

**Workshop #2: More Likely Than Not: Navigating Civil Cases in Forensic Toxicology**

**Date: Monday October 28, 2024**

**Time: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Rate:**

<b>MEMBER RATES</b>		
Early Bird Registration June 26 – September 11 \$150	Late Registration Begins September 12 \$175	On-site Registration Begins October 10 \$200
<b>NON – MEMBER RATES</b>		
Early Bird Registration June 26 – September 11 \$200	Late Registration Begins September 12 \$225	On-site Registration Begins October 10 \$250

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**Abstract**

This workshop is designed to equip forensic toxicologists with skills and knowledge for navigating civil casework. Participants will be introduced to a range of civil casework types, such as wrongful death/injury, workplace incidents, DRAM shop cases, and toxic exposures, providing practical insights through case studies. Attendees will also learn the art of drafting clear and persuasive reports, affidavits, and expert disclosures, essential for legal proceedings. The workshop will cover deposition preparation, including case material review, communication strategies, and ethical considerations. Additionally, the workshop will offer guidance on serving as an expert witness, highlighting the best practices and pitfalls of civil testimony to ensure confident and effective communication in the courtroom.

**Learning Objectives**

1. Attendees will recognize the different case types in forensic toxicology civil casework
2. Attendees will master the art of affidavit and opinion report writing
3. Attending will understand the fundamentals of civil deposition preparation and excel as an expert witness in civil testimony

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## Audience Knowledge Level

Basic - suitable for individuals new to the field, requires little prior knowledge to the subject matter

## Workshop Agenda

Time	Topic	Speaker
8:00-8:30 am	Introduction to Forensic Toxicology Civil Cases (Part I)	Madeleine Swortwood
8:30-9:00 am	Introduction to Forensic Toxicology Civil Cases (Part II: DRAM)	Dwain Fuller
9:00-9:30 am	How to Write an Effective Report, Affidavit, and Expert Disclosure	Chris Heartsill
9:30-10:00 am	Deposition Preparation 101	Robert Johnson
10:00-10:30 am	BREAK	
10:30-11:30 am	Expert Witness Testimony – Do's and Don'ts for Civil Cases	Curt Harper + Debbie Champion
11:30-12:00 pm	Panel Q & A	All speakers