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Mentch, L., Cuellar, M., Thompson, W.C. & Spiefelman, C. Four experts explain why forensic analysis of crime scenes is not as reliable as you might think. *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* (March 13, 2016).

Thompson, W.C. A setback for forensic science. *Washington Post*, May 8, 2015.

Thompson, W.C. & Friedman, J. Statewide oversight of forensic science needed in California. *Los Angeles Daily Journal* (June 22, 2010).

Quintin Chatman, Moderator, Roundtable on the NAS Report (with commentary from Michael Burt, Hon. J.S. Rakoff, Adina Schwartz and William C. Thompson). *The Champion*, 33(7), Aug. 2009, 36-43.

Thompson, W.C. At Issue: Should forensic labs be separated from law enforcement agencies? *CQ Researcher*, July 17, 2009, p. 613 (debate with John M. Collins).

Cole, S.A. & Thompson, W.C. Lawyers should view scientific evidence with critical eye. *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, Sept 20, 2005

Cole, S.A. & Thompson, W.C. FBI needs to make more changes in fingerprint analysis. *San Francisco Daily Journal*, Nov 26, 2004, 4.

Cole, S.A. & Thompson, W.C. DNA initiative is wrong way of expanding state's database. *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, Oct 25, 2004.

Thompson, W.C. Commentary: Keep Your Hands Off My DNA. *Los Angeles Times*, Oct 14, 2004, B-11

Thompson, W.C. HPD Crime Lab Mess: Worse Than Imagined? *Houston Chronicle*, Sunday Outlook, September 28, 2003.

Thompson, W.C. Grand juries alone won't cut through HPD's crime lab tangle. *Houston Chronicle*, Sunday Outlook, June 15, 2003.

Thompson, W.C. Separate the Lab from the FBI. *Orange County Register*, June 1, 1997.

Published legal briefs

Brief of 20 Scholars of Forensic Evidence as *Amici Curiae* Supporting Respondents in *McDaniel v. Brown*, 130 S. Ct. 665 (2010)(with Erin Murphy). Reprinted in *Criminal Law Bulletin*, 46(4) 711-757 (2010).

Motion to Exclude DNA Evidence in *United States v. Cuff*, 37 F.Supp.2d 279 (S.D.N.Y. 1999)(prepared by William C. Thompson). Reprinted in BNA Criminal Practice Guide, January 12, 2000, p. 14-18.

Memorandum in Support of Motion to Exclude DNA Evidence in *People v. O.J. Simpson*, No. BA 97211, Los Angeles County Superior Court (with Barry Scheck and Peter Neufeld). Excerpt reprinted in BNA Criminal Practice Manual, 1994, 8, 583-590.

Defense Opening Brief on the Admissibility of Forensic DNA Evidence in *State of New Mexico v. Jay Anderson*, No. CR 46255, Bernalillo County, N.M. (with Dan Cron and Angela Arellanes). Reprinted in BNA Criminal Practice Manual, 1990, 4, 180-185.

Government Publications

Gillette et al. (2009). An Examination of Forensic Science in California. California Crime Laboratory Review Task Force, California Department of Justice, Sacramento, CA.

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

Invited Addresses at International Conferences

Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences, Cambridge UK. Invited addresses at workshops on probability and statistical methods in court (August 30, 2016) Bayesian Networks and Argumentation in Evidence Analysis (September 29, 2016), and Statistical Modeling of Scientific Evidence (Nov 8, 2016), as part of Programme on Probability and Statistics in Forensic Science (July – Dec, 2016).

National Judicial Institute of Canada. Evidence Workshop. Victoria, British Columbia, July 27-31, 2014.

Lorentz Center, University of Leiden, Netherlands. Invited address at the conference *Science Meets Justice: Forensic Statistics at the Interface*. April 26, 2011.

Forensic Advisory Council of the Forensic Science Regulator of Great Britain. Workshop on Contextual Bias. London, U.K. March 1, 2011.

Australia-New Zealand Forensic Science Society (ANZFSS). Invited plenary address. Sydney, Australia, September 7, 2010.

7th International Conference on Forensic Inference and Statistics, Invited Keynote Address. Lausanne, Switzerland. August 2008.

Inaugural Conference of the Innocence Project New Zealand. Invited address. Victoria University, Wellington, New Zealand, December 14, 2007.

Criminal Courts Bar Association of Northern Ireland . Workshop on DNA Evidence (with Dan Krane), Queen's University, Belfast, Northern Ireland. October 13, 2007.

10th International Criminal Law Congress. Keynote address. Perth, Australia, October 19, 2006.

Department of Biology, Murdoch University. Invited address. Perth, Australia. October 2006.

Australia-New Zealand Forensic Science Society. Keynote Address. Wellington, New Zealand, March 2004.

Australian Psychology-Law Society. Invited address. Perth, Australia, March 2004.

Conference on Human Rights and the Protection of Innocence. Invited address. University of Western Australia, Perth, Australia, March 2004.

Judicial education and training

Appellate Judicial Attorneys Institute, Judicial Council of California. Invited presentation on cognitive bias in forensic science. Anaheim, CA. April 14, 2016.

Appellate Judicial Attorneys Institute, Judicial Council of California. Invited presentation on mathematical evidence. San Francisco, CA. April 14, 2015.

Evidence Workshop. National Judicial Institute of Canada. (Faculty member for national training conference for Canadian judges). Victoria, British Columbia, July 27-31, 2014.

Judicial Conference of Virginia. Invited address. Virginia Beach, Va. May 16, 2006.

Criminal Bench Seminar . Invited panel discussion for judges of the Los Angeles County Superior Court on DNA evidence (with R. Cotton K. Inman, & M. Taylor). Los Angeles, CA. October 2004.

Advanced Judicial Studies Institute. Training Workshop on DNA evidence for Missouri Trial Judges), with Brian Hoey. Jefferson City, Mo. April 18-19, 2002.

Advanced Judicial Studies Institute. Training Workshop on DNA evidence for Missouri Trial Judges), with Brian Hoey. Columbia, Mo. May 7-9, 2001.

Legal education and training

Cognitive bias in forensic science. Capital Defense Seminar, California Public Defender Association and California Attorneys for Criminal Justice, Monterey, CA. Feb 17, 2018.

Statistics and Quantification, Capital Defense Seminar, California Public Defender Association and California Attorneys for Criminal Justice, Monterey, CA. Feb 18, 2018.

Explaining Source Conclusions to a Lay Audience. CSAFE Webinar, Nov 30, 2017.

Forensic Science Assessment: Latent Fingerprint Examination. Presentation to the Legal Aid Society of New York, Cardozo Law School, New York, October 25, 2017.

Center for American and International Law. Annual Program: Establishing Guilt and Innocence. Plano Texas, August 29-30, 2016 (appearance by video-link).

Cognitive bias in forensic science. National Forensic College, Cardozo Law School, New York, N.Y. June 5, 2016.

Capital Defense Seminar, California Public Defender Association and California Attorneys for Criminal Justice. "Cognitive Bias in Forensic Science." San Diego, Ca. February 13, 2016

Capital Defense Seminar, California Public Defender Association and California Attorneys for Criminal Justice. "The National Commission on Forensic Science." San Diego, Ca. February 13, 2016 (with Sandra Levick)

National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL). Forensic Science Seminar, Las Vegas, Nev. April 18, 2015.

National Forensic College, Faculty member for week-long training conference. Cardozo Law School, New York, N.Y. June 8-13, 2014.

National Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys. Invited address. Washington, D.C. Feb 22, 2013.

Office of the Public Defender, San Francisco, CA. Workshop on DNA Statistics. Nov 16, 2012.
 Forensic Science Training Conference, National Institute of Justice and the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office, Invited address. Sept 17, 2011.
 Benjamin Arranda III, Inn of Court, Redondo Beach, CA. Invited address. Nov 17, 2010.
 National Association of Appellate Court Attorneys. Plenary address . Annapolis, MD., July 15, 2009.
 West Coast DNA Trial College, Golden Gate Law School, Faculty member. San Francisco, CA. March 28, 2009.
 DNA Cross Examination College (Advanced training seminar for litigators), Faculty member. Public Defender Service, Washington, D.C., March 23-24, 2007.
 West Coast DNA Trial College, University of San Francisco Law School (2-day workshop), Faculty Member, March 17.18, 2007.

Recent invited addresses and presentations (government agencies, universities and professional societies)

A new crisis in forensic science. USC Law School, Los Angeles, CA., Jan 22, 2018.

What should forensic scientists be allowed to say about source conclusions. Annual Conference of the American Association of Law Schools, San Diego, CA. Jan 6, 2018.

How Should Forensic Scientists Present Source Conclusions. Seton Hall University School of Law, Newark, N.J. October 27, 2017.

Statistical concepts for lawyers. Workshop presentation at a training conference of the National Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys (NACDL), Mar 23, 2017.

Validity and reliability of latent fingerprint analysis. Invited address at the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), Boston, MA. Feb 18, 2017

Lay understanding of forensic science. Invited presentation to the National Commission on Forensic Science, Washington, D.C. Jan 10, 2017.

Lay reactions to statements about the weight of forensic science evidence. Colloquium Presentation, Faculty of Law, Criminal Justice and Public Administration, University of Lausanne. August 15, 2016

Testing forensic laboratories: Conceptual and practical issues. Forensics Transitions Workshop. Statistics and Mathematical Science Institute (SAMSI), Durham, North Carolina, May 10, 2016.

Lay reactions to quantitative statements about the weight of forensic science evidence. Technical Colloquium on Quantifying the Weight of Forensic Evidence. National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), May 5, 2016.

Improving expert evidence: Views from the university and the courtroom (with Jennifer Keller). Views-by-Two Presentation . Center for Psychology & Law, University of California, Irvine. May 2, 2016.

Cognitive Bias in Forensic Science. Statistics and Mathematical Science Institute (SAMSI), Durham, North Carolina, December 1, 2015.

Task-relevance: What is the proper evidentiary basis for a forensic science opinion? Netherlands Forensic Institute, The Hague, Netherlands, September 15, 2015

Managing contextual bias in forensic science. Forensics Workshop. Statistics and Mathematical Science Institute (SAMSI), Durham, North Carolina, September 1, 2015.

Moot Court Presentation. International Symposium on Forensic Science Error Management, Washington, D.C. July 24, 2015.

What is the proper evidentiary basis for a forensic science opinion. Invited plenary address at the International Symposium on Forensic Science Error Management, Washington, D.C. July 24, 2015.

The OSAC Human Factors Committee. Invited address at the meeting of the California Association of Criminalists, Ventura, Ca. May 6, 2015.

Overcoming contextual bias: Are good intentions and willpower enough? Invited plenary address at the annual meeting of the American Association of Forensic Sciences, Orlando, Florida Feb. 19, 2015.

Contextual bias and task-relevance: Lessons from WMD forensics. Workshop presentation at the annual meeting of the American Association of Forensic Sciences, Orlando, Florida Feb. 17, 2015.

The Human Factors Resource Committee. Presentation at the meeting of the Organization of Scientific

- Area Committees (OSAC), Norman, Oklahoma, Jan. 2015.
- Sherlock Holmes Syndrome: Why forensic scientists make bad detectives (and vice-versa). Invited presentation for the Center for Psychology and Law, UC Irvine, Oct 27, 2014.
- Minimizing contextual bias. Invited presentation to the National Commission on Forensic Science. Washington, D.C. Aug. 26, 2014.
- How should forensic scientists explain their evidence to juries? Invited address at the 2014 Stanford Symposium on Law & Rationality: Trial With and Without Mathematics. Stanford University, May 30, 2014.
- Workshop on Minimizing Contextual Bias. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Association of Forensic Document Examiners. Las Vegas, NV. April 25, 2014.
- Invited Lecture on Forensic Statistics. Masters Program in Forensic Sciences, California State University, Los Angeles, CA. April 9, 2014.
- How jurors understand (and sometimes misunderstand) forensic science evidence. Presented at the meeting of the California Association of Crime Laboratory Directors, Costa Mesa, CA. April 4, 2014.
- Thompson, W.C. Communicating forensic science evidence. Presented at the meeting of the Scientific Working Group for Forensic and Investigatory Speaker Recognition, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD March 19, 2014.
- Blind to What? Criteria for Task-Relevance. Presentation during the Workshop on Contextual Bias in Forensic Science at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Seattle, WA Feb. 17, 2014.
- Communicating forensic science evidence. Invited Lecture. Advanced Seminar on Evidence, UCLA School of Law. Feb 6, 2014.
- Communicating forensic science evidence. Invited presentation at the Orange County Crime Laboratory. Dec 18, 2013.
- Communicating scientific findings to lawyers, policy-makers and the public. Invited presentation at the annual meeting of the American Geophysical Union. San Francisco, CA. Dec 10, 2013.
- Modeling task-relevance: What facts should experts ignore? Invited presentation at the Symposium: When Less Information is Better: Blinding as a Solution to Institutional Corruption. The Edmond J. Safra Center, Harvard University. Nov. 1, 2013.
- California Forensic Science Network, Summer 2014 Meeting, Santa Ana, CA.
- Expert Evidence Workshop, School of Law, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, July 8-9, 2013.
- How Should Forensic Scientists Explain Their Evidence to Juries: Match Probabilities, Likelihood Ratios, or “Verbal Equivalents”? Invited presentation at the Workshop on Forensic Evidence, Program on Understanding Law, Science and Evidence (PULSE), School of Law, UCLA. June 6, 2013.
- Reducing error and bias in forensic science. Presentation to the Forensic Evidence Group, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Oct 17, 2012.
- The Continuing Battle Over Forensic DNA Statistics, Workshop on Forensic Evidence, Program on Understanding Law, Science and Evidence, School of Law, UCLA. June 1, 2012.
- Civil Liberties, Privacy and Government DNA Databases. Invited presentation at the conference on The Constitution in the Age of Technology, UCLA Department of Political Science, May 30, 2012.
- Legal Standards for the Admissibility of Expert Testimony: Implication of the 2009 NRC Report on Forensic Sciences. Invited address at the annual meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, San Diego, Ca. Nov 3, 2011.
- Blind to What? What should forensic scientists know, and when should they know it? Invited presentation at the Cognitive Bias and Forensic Science Workshop, Northwestern University School of Law, Sept 21, 2010.
- Observer effects in forensic science. Psychology-Law Colloquium at the University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia. September 1, 2010.
- How CSI went awry, and how to fix it. Invited address in the “Distinctive Voices” Series at the Beckman Center of the National Academies of Science, Irvine, California. September 2, 2009.
- Should forensic scientists be allowed to testify about source probabilities? Invited presentation at the conference *Forensic Science for the 21st Century: The National Academy of Sciences Report and Beyond*, Arizona State University Law School, Tempe, Arizona, April 4, 2009.
- Strengthening forensic science: Does the ‘path forward’ run through the courts? Invited presentation at the

conference *Forensic Science for the 21st Century: The National Academy of Sciences Report and Beyond*, Arizona State University Law School, Tempe, Arizona, April 3, 2009.

Invited Panelist, American Civil Liberties Union Panel on Technology and the Future, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. October 25, 2006.

DNA Testing Problems in Texas and Virginia. Invited address at the meeting of the California Association of Criminalists, Los Angeles, California, October 2005.

DNA Testing Problems in Virginia. Invited presentation at 4th Annual Forensic Bioinformatics Conference, University of Dayton Law School, Dayton, Ohio, August 2005

Lab Scandals: Lessons for Reform. Invited presentation at the DePaul University Law School Conference on Science and Law, Chicago, Ill. May 2005.

Refereed conference papers

Lay understanding of expert testimony on likelihood ratios. European Academy of Forensic Sciences, Prague, Cz. September 7, 2015

Modeling the criminalists' paradox: A Bayesian analysis of domain relevance. European Academy of Forensic Sciences, Prague, Cz. September 7, 2015.

Thompson, W.C. & Newman, E.J. Lay understanding of forensic statistics. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, San Diego, CA. March 21, 2015.

Thompson, W.C. Attacking non-Bayesian reasoning. Presentation at the 52st Edwards Bayesian Research Conference. California State University, Fullerton, Ca. Feb 15, 2014.

Thompson, W.C. Jurors' Reactions to Forensic Evidence. Presentation at the 51st Edwards Bayesian Research Conference. California State University, Fullerton, Ca. Feb 15, 2013.

Thompson, W.C., Fowler, N.B., Dioso-Villa, R. & Velazquez, B. When do jurors treat absence of evidence as evidence of absence? Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, San Antonio, Texas March 7, 2009.

Thompson, W.C., Kaasa, S. & Peterson, T. The false positive fallacy in jurors' evaluations of forensic evidence. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA. August 2007.

DesPortes, B.L. & Thompson, W.C. Recent problems in forensic DNA testing. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 2007.

Thompson, Dioso, R., Velasquez, B., Peterson, T. & Thompson, W.C. Misuse of DNA Evidence: A Case Study. Presented at Faces of Wrongful Conviction, a conference at UCLA Law School, April 2006.

Kaasa, S.O., Morris, E.K., Peterson, T. & Thompson, W.C. Evaluation of Bullet Lead Evidence: Are Mock Jurors as Smart as They Think They Are? Presented at the National Academy of Sciences' Arthur M. Sackler Colloquium on Forensic Science, Washington, D.C. November 2005.

Thompson, W.C. The Houston Police Crime Lab Debacle: Exploring a Systemic Justice System Failure. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association, Las Vegas, Nev. June 2005.

Kaasa, S.O., Morris, E.K., Peterson, T. & Thompson, W.C. Mock jurors' evaluations of bullet lead evidence. Presented at the annual meeting of the Western Psychological Association, Portland, Oregon, April 2005.

Thompson, W.C. Problematic DNA Evidence. Presented at the Sixth International Conference on Forensic Statistics. Tempe, Arizona, March 2005.

Thompson, W.C. Assessing the Legal Relevance of Bullet Lead Evidence: Did the NRC Misfire? Presented at the Sixth International Conference on Forensic Statistics. Tempe, Arizona, March 2005.

Thompson, W.C., Kromer, M. & Kaplan, P. Jurors' Evaluation of Contested DNA Evidence: A Case Study. Presented at the National Conference on Science and Law (National Institute of Justice), Miami Florida, October 2002.

Thompson, W.C. What Wrongful Convictions Teach Us About Forensic Science. Presented at the bi-annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Austin Texas, March 2002.

Thompson, W.C. Recent Defense Challenges to Forensic DNA Evidence. Presented at the National Conference on Science and Law (National Institute of Justice), Miami Florida, October 2001.

Thompson, W.C. Confirmation Bias in the Interpretation of Forensic DNA Evidence. Presented at the

RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2015-2020 Center for Statistical Analysis of Forensic Evidence (CSAFE). National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Center of Excellence Grant #426-17-02B, \$3,700,000 (Co-PI).
- 2014-18 NIJ Award #2014-DN-BX-K032: Developing effective methods for addressing contextual bias in forensic science. Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice, \$355,705 (in collaboration with Dr. Michael Taylor, Institute for Environmental Science and Research, New Zealand), October 1, 2014-September 30, 2018.
- 2012-2015 Evidence, inference and bias in WMD forensics. University of California Lab Fees Research Program. Award ID# 12-LR-237268. Principal Investigator. (\$1,320,125).
- 2006-2009 Jurors' Evaluations of Forensic Science. National Science Foundation. Principal Investigator (\$125,000).
- 2006-2007 Assessing the Feasibility of Building a Database of Trial Transcripts Containing Scientific Testimony. The Project on Scientific Knowledge and Public Policy (SKAPP). Co-PI. (\$25,000).
- 2002-2003 Feasibility of a National Support Center on Scientific Evidence for Lawyers. Open Society Institute. (\$5000).
- 2002-2003 Evaluating the Feasibility of a National Support Center on Scientific Evidence for Criminal Lawyers. Newkirk Center for Science & Society. (\$16,000).
- 1999-2000 Developing Legal Research Skills Through Web-Based Tutorials. U.C. Irvine Division of Undergraduate Education. (\$5000).
- 1986-1990 Mathematical Evidence in Criminal Trials. National Science Foundation. Principal Investigator. (\$135,000).
- 1985-1986 Child Witnesses: A Research Proposal. U.C. Irvine Academic Senate Committee on Research -- Faculty Research Grant. Co-Principal Investigator (with Alison Clarke-Stewart). (\$4956).
- 1984-1985 Mathematical Evidence in Criminal Trials: Improving the Probability of Justice. U.C. Irvine Academic Senate Committee on Research -- Faculty Research Grant -- Principal Investigator. (\$15,000).

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE AS AN ATTORNEY

- 2009 Drafted and filed an *Amici Curiae* brief with the United States Supreme Court (with Erin Murphy) on behalf of 20 scholars of forensic evidence in

McDaniel v. Brown, 558 U.S. 120 (2010).

- 2001 Co-Counsel for defendant Cory Robinson, charged with murder with special circumstances in Los Angeles County Superior Court, Pasadena Branch. Responsible for cross-examination of prosecution DNA expert and direct examination of defense DNA expert. Trial resulted in hung jury, December 19, 2001.
- 1998-99 Court-Appointed Special Counsel for defendant John Cuff, in *U.S. v. Heatly, et al.* 37 F.Supp.2d 279 (S.D.N.Y. 1999). Prepared motions in a case raising novel statistical issues.
- 1995-96 Co-counsel for defendant in *People v. Marshall* (Superior Court of Los Angeles County, No. BA 069796)(Rape charges against defendant Sammy Marshall were dismissed after defense investigation uncovered error in lab's interpretation of autoradiograms).
- 1994-95 Co-counsel for O.J. Simpson in his criminal trial in Los Angeles. Responsible for law and motion work related to expert testimony on DNA evidence, including hearings on admissibility of mixture statistics, likelihood ratios and character attacks on experts. Second chair (to Barry Scheck and Peter Neufeld) during cross-examination of prosecution DNA experts and direct examination of defense DNA experts.
- 1989-94 Co-counsel for defendant in first New Mexico case involving forensic DNA evidence, *State v. Anderson*, 853 P.2d 135 (N.M.App. 1993)(FBI's statistical methods fail to meet Frye standard), rev'd under a different standard (Daubert), N.M. Sup.Ct. No. 21,069, Aug. 25, 1994. Served as lead counsel during 11-day pre-trial evidentiary hearing, prepared appellate briefs for New Mexico Court of Appeals and Supreme Court, argued case before New Mexico Supreme Court.
- 1991 Filed *Amicus* (Letter) Brief with California Supreme Court, arguing against review or depublication of *People v. Barney*, 8 Cal.App 4th 798 (1992).
- 1990 Co-counsel for defendant during pre-trial hearing on admissibility of forensic DNA evidence in *People v. Halik* (Superior Court of Los Angeles County, No. VA 000843, 1991), first case in California in which a defendant successfully challenged admissibility of RFLP analysis.

COURTROOM TESTIMONY AS AN EXPERT WITNESS

I have qualified as an expert and presented testimony on the following topics:

Social science methodology. Superior Court, San Diego County, California (Evidentiary hearing on a motion for severance of co-defendants in a capital trial), 1987; U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, 2000 (Testimony regarding statistical analyses in toxic waste case).

Jury selection procedures and social science research. District Court, Bernalillo County, Albuquerque, New Mexico, (Evidentiary hearing on a motion challenging jury selection procedures in a capital trial), 1988.

Survey research on scientific opinions. State court proceedings in Indiana, Texas,

Minnesota, Arizona, Washington, Delaware and California, (Evidentiary hearings on admissibility of DNA tests under the Frye standard). 1988-89.

Forensic DNA testing, statistical interpretation of DNA test results. Federal District Court, Waco Texas (Hearing on inmate David Hicks' motion to reanalyze DNA evidence in a capital case), 1998. Los Angeles County Superior Court (testimony before jury in People v. Dixon), 1998. Coronial Court, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia (expert testimony concerning potential for laboratory errors and coincidental match probabilities in Coroner's Inquest into Death of Jaidyn Leskie), February 2004. Federal District Court, Amarillo, Texas (federal habeas hearing in Skinner v. Watkins on ineffective assistance of counsel), Nov. 2005; Orange County Superior Court (testimony before jury in People v. Melton), May 2014.

Scientific misconduct in crime laboratories. Presented invited testimony to two grand juries in Harris County (Houston) Texas concerning my observations and analysis of DNA testing errors in the Houston Police Department Crime Laboratory. June 2003.

PRESENTATIONS TO GOVERNMENTAL BODIES

National Commission on Forensic Science

--Results of a Survey of ASCLD Members (March 22, 2016).

--Invited presentation on contextual bias (August 27, 2014).

California Commission on the Fair Administration of Justice

--Invited testimony concerning role of forensic science in wrongful convictions (January 10, 2007)

California State Senate Committee on Public Safety

--Invited testimony concerning proposed legislation expanding DNA data banks (October, 1997).

California State Senate Select Committee on Genetics and Public Policy,

--Invited testimony concerning the status of forensic DNA evidence in criminal trials (May 1996).

California Judicial Council.

--Invited testimony concerning proposed legislation limiting attorney voir dire in criminal cases (November 1987).

ADVISORY BOARDS AND PANELS

Chair, Human Factors Committee, and member of Forensic Science Standards Board, Organization of Scientific Area Committees (OSAC), National Advisory Committee on Human Factors in Forensic Science sponsored by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and the U.S. Department of Justice. 2014-present.

Human Factors Subcommittee of the National Commission on Forensic Science.

Scientific Working Group for Forensic and Investigatory Speaker Recognition (SWG-Speaker). Advisory member of group sponsored jointly by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). 2013-present.

California Crime Laboratory Review Task Force. Appointed by California Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez. 2007-10.

American Bar Association Task Force on Biological Evidence. Member of Task Force that drafted the standards on DNA evidence that were adopted by the ABA in 2007. 2003-2006.

American Bar Association Standards Committee Study Group on DNA Evidence, Reporter for this group that examined evidentiary and procedural issues surrounding DNA evidence and the need for standards. 2000-2001.

National Forensic DNA Review Panel. Appointed as representative of the American Bar Association to this Panel charged with making recommendations to Congress regarding proficiency testing of forensic DNA laboratories. 1997-2001