

DNA CONSULTATION

STEVEN K. JACOBSON

November 2019

**Partner/Consultant
Forensic Defense Strategies LLP**

**Attorney-At-Law
Rafik and Jacobson, LLC**

**1881 9th St., Suite 315
Boulder, CO 80302
303-444-9292
(fax) 303-447-0200
Bar # 8031**

EDUCATION

National College of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Houston, TX – Trial Practice Certificate II, 1978

University of Denver School of Law, Denver, CO – Juris Doctor, 1974 to 1976

University of Denver Graduate School, Denver, CO – Completed Coursework for M.A. in Speech Communications, 1974 to 1976

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL – B.S. - Major: Speech Communications; Minor: Political Science, 1970 to 1973

DNA RELATED EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Partner/Consultant - Forensic Defense Strategies LLP (FDS). 2009 to present. FDS provides public defender offices and individual criminal defense attorneys the ability to mount systemic responses to forensic science evidence in their respective jurisdictions. FDS has ongoing contracts with public defenders agencies in various locations nationally to review all cases involving DNA evidence. FDS has provided its services to such agencies in Florida, Georgia, New York, Kentucky, Connecticut, Missouri, Colorado, Louisiana, Texas, Hawaii, Washington D.C., and Saipan.

Forensic Specialist (part time contract), Colorado State Public Defender, 2006 present – Responsible for reviewing all Public Defender cases involving DNA

evidence, conducting a forensic review of the DNA lab file and electronic data identifying any issues on which defense expert testimony may be advisable and assisting trial counsel in formulating a response to case specific DNA evidence.

Consulting Expert on DNA Issues for Colorado Alternate Defense Counsel, Federal CJA Panel and Federal Public Defender - 2006 to present

EXPERT TESTIMONY

Have provided affidavits and been qualified as an expert relating to defense DNA and serology testing in Denver, Garfield and Morgan Counties (Colorado) and in a Military Board of Inquiry Proceedings.

COUNSEL IN DNA CASES OF NOTE

People v. Michael Shreck (Nationally Noted Trial and Colorado Supreme Court Decisions on the Admissibility of STR DNA Evidence)

People v. John Mark Karr (Investigation Relating to the Death of JonBenet Ramsey)

FORENSIC TRAINING

Multi-day STRmix Training - 2019

Multi-day Genemapper/GeneScan/Genotyper (DNA software) Training Sessions - 2002 and 2008

Science In The Courtroom For The 21st Century: Trial Issues In Forensic DNA, Chicago, IL – 2001, 2002, 2005, 2008

ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS

“My Case has DNA. Now what? When you need an expert, what to give them and how they can help,” Lecture, FPD, CJA and ADC Training Conference, Making the Most of Expert Witnesses, Denver, CO, May 11 and 12, 2017.

Colorado State Public Defender State-wide DNA training. Multiple lectures: “Discovery – What is in a Lab File?”, “It’s Greek to Me”, “Understanding Those Pesky Graphs in DNA Cases”, presented in four different locations, 2016.

“Melting a DNA “Cold Hit: From Investigative Lead To a Winning Defense Case,” and “You’re So Wrapped Up In Layers, Onion Boy - An Ogre’s Approach to a DNA Case,” Lecture, Training Conference, Wyoming Criminal Defense Bar, Estes Park, CO, Nov. 14, 2014.

“Melting a DNA “Cold Hit: From Investigative Lead To a Winning Defense Case,” and "You're So Wrapped Up In Layers, Onion Boy - An Ogre's Approach to a DNA Case,” Lecture, Summer Training Conference, 9th Cir. Public Defender, Orlando, FL, July 21, 2014

“Comparatively Weak: The NAS Assessment of ‘Comparology’ Forensics,” Lecture, Colorado State Public Defender Annual Conference, 2012

“The Rest of the Iceberg – The Critical Information Missing From Lab Reports,” Lecture, Colorado State Public Defender Annual Conference, 2012

“SWOT’ing DNA Evidence,” Lecture, NACDL 10th Annual State Criminal Justice Network Conference, Denver, CO, August 4-5, 2011

"You're So Wrapped Up In Layers, Onion Boy" - An Ogre's Approach to a DNA Case,” Lecture, Missouri Public Defender Conference, Branson, MO, April 28, 2011

“New Horizons in Forensics - Part 2: DNA – Case Law and Litigation Strategy,” Lecture, National Legal Aid and Defender Association, 2011 Life in the Balance, Orlando, FL, March 5-8, 2011

“One Thing Colorado is Liberal About – The Admission of Scientific Evidence under *People v Shreck*,” Evidence for the Civil & Criminal Practitioner and Special Evidentiary Issues in Criminal Law, Lecture and Article, Colorado Bar Association, 2009.

“Lessons Learned from Litigated DNA Cases”, Lecture, The Science of DNA Profiling: A National Expert Forum, Las Vegas, NV, October 10-11, 2009.

"You're So Wrapped Up In Layers, Onion Boy" [Shrek (the movie), not *Shreck* (the Case)] – An Ogre's Approach to a DNA Case”, Lecture, Colorado State Public Defender Annual Conference, 2006

“Decreasing Needless Anxiety – How to Deal with Your First DNA Case”, Lecture, Colorado State Public Defender Annual Conference, 2005

“Raising The Temperature In DNA Cases – Dealing With Cold Hits, Cold Cases And Warmed-Over Motions”, Lecture and Article, Colorado State Public Defender Annual Conference, 2004

“Pretrial Issues in Cases Involving DNA Evidence”, Article, The Colorado Lawyer, June 2001

“A Kiss Response to DNA”, Lecture and Article, Science in the Courtroom for the 21st Century: Trial Issues in Forensic DNA, Chicago Public Defender’s Office, May 2001

“How to Mutate In Response To A DNA Case”, Lecture and Article, Colorado Criminal Defense Bar, March 2001

“Responding to DNA Evidence at Trial”, Lecture and Article, Colorado State Public Defender Annual Conference, 2000

“Serology Evidence”, Lecture and Article, Colorado State Public Defender Annual Conference, 1999

“How to Read a CBI or Other Lab Report”, Article, Colorado State Public Defender Annual Conference, 1996

“From Bloodhounds to Blood Baths: Reassessing the Admissibility of Pseudo-Scientific Evidence”, Lecture and Article, Colorado State Public Defender Annual Conference, 1995

“Serology Evidence and Cross-Examination”, Colorado State Public Defender Annual Conference, 1986