

# THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE BENCH BOOK EVER PUBLISHED

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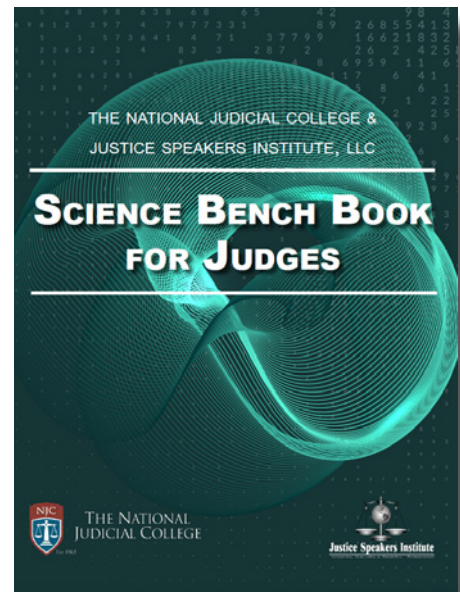
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Judges are tasked with being the “gatekeepers” of scientific evidence in the courtroom. How is a trial judge to do this? The fact is most judges do not come to the bench with an understanding of science; judges may continue to admit so-called scientific testimony even after the scientific community has discredited it.

Judges must be experts in the law and generalists in all other matters. Therefore, they need not become scientists to ensure that the use of scientific evidence and techniques are understood in the court. They must, however, have a general understanding of science and a detailed understanding of their role as evidentiary gatekeepers. The *Science Bench Book for Judges* provides them with the necessary tools to accomplish these tasks.

What are the legal bases that must be considered and how should an expert witness be qualified and evaluated? **These and other relevant questions are answered by the most comprehensive scientific evidence bench book ever published.**

The *Science Bench Book for Judges* has 14 authors ranging from the Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, an Associate Justice of the California Supreme Court, retired Associate Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, Justices of the Courts of Appeals from New York and Arizona, trial judges and practitioners. The Assistant Director of the Hayden Planetarium in New York City and the President of the National Judicial College address “What is Science?” and introduce the bench book.



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## 90% OF THE TIME, ERRONEOUS STATEMENTS ARE MADE ON HAIR ANALYSIS BY FBI AGENTS.

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“Before I started work on the *Science Bench Book for Judges*, I assumed most of forensic scientific evidence was well settled law. I was wrong. Hair analysis that looks so convincing on television turns out to have wrongfully incarcerated numerous people. The FBI said agents’ testimony in criminal cases ‘contained erroneous statements’ 90% of the time according to a 2015 report. The FBI admitted to ‘widespread, systematic error[s]’ in court testimony about hair analysis.”

*Judge Peggy Hora (Ret.), JSI President*

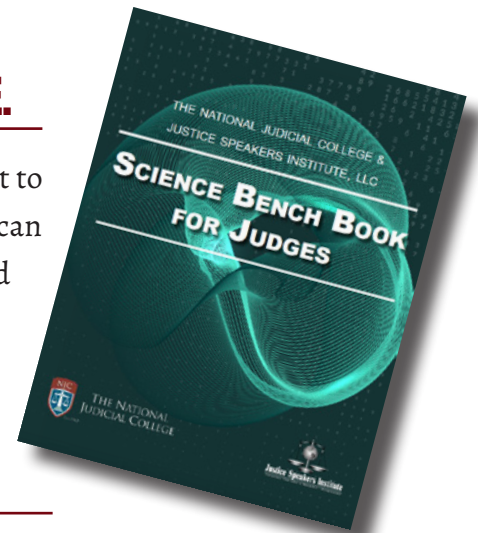
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## ASSISTING JUDGES WITH THE FLOOD OF SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE.

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“Not every judge has either the time or the interest to attend a national training on scientific evidence. How can we better assist the judiciary in dealing with this flood of scientific evidence? Our answer was to develop the *Science Bench Book for Judges*.”

*Judge Brian MacKenzie (Ret.), JSI CFO*



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## NO SCIENTIFIC BASIS THAT BITE MARKS ARE UNIQUE.

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“Almost everything I thought I knew about forensic science turned out to be questionable. Take, for instance, bite marks. Looks good on ‘Forensic Files.’ But, it turns out, bite mark evidence arose from law enforcement, not the scientific community and there is no scientific basis to believe that everyone’s bite marks are unique like fingerprints.”

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