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PART 1 @ 1:00PM – 1:50PM | PART 2:10PM – 3:00PM

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

Not all interviews are the same, and no case is ever like the next. Because interviewing should not be a “one-size-fits-all” approach, Wicklander-Zulawski & Associates will present a case study using non-confrontational interviewing strategies. These techniques are adaptable to a varying type of cases and level of evidence. The two methods discussed will be the Participatory Method and the WZ Introductory Statement.

The Participatory Method is designed as an investigative interview with the ultimate goal of identifying intent, eliminating excuses and minimizing the resistance from a subject. The results of this interview will then help guide the interview to the next step in the process. In this case study, the instructor will discuss the Introductory Statement as the transition between an investigative interview and a non-confrontational interrogation used to help elicit the truth from a guilty subject. The Introductory Statement also allows the investigator to conceal incriminating evidence from the subject and protect the integrity of the investigation and ultimate confession.

ABOUT THE PRESENTER:

David Thompson, CFI®, is a Partner, Vice President of Operations and an instructor with Wicklander-Zulawski & Associates, Inc. (WZ). He is responsible for the day to day operations of WZ, as well as strategic planning and the evolution of interview and interrogation content. David has also served as the Director of Investigations giving him the opportunity to manage a variety of cases while conducting interviews and consulting on investigations ranging from theft and fraud to sexual harassment and homicide. As a speaker for WZ, David has created customized training programs, presented at seminars, hosted a variety of webinars as well as conducted live broadcasts of training.

While at WZ, David has also played an integral role in the ongoing research and evolution of content and innovative teaching methods. He has also worked with members of the Innocence Project, Center on Wrongful Conviction of Youth and other academic partners on behalf of WZ to further the enhancement of interview and interrogation protocols. David has contributed opinions on behalf of WZ for a variety of cases and has been cited by the Federal Court of Appeals for his involvement on the topic of interview and interrogation.

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