



RON SMITH AND ASSOCIATES, INC.

EXPERT WITNESS TESTIMONY TECHNIQUES FOR LABORATORY ANALYSTS

Seattle, WA | September 9-10, 2014



Instructor:
Ron Smith, CLPE

Course Length:

2 Days

Training Hours

16 Hours

Tuition Cost:

\$300.00

CLASS CONTACT

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CLASS LOCATION

Criminal Justice Training Center
Cascade Building, Room C-101
19010 First Avenue SO.
Burien, WA 98148
Class Times: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

RECOMMENDED LODGING INFORMATION

Although we cannot endorse any particular hotel property, we have confirmed that the following lodging choices are within a very reasonable commuting distance to the training site.

Hampton Inn Seattle Airport 19445 International Blvd. Seattle, WA 98188 206-878-1700	Holiday Inn Express 19621 International Blvd Seattle WA 98188 206-824-3200
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TARGET AUDIENCE

If you are an analyst, examiner or scientist working in a crime laboratory or a local agency forensic unit you will have to give testimony about the evidence you have examined or analyzed. Testifying with confidence to your findings in court is a skill that requires preparation and training before you enter the courtroom. This course focuses on techniques that will prepare you to communicate effectively in court, before a jury while reducing your stress at the same time. Courtroom Testimony Techniques for Laboratory Analysts is applicable to all forensic disciplines found in a forensic laboratory.

SPECIAL NOTES FOR STUDENTS

Dress is business casual.

Class location map and driving directions are provided on the next page.



This course is already approved for IAI Certification and recertification purposes

RS&A recommends taking our classes in order of our Sequential Training Curriculum when possible.

TO SEE THE COURSES IN THE LATENT PRINT SEQUENTIAL TRAINING CURRICULUM CLICK HERE

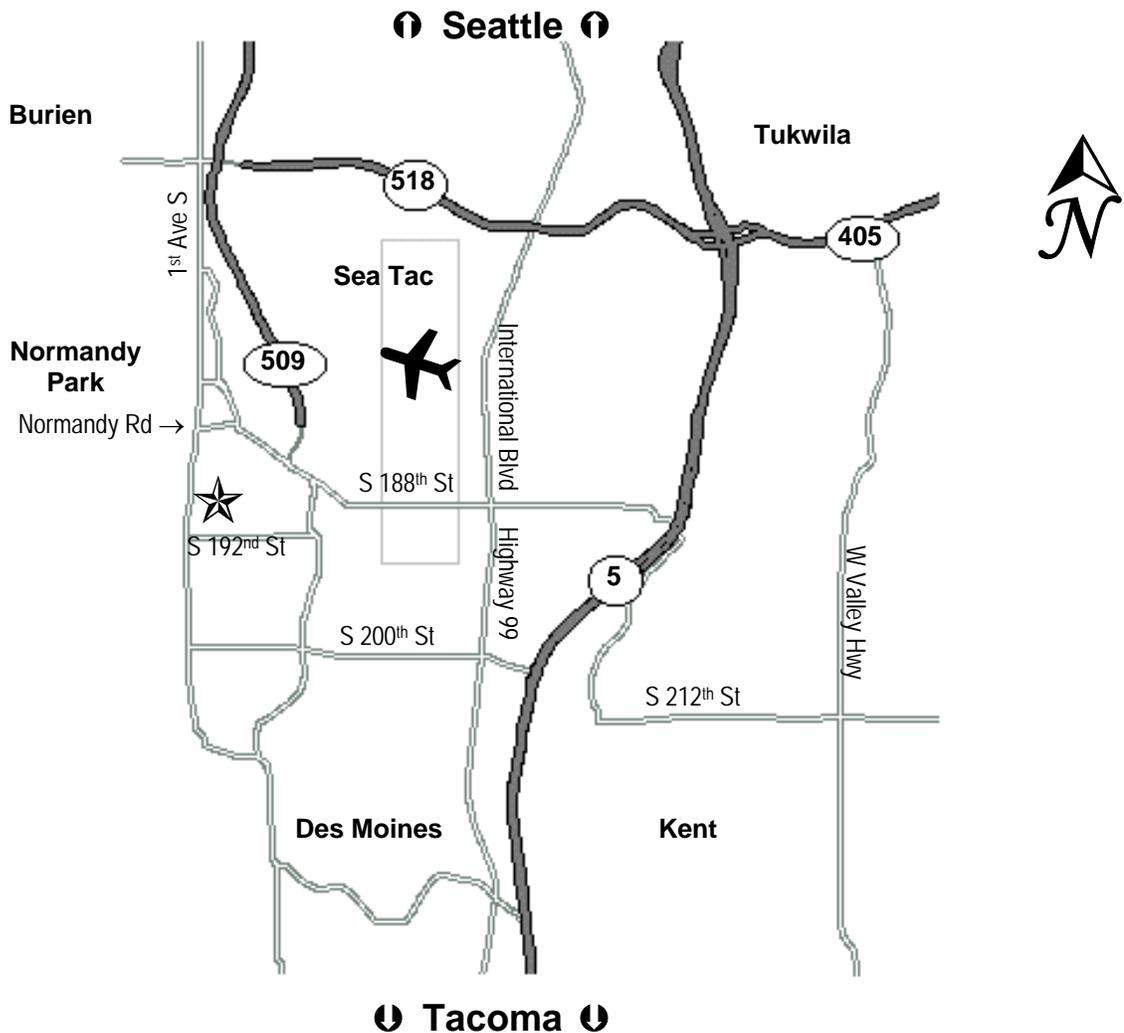
COURSE BROCHURE FOR THIS CLASS IS BELOW

LOOK

Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission

19010 1st Ave S, Burien

(206) 835-7300



DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

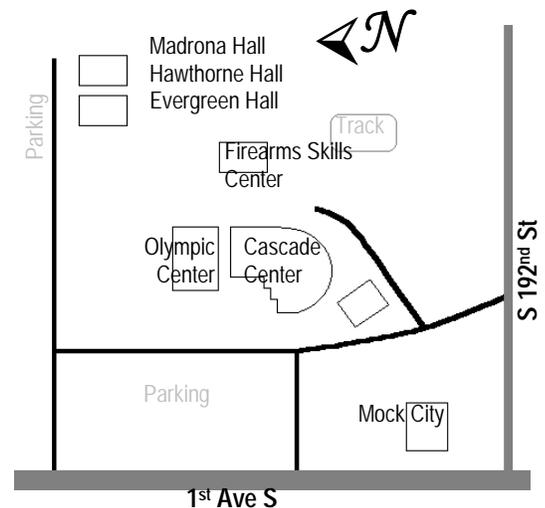
From southbound I-5: (From Seattle)

Take Exit 154 (Burien/Seatac Airport); Follow highway 518 west to 1st Avenue (the highway ends); Turn left (south) on 1st Avenue; Continue south to 192nd St.; Turn left (east) onto 192nd and turn left into the first driveway.

From northbound I-5: (From Tacoma)

Take Exit 151 (S 200th St.); Follow 200th west to 1st Avenue (200th ends there) and turn right (north); Turn right on 192nd St. and turn left into the first driveway.

Site Overview





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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Contrary to the public's perception, the majority of crime laboratories and forensic units do not have a formal and comprehensive expert witness testimony training program. This leaves the newly trained forensic scientist in the precarious position of learning to testify by attending the "School of Hard Knocks". Compound this lack of standardized training with the challenges to the forensic sciences since the "Daubert" decision and the recent National Academy of Sciences report, the courtroom environment becomes a potential mine field for the unprepared expert witness.

This two (2) day interactive course will focus on one basic premise, and that is: Jurors do not vote on the truth! They can only vote on their perception of the truth as they see it that day in court. It certainly is not our job as expert witnesses to convict, but it is incumbent upon us to testify in a manner which is believable and understandable, regardless of the verdict.

It is up to you, as an unbiased forensic expert witness, to instill within them what is termed "forensic trust". Trust of the forensic discipline you practice and trust in you as the practitioner. This course is designed to teach the student the methodology necessary to foster that level of trust, regardless of the challenges presented by legal counsel. It is a fun, interactive and highly energetic opportunity to significantly improve your testimony skills. Those faint of heart need not attend!

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SHOULD BE ABLE TO PERFORM

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MUST BRING TO CLASS

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DAILY SCHEDULE

PRE-REQUISITES

RECOMMENDED READING

WHAT'S NEXT

HOST A CLASS

I.A.I. APPROVED TRAINING HOURS

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