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Ray is a qualified ISO Auditor, conducting audits in 10 states as an auditor and DNA lead auditor. He has testified as an expert witness over 90 times, published numerous scientific articles, a book chapter, and is a frequent presenter at forensic science workshops and conferences. Ray has served as a peer-reviewer for a number of journals and advisor to several university forensic programs. He has also served as an adjunct professor, teaching criminalistics at Montgomery College, Maryland. Ray holds a Bachelor of Science Honours degree from the University of Regina, Canada, a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Louisiana, a Doctor of Professional Studies in Bioethics, Health Ethics and Policy from Albany Medical College and a Certificate in Genealogical Research from Boston University.

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