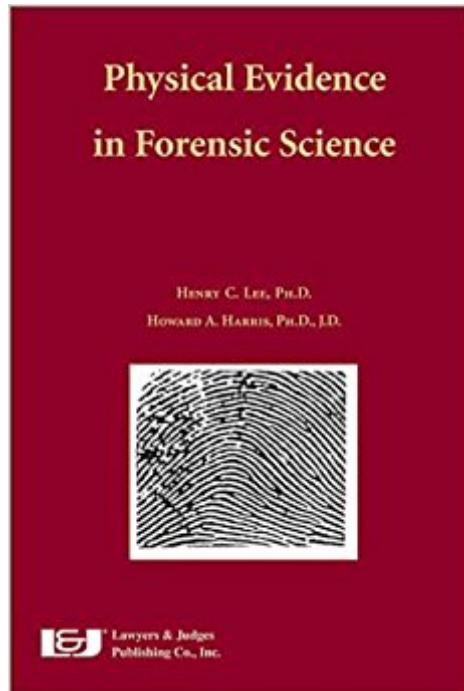




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Dr. Henry C. Lee is one of the world's foremost forensic scientists. He has been a prominent player in many of the most challenging cases of the last forty-five years. Dr. Lee has worked with law enforcement agencies in helping to solve more than 6,000 cases worldwide, and lectures throughout the world to police, universities, and civic organizations. He has authored hundreds of articles in professional journals and has co-authored more than thirty books, covering such area as DNA, fingerprints, trace evidence, crime scene investigation, and crime scene reconstruction. Dr. Lee is currently the Chief Emeritus for the Scientific Services, was the Commissioner of Public Safety for the State of Connecticut from 1998 to 2000, and served as Chief Criminalist for the State of Connecticut from 1979 to 2000. In 1975, he joined the University of New Haven, where he created the school's Forensic Sciences program. Dr. Lee has also been the recipient of

medals and awards, including the 1996 Medal of Justice from the Justice Foundation; the 1998 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Science and Engineer Association; the Distinguished Criminalist Award from the American Academy of Forensic Sciences; the J. Donero Award from the International Association of Identification; and in 1992 was elected a distinguished Fellow of the AAFS. Dr. Lee was born in China and grew up in Taiwan. Dr. Lee first worked for the Taipei Police Department, attaining the rank of Captain. With his wife, Margaret, Dr. Lee came to the United States in 1965, and he earned his B.S. in Forensic Science from John Jay College in 1972. Dr. Lee continued his studies in biochemistry at NYU where he earned his Masters degree in 1974, and Ph.D. in 1975. He has also received special training from the FBI Academy, ATF, RCMP, and other organizations. Dr. and Mrs. Lee have been married for forty years and have two grown children, a daughter, Sherry, and a son, Stanley. Dr. Howard A. Harris is currently the director of the Forensic Science Program at the University of New Haven. His educational background is in chemistry (A.B., Western Reserve University; M.S.; and Ph.D., Yale University) and law (J.D., St. Louis University). He was admitted to and has maintained his membership in the Missouri Bar. Dr. Harris was a research chemist for seven years before entering the forensic field as the director of the New York City Police Department Police Laboratory. After holding that position for twelve years, he moved upstate to become the director of the Monroe County Public Safety Laboratory in Rochester. He held that position for eleven years before taking early retirement to make a career change to academics. He assumed his current position at the University of New Haven in the fall of 1996. Dr. Harris and his wife, Carolyn, have one daughter who graduated from Northwestern University.

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