

WITNESS IDENTIFICATION BEST PRACTICES SEMINAR SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Louis M. Dekmar: Louis Dekmar is the Chief of Police of the LaGrange, Georgia Police Department and also serves as the President/Chairperson of the Commission. He is a member of the International Association Chiefs of Police, the past President of the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, a former Council Member for the Georgia Peace Officer's Standards and Training Council, a current member of the Georgia Board of Public Safety and has served as a Federal Monitor for the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar. Chief Dekmar holds a Bachelor's degree in administration of justice from the University of Wyoming and a Master's degree in public administration from Georgia State University. He is also an adjunct professor for several colleges and institutions. The LaGrange Police Department has been CALEA Law Enforcement Accredited since 1999.

Jennifer Dysart: Dr. Jennifer Dysart is a tenured Associate Professor of Psychology at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City. She holds a Ph.D in Social Psychology from Queen's University and has been conducting research on eyewitness identification for 15 years. Her research examines how police identification procedures can lead to the mistaken identification of innocent people and how the implementation of safeguards may reduce these errors. Dr. Dysart has published in peer-reviewed psychology journals and has written several book chapters on eyewitness identification accuracy. She is also a co-author of the book "Eyewitness Testimony: Civil and Criminal, 4th Ed. (LexisNexis) with Dr. Elizabeth Loftus and James Doyle. Over the past six years, Dr. Dysart has spoken about the fallibility of eyewitness identification at over 60 judicial education conferences, public defender programs, police conferences, investigator conferences, and universities and has more recently testified before legislative committees concerning eyewitness identification procedures. Dr. Dysart also testifies as an expert witness on eyewitness memory in both state and federal court.

Bill Brooks: William G. Brooks is the Chief of the Norwood, Massachusetts Police Department. During his 35-year career, he has served as a patrolman, sergeant, detective sergeant and deputy chief. Bill has been a police academy instructor for over twenty-five years and a presenter on eyewitness identification for five years. He is a member of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court's Study Group on Eyewitness Identification and the International Association of

Chiefs of Police Committee on Wrongful Convictions. Chief Brooks holds a masters degree in criminal justice and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

Robert Mumford: Robbie Mumford is a Superior Court Judge in Rockdale County, Georgia. Judge Mumford is a former prosecutor, defense attorney and a long term legislator in the Georgia House of Representatives. He was a member of the House Judiciary Committee that heard testimony on best practices witness identification legislation.

Warren Summers: Warren Summers is the Chief of Police of Norcross, Georgia. Chief Summers is a former Rockdale County Sheriff, a police criminal investigator as well as the Chief Investigator for the Rockdale District Attorney's Office. He is an attorney and served as an Assistant District Attorney in Newton County and is the former law partner of Judge Mumford.

Parks White: Parks White is the District Attorney of the Northern Judicial Circuit. District Attorney White started his career as an Assistant District Attorney under District Attorney Danny Craig in Augusta, GA and went on to serve in the United States Navy as a Judge Advocate General from 2007 through 2011. He returned to Augusta as an Assistant District Attorney until 2012 when he ran unopposed for District Attorney in the Northern Judicial Circuit.

Aimee Maxwell: Aimee Maxwell is the Executive Director of the Georgia Innocence Project and has been for 11 years. She was in private practice as a criminal defense attorney prior to becoming director of GIP and was involved in the nationally recognized model DNA legislation in Georgia.