



## **NYSDA's Forensic Webinar Series**

Our Discovery and Forensic Support Unit is launching a series of webinars to help defenders become more proficient in various forensic areas. In this series, **offered for free to all defense practitioners and defense team members**, you will learn about the most current issues in forensic litigation from a diverse group of presenters that specialize nationally on these topics. The series is designed to provide you with substantive knowledge on the topics as well as a creative and practical approach to litigating forensics. Attend the entire series or individual sessions!

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### **Facing A Discovery Dump: Organizing Your Criminal Defense from the Start**

Thursday, October 26, 2023  
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Presenter:  
**Ashley Hart**  
Staff Attorney, Discovery & Forensic Support Unit  
New York State Defenders Association

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Registration Deadline  
October 25, 2023

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### **Litigating Cognitive Bias and Race**

Thursday, November 2, 2023  
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Presenter:  
**Janis Puracal**  
Executive Director  
The Forensic Justice Project

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Registration Deadline  
November 1, 2023

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## **Pattern Matching Part I: Firearms and Toolmarks**

Thursday, November 16, 2023  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Presenters:

**Richard Gutierrez**

Assistant Public Defender, Forensic Science Division  
Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender

**Emily Prokesch**

Team Leader, Discovery & Forensic Support Unit  
New York State Defenders Association

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**Registration Deadline**  
November 15, 2023

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## **Pattern Matching Part II: Latent Prints**

Thursday, November 30, 2023  
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Presenters:

**Kevann Gardner**

Supervising Attorney; Senior Member of the Forensic Practice Group  
Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia

**Sylvia Smith**

Supervising Attorney  
Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia

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**Registration Deadline**  
November 29, 2023

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## **DNA Part I: From Collection Through Discovery**

Thursday, December 14, 2023  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Presenters:

**Ashley Hart**

Staff Attorney, Discovery & Forensic Support Unit  
New York State Defenders Association

**Elizabeth Daniel Vasquez**

Director, Science & Surveillance Project  
Brooklyn Defender Services

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**Registration Deadline**  
December 13, 2023

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## **DNA Part II: Motion Practice**

Thursday, January 11, 2024  
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Presenters:

**Lucy Larkins**

Staff Attorney, Discovery & Forensic Support Unit  
New York State Defenders Association

**Emily Prokesch**

Team Leader, Discovery & Forensic Support Unit  
New York State Defenders Association

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**Registration Deadline**  
January 10, 2024

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## **DNA Part III: Pre-Trial and Trial Litigation with TrueAllele and STRMix**

Thursday, January 25, 2024  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Presenters:

**Kate Philpott**

Forensic Consultant  
Affiliate Assistant Professor, Virginia Commonwealth University

**Molly Ryan**

Paralegal, Federal Community Defenders for the Eastern District of PA  
Former Assistant Public Defender, Forensic Division  
Maryland Office of the Public Defender

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**Registration Deadline**  
January 24, 2024

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## **Digital Part I: Geofence Warrants**

Thursday, February 8, 2024  
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Presenter:

**John Ellis**

National Coordinating Discovery Attorney,  
Digital Forensic Consultant  
Law Offices of John C. Ellis, Jr.

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**Registration Deadline**  
February 7, 2024

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## Digital Part II: Cell Site Location Information (“CSLI”) and Call Detail Records (“CDR”)

Thursday, February 29, 2024  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Presenter:  
**Sidney Thaxter**  
Senior Litigator for the Fourth Amendment Center  
National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

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Registration Deadline  
February 28, 2024

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## Digital Part III: Litigating Against Algorithms, Hidden Technology, and the Machine Witness

March 2024  
Date and Time Forthcoming

Presenters:  
**Christopher Lau**  
Clinical Assistant Professor, Wisconsin Innocence Project  
University of Wisconsin Law School

**Maneka Sinha**  
Associate Professor of Law  
University of Maryland Carey School of Law

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*These programs are intended for defense attorneys in criminal and family court practice and other members of the defense team, including investigators, paralegals, social workers, parent advocates, and mitigation specialists.*

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