Putting Science in Forensic Science

Symposium of the Center for Integrity in Forensic Sciences (CIFS) and the Center on Wrongful Convictions (CWC)
Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law
375 E. Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
June 21, 2019

9:00  Welcome: Dean Strang, Jerry Buting, & Keith Findley, Co-founders, the Center for Integrity in Forensic Sciences; Steven Drizin & Laura Nirider, the Center on Wrongful Convictions

9:15  A Broken System: How Did We Get Where We Are Today?
Barry Scheck & Peter Neufeld, Co-founders, the Innocence Project

9:45  After the NAS Report, the National Commission on Forensic Science, and PCAST, Where Do We Go from Here? Part 1
William Thompson, Professor Emeritus, University of California, Irvine; Jennifer Mnookin, Dean and David G. Price and Dallas P. Price Professor of Law, UCLA School of Law; Peter Neufeld, Co-founder, Innocence Project, and Former Member, National Commission on Forensic Science; Dean Strang & Jerry Buting, attorneys and co-founders of the Center for Integrity in Forensic Sciences (CIFS)

10:45  BREAK

11:00  After the NAS Report, the National Commission on Forensic Science, and PCAST, Where Do We Go from Here? Part 2
William Thompson, Professor Emeritus, University of California, Irvine; Jennifer Mnookin, Dean and David G. Price and Dallas P. Price Professor of Law, UCLA School of Law; Peter Neufeld, Co-founder, Innocence Project, and Former Member, National Commission on Forensic Science; Dean Strang & Jerry Buting, attorneys and co-founders of the Center for Integrity in Forensic Sciences (CIFS)

12:00  The Need For Reform
James Falvey, General Counsel & Chief Regulatory Officer at EMX

1:15  **Problems with Pattern-Matching Disciplines: Firearms and Toolmarks**  
*Jennifer Friedman, Assistant Special Circumstances Coordinator and Forensic Science Coordinator for the Los Angeles County Public Defender’s Office; William Thompson, Professor Emeritus, University of California, Irvine*

2:15  **Problems with Medical Diagnosis of Crime: Shaken Baby Syndrome/Abusive Head Trauma and its Intersection with Confession Evidence**  
*Katherine Judson, Executive Director of the Center for Integrity in Forensic Sciences and National SBS/AHT Litigation Coordinator; Keith Findley, Associate Professor of Law, University of Wisconsin Law School, and co-founder of the Center for Integrity in Forensic Sciences (CIFS); David Thompson, CFI, Vice President of Operations and Director of Research and Innovation, Wicklander-Zulawski & Associates, Inc.*

3:15  **Break**

3:30  **Reimagining the Crime Laboratory: The Houston Example**  
*Amy Castillo and Akilah Mance, the Houston Forensic Science Center (HFSC); Sandra Guerra Thompson, Professor of Law, Houston Law Center and Board member, HFSC*

4:30  **Closing Remarks: Barry Scheck**