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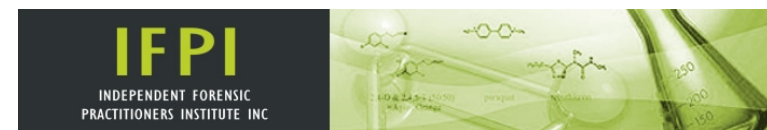
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ASSISTING THE LEGAL PROFESSION

The Independent Forensic Practitioners Institute was formed in March 2006 and was established to answer the need for an organisation of independent practitioners undertaking a wide range of forensic work in New Zealand.

Members of the Institute act independently providing expert services across the spectrum of civil and criminal proceedings and are not precluded from appearing for the defence or prosecution.

INSTITUTE OBJECTS

- i. To provide and promote independent forensic expertise in the public interest;
- ii. To recognize and promote member's qualifications, expertise and experience;
- iii. To foster a professional relationship and understanding among Independent practitioners;
- iv. To promote the services available from members to potential clients, and to educate potential clients on the best use of member's services;
- v. To ensure that the services provided by members meet appropriate professional and ethical standards

FORENSIC CATEGORIES

The IFPI membership roster can provide assistance across a wide range of forensic disciplines, including:

Collision Investigation

Collision investigation encompasses all types of collisions. A systematic process is used to evaluate the evidence; physical principles are then applied to determine how the collision occurred.



Computer Forensics

Computer forensics is the use of specialised techniques for recovery, authentication, and analysis of electronic data. Special precautions need to be taken to collect, preserve and examine digital evidence for use in Court.

Drugs and Alcohol

An expert can calculate illicit drug yields, examine drug-related items, and comment on evidence to do with charges such as cannabis cultivation, methamphetamine manufacture and drug urine analysis.



Alcohol is a common factor in many crimes, ranging from drink-driving to murder. Calculations can establish expected alcohol concentration from stated consumption and the resultant degree of intoxication.

Forensic Document Examination

A forensic document examiner can distinguish the author of handwriting and signatures; detect alterations, erasure sites & additions to document entries; analyse ink & security marks; identify documents which have been reproduced via the same machine and can link documents seized at different locations.

Fingerprint Examination

A fingerprint expert can provide for all aspects of fingerprint work including training, crime scene examination and exhibit recovery, fingerprint identification and certification.

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Forensic Accounting

Forensic accountants can provide assistance with accounting concepts, verification of records, insurance claims, quantification of loss, business valuations, the financial aspects of family court proceedings and civil or criminal proceedings relating to fraud and the tracing of assets.

Forensic Anthropology

Forensic anthropologists can assist in human remains recovery and perform analysis for identification and cause of death. They can also identify people from photographs and security videos.

Forensic Engineering

Forensic engineering involves the analysis of a failed engineering process or engineering machine, structure or item so that a determination can be made regarding the reason(s) for failure.

Forensic Biology

The forensic biologist's role includes the identification and characterization of samples, DNA profiling tests, blood spatter interpretation, clothing damage and the identification of weapons.



Forensic Medicine

Forensic medicine involves integrating clinical experience and scientific evidence to formulate an independent, objective expert medical opinion on the degree of medical probability and certainty that the medical findings or absence thereof are consistent or not consistent with the allegations in a case.

Forensic Palynology (Pollen)

Palynology relates to the study of pollen grains and fern spores which can be used in a forensic context for the identification & confirmation (or repudiation) of scenes and individuals.

Glass Fragment Examination

Glass fragments can often prove to be objects of vital forensic significance. Cases where glass fragments may be present are wide-ranging.

Mark and Impression Analysis

Marks and impressions arise in many cases and analysis can be used to verify alleged actions and objects.

