



Dr. J. Keith Pinckard received his MD and PhD degrees from Washington University School of Medicine in Saint Louis, completed a residency in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology at Washington University and Barnes-Jewish Hospital, and completed a fellowship in Forensic Pathology at the Saint Louis University School of Medicine/Office of the Medical Examiner for the City of Saint Louis. He is board certified by the American Board of Pathology in Anatomic, Clinical, and Forensic Pathology. Dr. Pinckard has practiced forensic pathology for over two decades, having served as a Medical Examiner at the Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences in Dallas, Texas, the Deputy Chief Medical Investigator for the State of New Mexico, and has been the Chief Medical Examiner for Travis County, Texas (in Austin) for over ten years.

Dr. Pinckard has been a member of the National Association of Medical Examiners for over two decades and served as its President in 2024. He now serves on the Executive Committee of NAME as the Chair of the Board of Directors. He also serves on several other NAME committees, including Strategic Planning committee. Dr. Pinckard also became a member of the Standards Committee of NAME in 2020 and has served as its Committee Chair since 2021. Dr. Pinckard also serves on the Board of Directors of the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators, with whom he is also board certified, and is an active member of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences.

Dr. Pinckard has been involved in the standards community continuously since 2011, when he joined the Scientific Working Group for Medicolegal Death Investigation (SWGMDI). He was elected to the Executive Committee of SWGMDI in 2013. The Scientific Working Groups transitioned to the Organization of Scientific Area Committees for Forensic Science (OSAC) in 2014, and he joined OSAC at its inception as a member of the inaugural Medicolegal Death Investigation (MDI) Subcommittee. He became the Chair of the OSAC MDI Subcommittee in 2016, where he served until 2020, when he was promoted to Vice Chair of the Medicine Scientific Area Committee to help oversee and assist the Medicolegal Death Investigation, Forensic Anthropology, Forensic Odontology, and Forensic Nursing Subcommittees of OSAC.

He was appointed to the [FSSB](#) in 2025 as the NAME representative.