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FORENSIC SCIENCE UNIT TRAINING
CHILD INJURY CASES

via Zoom webinar
1.2 NJ CLE Credits; 1 PA CLE Credit
Wednesday, September 9, 2026
12:30-1:30

AGENDA

Presenter: Katherine H. Judson, Executive Director
Center for Integrity in Forensic Sciences

Topics:

- Understand what discovery to request, how to request it, and how to review it
- Learn how to assess whether an expert is required and how to determine which experts to use
- Understand how to use decision-making processes to assess whether expert testimony should be challenged and how
- Learn some specific strategies for challenging problematic medical evidence.

PRESENTER

Katherine H. Judson, Esq.

Katherine H. Judson is the Executive Director of the Center for Integrity in Forensic Sciences. She previously served as the SBS/AHT Litigation Coordinator for the Wisconsin Innocence Project, where she coordinated strategic litigation efforts in science-dependent cases, trained lawyers, consulted on medically complex cases, taught law students, and engaged in direct representation of clients wrongfully convicted of child abuse and homicide. Earlier in her career, she served as the Innocence Network Shaken Baby Syndrome Litigation Fellow and as a trial attorney with the New Mexico Public Defender Department, where she represented clients facing felony charges, including capital crimes, and specialized in cases involving complicated forensic evidence. Her background in science—prior to law school—includes a bachelor's degree in Zoology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and work as a research assistant in a pathology laboratory at the University. She has spoken before the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, the Innocence Network, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and other law schools and professional organizations on topics related to forensic science.