## FORENSIC ODONTOLOGY

## PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE

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When most people think of forensic odontology, they envision a dentist making an identification of a deceased individual by means of their dental records. However, the truth is forensic odontology includes many fields of expertise and is comprised of civil as well as criminal matters. The civil side involves standard of care and personal injury matters, while the criminal side involves not only dental identification but also management of mass fatality incidence, age assessment, child and elder abuse, and bite mark analysis. A forensic odontologist must also possess the skills necessary to convey their opinions as may be required by law. This may include something as simple as a report, but it may also include sworn testimony by way of deposition or court appearance.

Forensic Odontology: Principles and Practice details the aspects necessary to become an accomplished forensic odontologist, including illustrating the skills necessary to also become an accomplished expert witness. This text is written for both the experienced and the novice forensic odontologist.

## Key Features

- Provides a comprehensive review of forensic odontology, including the skills to becoming a competent expert witness.
- Covers the fields of forensic odontology, the basic skills, legal aspects, legal precedents, report writing, and expert witness testimony.
- Includes numerous illustrations, including charts and graphs, along with B&W and color images.

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