JOANNA L. COLLINS, MFS

EDUCATION

Master of Forensic Sciences – The George Washington University; Washington, DC, 2003 Bachelor of Business Admin, Management – Texas A&M University; College Station, TX, 1996

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Medicolegal Death Investigations Child Physical and Sexual Abuse Sexual Assault/Rape Investigations Crime Scene Investigations/Reconstruction Interviewing and Interrogation Child Forensic Interviews
Criminal Investigations
Cold Case Investigations
Training Development and Instruction
Expert Witness Testimony

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Managing Partner and Founder – LINUS Consulting Group, LLC; San Antonio, TX; Jan 09 – Present - Professional forensic and investigative consultant with expertise in active and cold case consultation/investigation and forensic training development and instruction. Accepted and testified as an expert witness in state and federal courts

Special Agent (USAF Reserves) – Forensics & Cold Case Program, Policy Development; Headquarters Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI); Andrews AFB, MD; Oct 07 – Present

- Oversees policy development and implementation, training, and resource management for the worldwide forensic science support to major criminal, fraud, and counterintelligence investigations. Expertise in death and sexual assault cases, extensive case reviews, and case consultation experience resulted in by-name request to develop policy and employment strategy for AFOSI's first-ever cold case program.

Adjunct Professor - Dept of Criminal Justice and Criminology; St. Mary's University; San Antonio, TX; Jan 11 - Present and Dept of Forensic Sciences, The George Washington University, Washington, DC, Jan 07 - Dec 09: instructor in graduate and undergraduate forensic sciences courses specializing in crime scene investigations, medicolegal death investigations, and child abuse investigations.

Special Agent (USAF Active Duty) - Air Force Office of Special Investigations, Jun 96 - Oct 07

- AFOSI Forensic Sciences Program Manager: formalized child forensic interview training program and provided interview instruction, final reviewer of agency's death investigations for investigative sufficiency, oversaw 12 regional forensic science specialists and investigative/forensics support to the Air Force worldwide.
- Regional Forensic Science Consultant: sole agent responsible for forensic response and consultation throughout the Far East to over 140 special agents. Over 600 crime scene responses and case consultations for sexual assaults, child abuse, and death cases. Developed and conducted forensic investigative training for US personnel and local nationals in Japan, Korea, and the Philippines.
- Special Agent-in-Charge/Commander: managed/supervised regional office of special agents, oversaw daily operations and all investigations into criminal, fraud and counterintelligence matters.

FELLOWSHIPS AND INTERNSHIPS

Fellowship in Forensic Medicine, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Office of the Armed Forces Medical Examiner, Rockville, MD, Aug 2002 – Jul 2003

Internship, Cook County Medical Examiner's Office, Chicago, IL, 6 – 18 Jul 2003 Internship, Baltimore Medical Examiner's Office, Baltimore, MD, Oct 2002 – Jun 2003

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA), Member since 2001
American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS), Member since 2003
Awarded Fellow status February 2011
International Association of Bloodstain Pattern Analysts (IABPA), Member since 2004
National District Attorney's Association (NDAA), Member since 2005
International Association for Identification, Member since 2011