

**CMPD Crime Laboratory
Chemistry Section
Drug Analyst Training Manual
Section III: Legal Aspects**

1 Courtroom Testimony and Rationale of Scheduling

2 To familiarize the trainee with the functions of a courtroom criminal proceeding.

- Prepare a current curriculum vitae
- Admissibility of evidence.
- Chain of custody
- Observe testimony of qualified analyst
- Meet with Drug ADA's
- Criminal and Civil law procedures
- Discuss the role of the following during a trial:
 - Expert witness
 - Judge
 - Prosecutor
 - Defendant
 - Defense counsel
 - Jury

2.1 Understand the potential for abuse, likelihood of dependency, and currently accepted medical use.

Temporary Scheduling

Precursors, Anabolic Steroids

Analogue Scheduling

Ability to differentiate between scheduled and non-scheduled substances

3 References

Fundamentals of Forensic Science – Houck & Siegel (pg. 625-658); 2006

North Carolina Statutes Annotated Review NC Drug Statutes

(N.C.G.S. § 90-87 thru § 90-95)

Federal Control Substance Act 21U.S.C. §§ 801-814

- Frye v. United States
- Daubert v. Merrill-Dow

3.1 Lecture and discussion

Review expert testimony statutes (N.C.G.S. § 8C Rule 702 Testimony by experts)

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4 **Evaluation**

4.1 The trainee will be evaluated through the use of personal observation, question and answer sessions

5 **Appraisal**

5.1 In case the performance of a trainee does not meet acceptable level of competency, the following course of actions may be utilized.

- Counseling, feedback and re-evaluation in the deficient area
- Further training and re-evaluation in the deficient area.