

ABA Criminal Justice Standards on DNA Evidence



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Setting the Standard for Quality DNA Identification

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A new set of Criminal Justice Standards on DNA Evidence was approved by the ABA House of Delegates in August 2006 and appears along with commentary in a publication entitled: *ABA Standards for Criminal Justice: DNA Evidence, 3d ed. © 2007*

In the Scope of these Standards, DNA evidence is biological material from which DNA is or can be extracted. These Standards are applicable to DNA evidence used for genetic identification in criminal cases. A summary of the standards is provided below. These standards should prove invaluable in an attempt to level the playing field within the justice system. A down load link for these standards is available at www.chromosomal-labs.com/forensic/forensics.html

- Standard 1.2 General Principles**
- Standard 2.1 Collecting DNA evidence from a crime scene or other location**
- Standard 2.2 Judicial order for collecting DNA samples from a person**
- Standard 2.4 Collecting DNA samples from Persons in a group by consent**
- Standard 2.5 Manner of collecting and preserving DNA evidence**
- Standard 3.1 Testing laboratories**
- Standard 3.2 Testing and interpretation of DNA evidence**
- Standard 3.3 Laboratory reports**
- Standard 3.4 Consumptive testing**
- Standard 4.1 Disclosure**
- Standard 5.1 Admissibility of DNA evidence**
- Standard 6.1 Post-conviction testing**
- Standard 7.1 Charging Persons by DNA profile**
- Standard 8.1 Authorized and proscribed DNA databases**
- Standard 8.2 Use restrictions and destruction of DNA evidence**
- Standard 8.3 Access to DNA databases**
- Standard 8.4 Expungement**

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