

Forensic Dentistry and The Law

A general overview of the aspects of forensic dentistry will be presented, including educational requirements, organization structure, and dental identifications for individuals and mass disasters. The presentation will also cover the recognition, preservation, and analysis of bite mark evidence in addition to courtroom presentation, deposition, and malpractice avoidance. Also included will be a special presentation to review the John Wayne Gacy mass murder case (33 victims) and the American Airlines Flight 191 crash in Chicago (274 victims); both occurred 30 years ago.

The participant will be able to:

- Identify educational requirements and organizational structure
- Recognize dental identification of individuals and mass disaster organization
- Understand recognition, preservation, analysis, and courtroom presentation of bitemark evidence
- Understand the basics of malpractice avoidance, deposition preparation, and professionalism in court

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