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present

The Kennedy Assassination: A Case Study in the Use of Demonstrative and Forensic Evidence



Wednesday, June 17, 1992
The Omni Shoreham Hotel
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PROGRAM

Recent technological innovations in the fields of demonstrative and forensic evidence have opened to lawyers exciting new ways in which to present evidence in the courtroom. These new tools, including the use of techniques such as computer animation, acoustical sound tracking, and neutron activation testing, are persuasive means to better assist trial lawyers in the presentation of factual disputes.

Using the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy as a case study, this program will use state-of-the-art tools of demonstrative and forensic evidence to explore the issue of how many people actually shot at the President. Two distinguished panels will debate this issue using these new technological innovations. Included in this program will be direct and cross-examination of two medical experts who studied the actual autopsy photographs and x-rays from the Kennedy Assassination.

The program will explore such issues as:

- How computer animation can be used as a powerful advocacy tool
- How photographs and film can be analyzed with precision
- How forensic evidence can provide a window to a past event
- How new sciences such as acoustics and neutron activation testing can be used in the courtroom
- How to effectively use models, diagrams, and charts
- How the law of evidence deals with these new sciences and visual aids

FACULTY

Michael Baden, M.D. - Dr. Baden served as Chief of the Forensic Pathology Panel for the House Select Committee on Assassinations. He is the former Chief Medical Examiner of the City of New York. Dr. Baden currently serves as Director of Forensic Sciences for the New York State Police.

William F. Causey - Mr. Causey is an Adjunct Professor of Trial Practice at Georgetown University Law Center. He has lectured extensively on the use of computer animation in the courtroom. A former chair of the Litigation Section of the District of Columbia Bar, Mr. Causey currently is a partner in the law firm of Falk & Causey.

T. Mark Flanagan, Jr. - Mr. Flanagan served as a member of the House Select Committee on Assassinations, concentrating on medical evidence and organized crime. He served as a federal prosecutor in the District of Columbia. Mr. Flanagan currently is a partner in the Washington, D.C. office of McKenna & Cuneo.

Wesley J. Liebeler - Mr. Liebeler is a Professor of Law at UCLA Law School. In 1964, he served as Assistant Counsel to the Warren Commission. Professor Liebeler has written and spoken extensively on the assassination.

Donald A. Purdy, Jr. - Mr. Purdy served as Senior Staff Counsel to the House Select Committee on Assassinations, concentrating on the medical evidence and direction of shots. He formerly served as a federal prosecutor in Philadelphia. Mr. Purdy currently is Chief Deputy General Counsel to the U.S. Sentencing Commission.

Orrin H. Wecht, M.D., J.D. - Dr. Wecht has lectured extensively on the medical aspects of the Kennedy Assassination. He is the author of numerous books and articles on medical-legal issues, is certified by the American Board of Pathology, and is a member of many distinguished medical societies. Dr. Wecht currently serves as Chairman of the Department of Pathology at Central Medical Center and Hospital in Pittsburgh.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Moderator and Presiding Judge

The Honorable Thomas F. Hogan, United States District Court for the District of Columbia

Luncheon Speaker

G. Robert Blakey, Professor of Law, Notre Dame School of Law, formerly Chief Counsel and Director of the House Select Committee on Assassinations

INFORMATION

8:00 am - 9:00 am Registration
 9:00 am - 9:15 am Introduction by Judge Hogan
 9:15 am - 10:30 am Summary presentation of evidence
 10:30 am - 10:45 am Break
 10:45 - Noon Direct and cross-examination of Dr. Baden
 Noon - 2:00 pm Luncheon, with guest speaker Professor Blakey
 2:00 pm - 3:15 pm Direct and cross-examination of Dr. Wecht
 3:15 pm - 3:30 pm Break
 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Summary presentation of evidence
 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm Questions, answers and summary

Seating is limited so people are encouraged to register early. The seminar will take place Wednesday, June 17, 1992, at the Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street NW, Washington, DC. Registration will open at 8 am.

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