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Big State, Bigger News: OLS Is Now Licensed in Texas!

We're kicking off this month's newsletter with *big* news and even bigger excitement; One Logic Source is now officially licensed in Texas and ready to take on new cases across the Lone Star State!

This move has been months in the making, and for good reason. As our work continues to grow throughout Kentucky and Ohio, we've consistently heard from attorneys handling multi-state cases that Texas needed more reliable, defense-focused investigative support. The demand is there, and now, so are we. Expanding into Texas isn't just about adding another state to the map; it's about bringing the OLS approach to a region where thorough investigative work can make all the difference.

And let's be honest, Texas is known for doing things big: big cases, big jurisdictions, big opportunities. Our team is ready to meet that demand with the same attention to detail, creativity, and commitment to the truth that define every OLS investigation. Whether it's a rural county, a fast-paced metro area, or anywhere in between, we're geared up and ready to help attorneys build stronger, clearer, more compelling defense strategies.

If you know an attorney practicing in Texas or one who frequently handles multi-state cases, please feel free to send them our way. OLS is officially open for business in Texas, and we're ready to hit the ground running.



Welcome to the Team: Meet Our New Investigator, Darius "Ben" Hankins

We're thrilled to share some exciting team news this month; One Logic Source is officially welcoming a new investigator, Darius "Ben" Hankins, beginning in December! As our workload continues to grow across Kentucky, Ohio, and now Texas, expanding our investigative team couldn't come at a better time.

Ben joins OLS with a strong foundation in criminal defense investigation, bringing valuable experience from his previous role as an investigator with the Department of Public Advocacy (DPA) in Frankfort, KY. During his time with the DPA, Ben worked on a wide



Behind Every Bullet: The Science of Firearm Tool Marks

When a firearm is involved in a case, the story doesn't end with the weapon being collected and logged. Hidden in every gun are microscopic signatures; unique patterns that can link a bullet or casing back to a specific firearm. This discipline, known as firearm tool mark analysis, is one of the most widely used forensic techniques in criminal investigations, and it continues to play a major role in courts across the country.

At its core, firearm tool mark evidence examines the tiny impressions, scratches, or striations left behind when a bullet is fired. As a firearm is manufactured, its internal components, like the barrel, firing pin, breech

range of cases, collaborating closely with defense attorneys, clients, and experts. He developed a reputation for being thorough, dependable, curious, and steady under pressure, exactly the qualities that define a great investigator.

His background gives him a deep understanding of the unique challenges defense teams face: limited time, high stakes, complex narratives, and the need to uncover the truth that often hides beneath the surface. Ben is no stranger to digging into case files, conducting witness interviews, analyzing evidence, and piecing together the details that can shift the direction of a case. That experience translates directly into the work we do at OLS every day.

But beyond his technical skill set, what stood out to us most was Ben's mindset. He approaches each case with empathy, integrity, and a genuine desire to help people during some of the most difficult moments of their lives. That aligns perfectly with the OLS mission of providing clarity, support, and investigative excellence to attorneys and clients across the region.

As we continue to expand our services and coverage area, we're confident that Ben will be an incredible asset to our team and to the attorneys we serve. We're excited for you to meet him, work with him, and see the dedication and professionalism he brings to every case.

Please join us in giving a warm welcome to Darius "Ben" Hankins – we're so glad he's joining the OLS family!

face, and extractor develop subtle imperfections. These imperfections act almost like a fingerprint. When a bullet travels down the barrel or a casing impacts the breech face, those surfaces leave behind markings that can be compared under a comparison microscope.

For attorneys, understanding this science is essential. Firearm tool mark evidence can appear in a wide range of cases, from violent crimes to accidental shootings, and it often becomes a major point of contention at trial. While prosecutors may present tool mark conclusions as highly confident, defense teams know that interpretation plays a key role, and that examiner opinions can vary. Courts continue to evaluate the reliability, limitations, and proper communication of this evidence making it even more important for legal teams to dig deeper.

This is where skilled experts come in. Firearm examiners can provide clarity on whether markings are genuinely distinctive, whether an identification is warranted, or if the evidence is too limited for a definitive conclusion. Their insight can help determine whether a firearm produced the recovered bullet or casing or whether the evidence simply isn't strong enough to meet scientific or legal standards.

As firearm-related cases increase and as courts continue to scrutinize forensic disciplines, having the right experts in your corner matters more than ever. Tools may leave marks; but it's the careful analysis behind them that shapes the narrative in the courtroom.



Referral Spotlight: Dr. Sara Schreiber — A Forensic Expert You Want in Your Corner

When cases hinge on the science, having the right expert can make all the difference. This month, our Referral Group Spotlight shines on Dr. Sara Schreiber, an accomplished forensic scientist with more than two decades of experience; now serving as an invaluable resource for attorneys seeking clarity in complex cases.

Dr. Schreiber is currently an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice at Wisconsin Lutheran College, where she joined the faculty in Fall 2023. But her teaching role is only the newest chapter in a career defined by scientific rigor, leadership, and hands-on forensic casework.

Before entering academia, Sara served as the Technical Forensic Director at the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office, overseeing the toxicology laboratory responsible for death investigations across the county. Her work included everything from method validation to drug and alcohol extraction, data analysis, interpretation, report writing, and expert testimony. With more than 23 years of forensic science experience, she brings an



Grateful, Grounded, and Ready for Pie!

As the leaves turn and the smell of pumpkin pie fills the air, the OLS team is taking a moment to reflect on what we're most grateful for this season. And while we don't usually talk about turkeys in our line of work, this year, gratitude feels especially important.

We're thankful for the attorneys, investigators, and partners who trust us to support their cases. Every file we touch is a reminder that the work we do matters, and it wouldn't be possible without the relationships we've built along the way.

We're also thankful for our team here at OLS. From our newest members to our seasoned investigators, each person brings dedication, insight, and a little bit of humor that makes even the most challenging days manageable. Together, we tackle the tough stuff so attorneys can focus on strategy and clients can get the representation they deserve.

And, of course, we're thankful for the little things – strong coffee, reliable case notes, and the moments that make our day-to-day work smoother and more rewarding.

This Thanksgiving, as you gather with family, friends, and maybe a plate of extra stuffing, we hope you also find a moment to

exceptional depth of knowledge to any case she touches.

Her path began at the Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory, analyzing controlled substances before transitioning into forensic toxicology; a field in which she has built national recognition. Her academic credentials include a B.S. in Chemistry, an M.S. in Veterinary Medicine with an emphasis in Forensic Toxicology, and a Ph.D. in Forensic Science-Toxicology and Chemistry. She is also a Diplomate of the American Board of Forensic Toxicology, underscoring her commitment to high standards in the discipline.

Sara is an active contributor to the forensic community, maintaining memberships in leading organizations including SOFT, WCMEA, NAME, MATT, and MAFS. In 2021, she was honored with the Outstanding Scientist Award from the Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists, a recognition of her expertise, professionalism, and impact on the field.

Today, Sara remains deeply involved in forensic science and is enthusiastic about consulting with attorneys who need a trusted, knowledgeable expert. Whether you're navigating toxicology questions, interpreting lab data, or preparing for trial, she is an invaluable resource ready to assist.

If you're seeking a seasoned forensic expert for your next case, don't hesitate to reach out to Dr. Schreiber. You can reach out to her via email: Sjsforensicconsulting@gmail.com.

appreciate the connections, trust, and teamwork that make your work meaningful – just like we do every day.

From all of us at OLS, Happy Thanksgiving! May it be full of gratitude, laughter, and maybe one or two extra slices of pie!