

Expert Witness Preparation

2-Day Intensive for Forensic Examiners & Attorneys

Duration	Price per Seat	Certification	Prerequisites
2 Days (16 hrs)	\$1,200 / seat	Certificate of Completion	Active forensic examiner or legal practice

Course Overview

Taught by an examiner with a 100% expert witness qualification rate across 200+ federal and state court cases, this course closes the gap between technical competence and courtroom effectiveness. Forensic examiners learn how to present findings clearly and withstand cross-examination. Attorneys learn how to qualify, prepare, and effectively use digital forensics experts. Both sides leave understanding each other.

Learning Objectives

- Understand Federal Rules of Evidence 702, 703, and 705 governing expert testimony
- Satisfy Daubert and Kumho Tire qualification standards in federal court
- Structure a forensic report that survives discovery and motion in limine challenges
- Deliver clear, credible direct testimony that educates rather than confuses juries
- Defend methodology and conclusions under aggressive cross-examination
- Recognize and respond to common attack vectors on forensic testimony
- For attorneys: how to depose opposing experts and challenge Daubert qualification

Daily Schedule

Day / Module	Topics Covered
Day 1 Legal Framework & Report Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal Rules of Evidence: expert testimony requirements • Daubert standard: reliability, peer review, error rate, general acceptance • State vs. federal court differences in expert qualification • Forensic report anatomy: case facts, methodology, findings, conclusions • Common report writing errors that create vulnerability on cross • Chain of custody documentation for courtroom use • Discovery obligations and report disclosure timing
Day 2 Testimony Skills & Moot Court	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualifying as an expert: curriculum vitae preparation and presentation • Direct examination: structuring testimony for lay audiences • Visual aids: exhibits, timelines, and demonstrative evidence • Cross-examination survival: staying within your expertise, admitting uncertainty • Common cross-examination attacks on digital forensics testimony • Full moot court simulation — direct, cross, and re-direct • Debrief, individual feedback, and certificate presentation

Real Case Studies

- Child exploitation investigations: explaining hash matching and P2P evidence
- Financial fraud: parsing browser history and cloud storage as evidence
- Homicide cases: cellular geolocation and metadata timeline construction
- Corporate theft: establishing user attribution through Windows artifacts

Who Should Attend

- Digital forensic examiners preparing to testify for the first time
- Experienced examiners who want to sharpen courtroom effectiveness
- Prosecutors managing digital evidence cases
- Defense attorneys challenging forensic expert testimony
- Civil litigators handling eDiscovery and digital evidence

Logistics

- Format: Virtual (Zoom) or In-Person — in-person strongly recommended for moot court
- Group rate: \$950/seat for 8+ participants
- Government PO and net-30 invoicing accepted
- CPE credits: 16 hours | CLE credit: contact for jurisdiction-specific approval