

Forensic Specialist
Expert Witness

BEYOND THE CSI EFFECT

I'm walking down the hall outside Los Angeles Superior Court after a long day of testifying in a capital murder case. The D.A. had gone somewhat ballistic, all puns intended, in challenging my three Vetted Areas of Expertise, at one point attempting to damage my credibility by opining to the jury that I have been a consultant to the TV Crime Show "nonsense" for over 20 years.

When I remind the D.A. that I had published numerous articles on how inaccurate the shows are in regard to Forensic Procedure, and that it was my Media Entertainment clients that had come up with the term "THE CSI EFFECT," he withdraws his statement.

Approaching the elevator, I hear rapid footsteps behind me, and then "Hey Jeff." As I turn around, the D.A. is standing behind me with his hand extended to shake, which I do. He then states somewhat emphatically:

"Jeff, please know I had to go after you because that's my job. And do know that I, as well as others in my Department have great respect for you because you always 'tell it like it is' without any B.S.

By the way, is there any way you could get me on one of those shows?"

I kid you not.

So what is the purpose of this statement? Simply put, to elevate your awareness of what you may be facing when dealing with presenting evidence in this Modern, Media-Affected world.

With All Respect,

Jeff Boxer

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