



**Inaugural Conference November 16-17, 2023**  
**Barbara Jordan Conference Center**  
**Austin, Texas**  
**CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

**Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 to 9:45: Opening Plenary Session

- Welcome to Texas — Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Barbara Hervey
- Why are we here and what do we hope to accomplish over the next two days? — Michael Coble and Lynn Garcia, Texas Forensic Science Commission
- Collaboration Across States: Judge Kent Cattani and Judge Ron Reinstein (Retired) – Arizona Forensic Laboratory Advisory Committee

9:45 – 10:00: Break

10:00 – 11:00: The Development and Implementation of the Statutory Regulation of Forensic Science in England and Wales – Gary Pugh OBE, UK Forensic Science Regulator

11:00 – 12:00: Forensic Science Improvement in the United States – John Morgan

12:00 – 1:00: Lunch

1:00 – 2:15: Forensic Science Boards in Practice

Moderator: Marna McLendon

- Building Forensic Science Accountability Together – Sarah Chu
- New Board – Massachusetts – Kerry Collins and Lisa Kavanaugh
- Advisory Boards—Arizona, North Carolina – Judge Ron Reinstein (Retired), Judge Kent Cattani, and Kermit Channell

2:15 – 3:30: Discussions

- Pros and Cons of FSB Models (Dan Katz, Maryland, moderator)
- What Do Crime Labs Have to Gain? (Stephen Butler, Arizona; Peter Stout, Texas, moderators)

3:30 – 3:45: Break

3:45 – 5:15: How Does a Commission Evolve?

Moderator: Kermit Channell

- Establishment and Evolution of Self-disclosure, OSAC Implementation, Code of Professional Responsibility, and Forensic Licensing Programs – Lynn Garcia and Leigh Tomlin —Texas
- Establishment and Evolution of Report Standards — Jill Dooley, New York

6:30: Optional Conference Dinner (Guero's Taco Bar)

**Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 – 10:00: Lessons Learned

Moderator: John Morgan

- “Not Success Stories” — Dan Katz, Maryland
- Washington DC — Amanda Sozer, SNA International
- Boards in Practice – Wisconsin, Katie Hoffmeyer; Massachusetts, Lisa Kavanaugh

10:00 – 10:15: Break

10:15 – 11:30: Discussions

- Identifying Stakeholders and Working Together (Marna McLendon, Arizona, moderator)
- How Can Boards and Commissions Help Each Other? (Lynn Garcia, Texas, moderator)
- Small State Boards (Kermit Channell, moderator)

11:30 – 12:00: Break & Networking

12:00 – 12:45: Guiding New Boards and Commissions

Moderator: Kerry Collins

- Establishing A New Commission – Illinois — Robin Woolery
- The Michigan Commission We Needed – John Collins

12:45 – 1:00: Break

1:00 – 2:00: Working Lunch

- The Australian Model — Linzi Wilson-Wilde, Chief Executive Officer, Forensic Science Queensland, Queensland, Australia

2:00 – 2:15: Future of the NAFSB — John Morgan