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October 31 & November 1, 2011
Las Vegas, Nevada
This two day program is essential training for law enforcement executives; training staff; use of force instructors and any officer who may be called upon to use force on a regular basis. The course provides crucial information for attorneys, medical examiners, insurance providers and law enforcement who are actively involved in use of force litigation. It is well known in law enforcement that officer conduct is routinely the subject of lawsuits. The vast majority of the lawsuits facing officers and law enforcement agencies today relates to use of force. Most of these lawsuits are brought under 42 U.S.C. 1983 alleging a violation of a citizen’s Fourth Amendment Rights claiming that the officer’s seizure of the citizen was unreasonable due to a use of excessive force.

The parameters of proper use of force are drawn from court decisions, contemporary studies, best practices as defined by the United States Department of Justice, Professional Standards, current medical practices and the country for the Public Agency Training Council. Among the programs he is responsible for is a course on "Policy Development for Public Agencies/ "Defensive Internal Affairs," "Liability and Risk Management for Law Enforcement Agencies," "Arrest Search & Seize," Legal Parameters on Use of Force" and "Legal and Liability Issues in Public Schools."

John "Jack" Ryan, Attorney
John "Jack" Ryan retired from his position as police captain with the Providence Police Department in Providence, Rhode Island in June of 2002. He had served that department for twenty years. In his last assignment Captain Ryan was responsible for the department’s research and policy as well and taking an active role in training.

During his tenure as a police officer Jack Ryan pursued his education. He attained a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I.; a Masters Degree in Administration of Justice from Salve Regina University in Newport, R.I. and his Juris Doctorate from Suffolk University Law School. He is a member of both the Rhode Island and Federal Bar.

Since retiring Jack has conducted numerous use of force, electronic control device sessions around the country for the Public Agency Training Council. Among the programs he is responsible for is a course on "Policy Development for Public Agencies." He is a co-director of the Legal and Liability Risk Management Institute which provides services relating to risk management for law enforcement agencies nationwide. These services include training, high risk critical task policy review, policy development, improved supervision, audits, liability certifications, risk assessments, legal support and expert witness services.

Alphonse Gerhardstein, Attorney
For thirty-five years Mr. Gerhardstein’s practice has focused on civil rights, including discrimination, prisoner rights, police misconduct; and reproductive freedom. In 2010 Mr. Gerhardstein, working with the Cochran Firm, recovered $2.5 million for the victims of a SWAT raid in Lima, Ohio. That year he also helped recover $4 million for an inmate who died of Xanax withdrawal in jail. In 2003 he was one of the lead counsel in the global settlement of sixteen police misconduct cases in Cincinnati for $4.5 million dollars. The agreement led to the use of de-escalation strategies and other reforms in Cincinnati. Gerhardstein served as co-counsel with Barry Schick in Green v. City of Cleveland, in which the plaintiff sued numerous police officers for his wrongful conviction for rape resulting in thirteen years in prison. The case was settled for a considerable monetary award and a verdict of $3.75 million for police misconduct in Cullerton v. Village of Blanchester. He is currently litigating a case alleging excessive force where the weapon was a TASE®.

Mr. Gerhardstein received his B.A. from Beloit College and J.D. from New York University School of Law. He is the founder of the Ohio Justice & Police Center, a non-profit corporation that litigates and advocates nationwide for criminal justice reform. Mr. Gerhardstein is a frequent speaker at seminars on civil rights, police misconduct, prisoner rights, and employment discrimination.

William Oliver, M.D.
William R. Oliver received his B.S. in Microbiology from Ohio University and M.D from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. He completed his residency in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology, graduate school in Computer Science, and a fellowship in Forensic Pathology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Following his training in North Carolina, he joined the Army and was stationed at the Armed Forces’ Institute of Pathology as staff pathologist in Molecular Pathology, director of the Scientific Computing Laboratory, and Deputy Medical Examiner for the Office of the Armed Forces Medical Examiner. Following his military service, he was recruited by the Virginia Bureau of Investigation as a Northwest Regional Medical Examiner, where he also received his Master’s Degree in Justice Administration. He then accepted the position as Professor of Pathology and Director of Autopsy and Forensic Services at Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C. Dr. Oliver’s areas of interest include computer imaging and applications in forensic pathology, policy effects of litigation on practice, inference and diagnostic reasoning, and patterned injury of the skin. He is Chair of the Image Analysis Subcommitte of the FBI Scientific Working Group on Imaging Technology and Executive Committee of the Applied Image Pattern Recognition Workshop held annually at the Cosmos Club in Washington, D.C. He has been published in a number of journals on the Ethics boards of Academic Forensic Pathology and the American Journal of Forensic Medicine and Pathology.

Monday, October 31, 2011
8:00 a.m. — 8:30 a.m.
Registration
The Law of Force:
Use of Force as Interpreted by the United States Supreme Court — by John R. "Jack" Ryan, Attorney

8:30 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
12:00 p.m. — 1:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.

Current Medical Thinking related to Electronic Control Devices
Review of the studies — What should we expect?
Review of deaths and causation — Medical response to a law enforcement event — how the law enforcement event may impact the medical event

Tuesday, November 1, 2011
8:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
A Different Viewpoint: The Plaintiff’s Perspective of Law Enforcement’s Use of Force as it relates to Electronic Control Devices and Injuries in Custody Death

The bad cases are easy…even you would agree they are easy. How a plaintiff’s attorney decides if an officer’s use of force is excessive may be a critical point in the litigation.

12:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.

The developing law of Electronic Control Devices/TASE®:
How do ECDs differ from 420s?
What warnings have law enforcement agencies received
What factors are involved in police deployment with ECD-but unintentional shootings
Elevated Cases
Secondary Impact Cases
Use of ECDs in jails and Hospitals
Grievance Committee of the Applied Image Pattern Recognition Workshop help
Drive-Strun vs. Probe Mode — a legal distinction?
Excited Deaf or...What do the Courts have to say?
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