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Forget the Trolley, We're on the Fringe: Complex Ethical Dilemmas in Forensic Practice & Research

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Ethical dilemmas often reflect expected concerns – alleviating distress, protecting confidentiality, and maintaining integrity in one's work. But forensic fringe elicits what seemingly only exists in suspense thrillers.

- What if you (quite literally) know where the bodies are buried?
- What if a high-ranking politician publicly declares your client dangerous (and they're not)?
- What if your research contributes to bad legislation?

Here, enter an escape room of ethical reasoning. Contemplate interesting and intricate dilemmas involving unique client considerations, competing legal and political interests, questions of personal morality, values, and public safety, and the role of science in ethical research and clinical practice.

This seminar is rated: Adult & Youth | Intermediate

Learning Goals:

- Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to differentiate standard clinical/research ethical paradigms from forensic ethical paradigms.
- Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to identify major areas of ethical concern related to forensic research and practice.
- Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to describe an empirical process of ethical reasoning in relation to specific ethical challenges.

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