ETHICAL Concerns in the Use of EYEWITNESS IDENTIFICATION Evidence

An ETHICS and EATS Seminar

Wednesday, AUGUST 23

11 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Power Center Ballroom A, Duquesne University

And ONLINE!

It’s not exactly a secret in the criminal justice community that eyewitness identification is a notoriously suspect process. Of the more than 350 wrongful convictions in the U.S. overturned by post-conviction DNA evidence, inaccurate eyewitness IDs contributed to 71%. And yet despite a growing body of research to this effect and the availability of simple measures to reform traditional procedures, eyewitness IDs remain among the most commonly used and persuasive evidence brought against criminal defendants.

For prosecutors and criminal defense attorneys alike, what are the ethical ramifications of building a case based solely or primarily on the testimony of eyewitnesses? What does the science of perception and memory tell us about such evidence, and what can experts reliably demonstrate at trial?

Join us for this mini mock-trial and brownbag lunch CLE seminar, in which criminal defense attorney Michael Machen and Westmoreland Co. Asst. District Attorney Peter Caravello will examine experimental psychologist Dr. Jonathan Vallano, the Honorable Kevin Sasinoski of Allegheny Co. Court of Common Pleas presiding.

This program is approved by the Pennsylvania CLE Board as both an ONSITE and an ONLINE program for two (2) hours of Ethics CLE credit. It is also open to the general public and others both onsite and online.

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