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Education

- Bachelor of Arts, Biology and Environmental Science
- Master of Forensic Science
- Master of Business Administration

Employment Experience

- Chief of Laboratories at the New York City Office of Chief Medical Examiner. Responsible for executive leadership of seven departments (Forensic Biology, Forensic Toxicology, Evidence, Records, Molecular Genetics, Histology, and Health and Safety) that employ 323 scientists and staff.
- Founder/Executive Director of Sorenson Forensics, LLC. Sorenson Forensics is a private forensic DNA laboratory.
- Founder/Executive Chairman of ASCLD Consulting, LLC. ASCLD Consulting was a wholly owned subsidiary of ASCLD, Inc. that was in operation for 3 years (from 2006 through 2008) to consult public crime labs that were seeking accreditation.
- Forensic Technical Director of Myriad Genetic Laboratories, Inc. I directed the forensic DNA laboratory at Myriad Genetic Laboratories.
- Laboratory Director of Maine State Police Crime Laboratory. I directed the full-service laboratory that served the entire state of Maine.
- Senior DNA Analyst at the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory.

Prior ASCLD Experience

- Ethics Committee Chair, 2002–2010
- Board of Directors, 2005–2008
- Treasurer of ASCLD, 2007–2008
- Founder/Executive Chair of ASCLD Consulting, LLC
- Vendor Relations for the 35th and 36th Annual Symposium
- Advocacy Committee, 2017–present
- Genetic Genealogy Working Group, 2018–present
- Rapid DNA Subcommittee, 2018–present

If elected, I am interested in working on the following ASCLD issues/committees:

The committees best suited for my skillset are the Advocacy, Finance, and International Committees. I have served on the Advocacy Committee for the last several years and enjoy working on this vital service for ASCLD. The Finance Committee has come a long way since I served as Treasurer. The day-to-day finances are no longer handled by the Treasurer, the job I did in 2007 and 2008. I will use my finance and managerial accounting skills I learned during my MBA and while working in private industry to help this committee. I have extensive experience working on forensic science issues internationally. I gained most of this experience in private industry assisting developing countries create forensic science laboratories. I have also assisted ICITAP and attended several international scientific symposia.

As a member of the Board, you may be asked to represent ASCLD at speaking engagements or develop written statements on behalf of the Board. How would you describe your ability to communicate ideas verbally and in writing?

Public speaking is an important skill, and I have been speaking behind a podium at scientific conferences, high-level meetings, and negotiations since 1992. However, when it comes to communication, there are more important skills than public speaking. These are listening skills, empathy, respect, confidence, and brevity. Daily, I strive to improve my communication skills. These are the most important skills used in our professional and personal lives.

How committed are you to serving on the ASCLD Board? What skills will you bring to the table?

From the moment I became a crime laboratory director in 2000, I have been dedicated to ASCLD. I joined the organization and began attending meetings. In fact, I have attended 18 meetings in the past 20 years. I served on the Board from 2005 through 2008 and would very much like to serve on it again. In the 12 years since I left the Board, I have gained experience, knowledge, and skills in executive leadership that I will transfer to the Board. I lead a large and diverse work force (approximately 323 employees) with skills ranging from clerical associates to peace officers to MD- and PhD-level scientists.

What role should ASCLD play in developing a strong future for forensic science laboratories?

ASCLD is the premier professional society for our industry, and as such it holds the primary responsibility to raising the quality, efficiency, and effectiveness levels of our fellow forensic science leaders and the laboratories we are currently stewarding.