



Steuben County Dental Society presents Dr. Randolph L. Mitchell

"Forensic Odontology - Where the Jaw Meets the Law,
Dentistry's Role in the Legal System."

February 24, 2026, Corning Country Club ~ Corning, NY 14830

Registration begins at 5:45 pm, Dinner at 6:00 pm ~ Lecture 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

1.5 CE Credit ~ \$45 Checks payable to Steuben County Dental Society

RSVP by 2/17/26 to Dr. Sarah Franklin by email: sarah.franklin.dmd@gmail.com

This lecture is for dentists, hygienists, and dental assistants.

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Biography

Dr. Randolph Mitchell, a 1977 graduate of SUNY Potsdam, is a seasoned family dentist whose career has uniquely bridged everyday clinical practice and high-stakes forensic investigation. Since 2009, he has served as the forensic odontologist for the Monroe County (NY) Medical Examiner's Office, where he has assisted in nearly 100 identifications through dental and radiographic analysis in cases ranging from fires to homicides, including the nationally covered Craig Rideout murder case featured on *Dateline*. Dr. Mitchell's forensic expertise is rooted in decades of dental practice, beginning with his Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from the University of Pennsylvania and his early work in a Philadelphia clinic, where meticulous record-keeping became a hallmark of his career. After establishing his long-standing practice in Lyons, NY, he also became an educator, lecturing at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine and returning regularly to SUNY Potsdam to share his forensic experience with students.

Course Description

This Course is appropriate for all people who are interested in Forensics. The content is Graphic. The objective of this course is to help the participants understand the role dentistry plays in the legal system. Our legal system requires a scientific identification of the deceased. The Course will focus on dental identification, discussing the Axioms, Principles, and Techniques used in making a positive dental identification of human remains. Case studies will be used to illustrate the techniques in use on several different types of remains. The course will conclude with questions and answers. The importance of keeping accurate dental records and images will be stressed.

Learning Objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- The Basic Process of Dental Identification of Human Remains.
- Remains Conditions that Require Dental Identification.
- The Role of the Dental Professional in Forensic Odontology.

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