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When Jury Selection Matters Most: OLS Trains in Capital Voir Dire

This month, the One Logic Source team participated in advanced capital voir dire training, continuing our commitment to providing high-level support in death-penalty and other high-stakes criminal cases.

Capital voir dire is one of the most critical phases of trial preparation. Jury selection in these cases requires far more than standard questioning; it demands a deep understanding of juror attitudes toward punishment, authority, mitigation, and moral decision-making. The training focused on identifying and evaluating both explicit and implicit biases, as well as recognizing how jurors' beliefs may evolve between the guilt and penalty phases of trial.

Throughout the training, our team worked through real-world capital case scenarios, advanced juror profiling techniques, and strategic questioning methods designed to uncover juror perspectives that are

often difficult to surface in traditional voir dire. Emphasis was placed on assisting defense teams in identifying jurors who can meaningfully consider mitigation evidence and follow the law throughout every phase of a capital trial.

At OLS, continuing education is not optional; it is a core part of how we serve our clients. By participating in specialized training like capital voir dire, we ensure that our investigative and juror research services remain informed, intentional, and trial-ready. This training directly strengthens our ability to support criminal defense attorneys with juror research, voir dire strategy, and courtroom preparation when the stakes are at their highest.

As laws, social attitudes, and juror perspectives continue to evolve, staying current is essential. OLS remains committed to investing in advanced training and professional development so that the defense teams we work alongside have access to thoughtful, well-prepared, and reliable support at every stage of trial.



Growing Connections: The OLS Referral Group Continues to Expand

One Logic Source continues to grow its Investigation & Legal Services Referral Group, bringing together trusted professionals who support the legal community across Kentucky and beyond.

The referral group was created to provide attorneys with reliable, vetted contacts across multiple disciplines, from investigations and expert services to financial, mitigation, and litigation support. As the group expands, so

Meet the Expert: Samantha Spencer, Forensic Consultant

One Logic Source is pleased to introduce Samantha (Sam) Spencer, a leading forensic biology and crime scene professional and the co-owner and Forensic Consultant at SEP Forensic Consultants, LLC, based in Memphis, Tennessee.

Since co-founding SEP Forensic Consultants, Sam has focused on providing comprehensive pretrial and trial support, expert witness testimony, and forensic training. Her work is grounded in a career that spans crime laboratory analysis, crime

does the depth of experience and resources available to the attorneys we serve.

Each month, new members join the group, contributing specialized knowledge and strengthening the collaborative network. Meetings are held virtually, allowing professionals from different regions to connect, share insights, and develop meaningful working relationships without geographic limitations.

Growth of the referral group reflects a shared commitment to professionalism, education, and service to the defense community. By fostering these connections, OLS aims to streamline referrals, improve communication among professionals, and ultimately provide attorneys with dependable resources when they need them most.

Now Accepting New Members

The OLS Referral Group is still accepting new members who provide services that support the legal and defense community.

Professionals interested in joining or learning more about the group are encouraged to contact us for additional details. We welcome opportunities to continue building a strong, collaborative network of trusted resources.

scene response, and advanced scientific research.

Sam began her forensic science career in 2009 and has since developed deep expertise in forensic biology and crime scene reconstruction. She previously served as a Special Agent Forensic Scientist II with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) in the Forensic Biology Unit, where she processed more than 1,400 cases for multiple agencies. Her background includes extensive experience with advanced DNA analysis techniques such as Y-STR analysis, Next-Generation Sequencing, and Probabilistic Genotyping. During her time with TBI, she was also a member of the Violent Crime Response Team, assisting with the processing and documentation of complex crime scenes.

In addition to her forensic casework, Sam has contributed to scientific research as a Lead Researcher at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital's Hartwell Center for Biotechnology, supporting over 100 research programs. She also previously worked as a Molecular Diagnostic Technologist at the Greenwood Genetic Center, further strengthening her foundation in molecular biology and laboratory science.

As an independent forensic consultant, Sam has consulted on more than 200 cases and has been qualified as an expert witness over 50 times in areas including forensic biology, crime scene analysis, evidence collection, and DNA interpretation. Her testimony has been accepted in state and federal courts, and she is regularly sought by both prosecution and defense.

Sam holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Erskine College and a Graduate Certificate in Forensic DNA and Serology from the University of Florida. She is actively engaged in advancing the legal and forensic communities through publications on DNA



Trial Season Underway: Preparing for January and February Cases

As the calendar turns to the new year, the One Logic Source team is hard at work preparing for upcoming trials in January and February. Trial preparation is a cornerstone of our services, and our focus remains on providing attorneys with meticulous investigative support, strategic juror research, and trial-ready exhibits that make a difference in the courtroom.

Our preparation includes reviewing case materials, analyzing potential evidence, and coordinating with expert consultants to ensure every detail is addressed. Each case receives personalized attention, with an emphasis on supporting attorneys' strategies and enhancing courtroom presentation.

January and February are shaping up to be busy months, and OLS is committed to being proactive, thorough, and ready for whatever challenges arise. By investing in careful planning and early preparation, we aim to provide attorneys with the confidence and insight needed to navigate complex cases successfully.

Whether assisting with jury research, trial exhibits, or investigative support, OLS continues to stand as a trusted partner for defense teams, ensuring that every case is

testing and cross-examination, as well as frequent presentations at legal seminars.

Outside of her professional work, Sam is a devoted wife and mother of two boys and enjoys coaching a competitive U11 girls' soccer team.

For more information or to connect with Sam, she can be reached at sam@sepforensic.com or **901-881-0062**.

approached with precision, professionalism, and dedication.



Reflecting on the Season: Christmas, the New Year, and the Work Ahead

As we look back on the Christmas season, we are reminded of the birth of Christ and the values His life represents: truth, humility, service, and compassion. This past season offered a meaningful opportunity to pause, reflect, and give thanks for the blessings in our personal lives and professional work.

Now, as we step into the New Year, we carry those lessons forward. At One Logic Source, our commitment remains to serve the legal community with integrity, diligence, and care for the people behind every case. The New Year is a time to set intentions, embrace growth, and strengthen the relationships that allow us to provide attorneys with reliable investigative support, strategic insight, and steadfast professionalism.

We are grateful for the trust placed in us throughout the past year and look ahead with optimism, grounded in faith and purpose. From all of us at One Logic Source, we wish you a New Year filled with clarity, peace, and continued success.



Introducing the New OLS Logo: A Symbol of Our Standards

One Logic Source is proud to introduce an alternative logo for our investigative services, and every element of it has meaning. This new mark reflects the values and principles we bring to every case, partnership, and referral.

At OLS, our work is more than just "finding facts." It's about showing up with discipline, clarity, and consistency when the stakes are high. Each symbol in the logo represents a pillar of the standard we strive to uphold every day:

- **The Scales** – Representing justice. We aim to be a counterweight when assumptions threaten to outweigh evidence, restoring balance through careful investigation.
- **The Handshake** – Symbolizing teamwork and collaboration. Our referral group and trusted partners demonstrate that stronger outcomes come from good people working together.
- **The Eye** – Signifying vigilance. Every detail and timeline matters because the "small" things often become the key things in a case.
- **The Compass** – Representing intelligence and direction. We don't

just gather information; we make it actionable, guiding attorneys toward informed decisions.

As we move forward with this new symbol, it serves as a reminder of the standard we hold ourselves to:

"Supposition has nothing to do with the truth."

This logo is more than a design – it's a reflection of the principles, discipline, and purpose that define One Logic Source.