expert witness. Students will not be required to participate in mock-testimony exercises as part of their participation in this training.

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