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“Sexual Assault on Campus: From Evidence Collection and Assessment to the Consent Defense”

Investigating and prosecuting cases of sexual assault on campus are so fraught with difficulties that challenges to the integrity of the process are common. Obviously, the quality of evidence collection by campus police and health care professionals dramatically affects the campus judicial process. Because the stakes are high for all, a deeper understanding of how to interpret what happened in non-stranger sexual assaults is critical. This session offers practical guidance on how to move beyond "he said, she said," in the face of often contradictory claims about sexual misconduct.

An assessment tool will be provided to help campus communities evaluate your:

- Knowledge of sexual assault and potential investigative responses
 - Forensic examination
 - Suspected Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault & toxicology
 - Crime lab access
 - Report Writing
 - Interviewing the victim(s), witness(es) and suspect(s)
 - Identifying, properly preserving and storing evidence that may be found in a sexual assault
- Existing training programs
- Mandatory reporting responsibilities
- Interaction between community law enforcement, campus police, rape crisis centers, medical facilities, sexual assault forensic examiner programs and the prosecuting attorneys' office
- Sexual Assault programs available on and off campus
- Sexual Assault Protocols
- Resources