



WEBINAR

Taking the Fear Out of Forensics:

Techniques for Commanding Cross & Dazzling Direct Examinations

- a. **Date:** Monday, December 13, 2021 at 1:00-2:15 pm EST.
- b. **Duration:** 75 minutes
- c. **CLE:** 75 minutes general credit
- d. **Title:** Taking the Fear Out of Forensics: Techniques for Commanding Cross Examination and Dazzling Direct Examination

e. **Description:**

Government forensic experts in criminal cases are full of ideas and opinions that pass for “science” in the courtroom. This session will explain the foundations of effective cross-examinations and reveal some of the prevailing myths and assumptions around GPS, ballistics, DNA and fingerprint evidence that can be undercut through cross-examination.

Ms. Tvedt will teach the guiding principles for utilizing an expert: “Expert i.C.P.R.”. These four principles will help you effectively select, prep, and examine experts for litigation. You will also learn techniques to create theme-based cross-examinations and story-rich direct examinations. After this presentation, you will feel confident and excited to tackle the forensic issues in your case.

f. **Materials:** Written handout materials will be provided to participants.

g. **Presenter:**

COLETTE TVEDT is a nationally known trial attorney and lecturer who has been practicing criminal defense for over 20 years. She has tried hundreds of cases in front of judges and juries in both Massachusetts and Washington in state and federal court. A graduate of the Reid School of Interrogation, Colette is a recognized expert in police interrogation techniques and has significant expertise in eyewitness identification. Colette represents a broad range of clients facing investigation or prosecution for white collar crimes, violent crimes, property crimes, drug crimes, and serious felonies and misdemeanors. After obtaining her J.D. from Rutgers University School of Law in 1989, Colette served as a public defender in Boston (MA) before becoming a Clinical Professor of Law at Suffolk University. She moved to Seattle in 2006, where she worked as a felony trial attorney at The Defender Association (TDA) before joining Schroeter, Goldmark & Bender in 2007. Colette is a frequent lecturer and moderator at local and national training programs and has been invited to speak in over twenty states. Colette is also a respected teacher of trial advocacy, most recently teaching at the University of Washington School of Law. She is a faculty member of the National Criminal Defense College and a past participant in the Oxford University Roundtable on International Criminal Justice.

