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**COURTROOM TESTIMONY:  
A PRACTICAL APPROACH**

By

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**ABOUT YOUR INSTRUCTOR:**

Jeff Goudeau is currently the Crime Scene and Firearms Supervisor for the Louisiana State Police Crime Laboratory. He is a Certified Senior Crime Scene Analyst (IAI) and certified in Firearms Evidence Examination and Identification (AFTE). Jeff has earned a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice and a Bachelor's Degree in Clinical Laboratory Science. He is the past President of the Louisiana Association of Forensic Science (LAFS). Jeff is a Distinguished Member of the Association of Firearm and Toolmark Examiners (AFTE), serves on the Ethics Committee and was the Chairman for the 2016 training seminar. He is a member of the Association of Crime Scene Reconstruction (ACSR) and the International Association of Bloodstain Pattern Analysis (IABPA). He is currently an instructor for the National Firearms Examiner Academy and a former professor at Baton Rouge Community College and Our Lady of Lake College. Jeff has also been an instructor for numerous crime scene courses over the span of his career. He is a routine guest speaker for several colleges and professional organizations. Jeff has published papers in Firearms Examination and Shooting Reconstruction. Jeff also serves as the Region 14 representative for the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network. He's been qualified as an expert witness numerous times in various fields including Firearms Examination, Crime Scene Investigation, and Shooting Reconstruction.



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**COURSE DATES: FEBRUARY 19 – 21, 2019  
8:00 AM- 5:00 PM**

**LOCATION: GUS GEORGE LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY  
1521 EUGENE HEIMANN CIRCLE  
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## **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This three-day course is designed for crime scene investigators, detectives, crime laboratory analysts and others in the field of forensic science that are routinely called to testify in court. This class will be interactive and challenge students to think of possible mind provoking court scenarios. Methods of how to make a positive first impression will be presented along with how to overcome any anxieties the student may have about presenting in court. Preliminary information such as a proper pretrial checklist will be presented as well as a discussion on how to handle adversity from attorneys both during direct and cross examination that will help better prepare the individual on how to handle these potentially difficult situations. Both verbal and non-verbal communication techniques will be reviewed and depending on the audience a discussion on how to present technical information to a lay audience may be discussed. The Frye and Daubert standards for expert testimony will also be covered as well as a list of difficult questions encountered in court along with possible answers. The third day will be very interactive and the students will be placed in groups and asked to testify in a moot court scenario.

## **COURSE TOPICS:**

- Relating to the jury
- Appearance and demeanor – making a good first impression
- Preparing for trial
- Pretrial checklist and meeting with the attorney
- Frye and Daubert Standards
- Effective communication with juries - verbal and non - verbal
- Court proceedings
- Presentation skills
- Handling court adversity



## **WHAT TO BRING TO CLASS:**

Casual attire is suitable. A laptop is recommended for note taking but not required.

## **WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

This course is designed for those who regularly take the stand in a courtroom and would be a helpful for fingerprint examiners. It is a hands-on course specifically designed for crime scene officers with or without experience. It is taught in a manner in which the crime scene officer can easily understand.