

What Litigators Need to Know Seminar

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Geoffrey P. Alpert is a Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of South Carolina and the Faculty Research Director of the Excellence in Policing and Public Safety Program at the School of Law, University of South Carolina. His research focuses on high-risk police activities. He has taught at the FBI National Academy, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and The Senior Management Institute for Police. He has testified to Congress, several state legislatures, and the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing, and was a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police Research Advisory Committee and Policy Advisory Group. He currently serves on the PERF Research Advisory Board. He was a member of the Consent Decree monitoring team for the New Orleans Police Department and the compliance team for the Portland, Oregon Settlement Agreement.

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Dr. Ian T. Adams is an Assistant Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of South Carolina, specializing in policing technology, policy, and practice. With more than twenty years of doing, leading, and studying policing, he connects research to practical policing needs. His multi-disciplinary research spans the top journals of criminology, policy studies, and public administration, and he was awarded the 2024 Early Career Award by the American Society of Criminology, Division of Policing, and the 2025 Early Career Experimental Criminologist Award from the Division of Experimental Criminology. Highly engaged with law enforcement communities, including the FBI National Academy, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and the Council on Criminal Justice, he provides high-quality scientific evidence and advice both domestically and internationally.

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Seth Stoughton is a Professor at the University of South Carolina School of Law, where he is the Faculty Director of the **Excellence in Policing & Public Safety (EPPS) Program**. He holds an affiliate position as a Professor in the university's Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice.

Seth's scholarship on policing has appeared in the *Emory Law Journal*, *Minnesota Law Review*, the *Virginia Law Review*, and other top journals. He is the principal co-author of *Evaluating Police Uses of Force* (NYU Press 2020), and has written book chapters about police misconduct, the use of force, and use-of-force review. He is a frequent lecturer on policing issues; has regularly appeared on national and international media; has written about policing for *The New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, *TIME*, and other news publications; and has filed multiple *amicus* briefs to the Supreme Court. Seth has served as an expert in a number of high profile police cases, including testifying in the criminal prosecutions of Derek Chauvin, who was convicted for killing George Floyd, and Kim Potter, who was convicted for killing Daunte Wright, and providing expert analysis related to the police killing of Christian Glass and actions taken by the Seattle Police Department during the 2020 protests. He has testified for and against officers in both criminal and civil cases and provided independent investigation and review of use of force incidents.

Seth teaches Police Law & Policy, Criminal Procedure, Criminal Law, and the Regulation of Vice. He is also instrumental in the design and delivery of a suite of professional development courses for police executives through the EPPS Program, including Principles of Leadership and Management, Collaborative Communications, Evidence-Based Policing, Civil Rights for Police Executives, and others. Seth was honored with the School of Law's Outstanding Classroom Teacher Award in 2016 and 2021 and the Outstanding Faculty Publication Award (Book) in 2021, and with the Honorable Matthew J. Perry, Jr. Chapter of the National Black Law Students Association's Eboni S. Nelson Award in 2015 and 2018.

Prior to attending law school, Seth served as an officer with the Tallahassee Police Department for five years. In that time, he trained other officers, helped write policies to govern the use of new technologies, earned multiple instructor and operator certifications, and taught personal safety and self-defense courses in the community. In 2004, he received a Formal Achievement Award for his role as a founding member of the Special Response Team. After leaving the police department, Seth spent three years as an Investigator in the Florida Department of Education's Office of Inspector General, where he handled a variety of criminal and administrative investigations. In 2008, he received a statewide award for his work combating private school tuition voucher fraud. Seth earned his B.A. in English from Florida State University. He attended the University of Virginia School of Law, where he was an articles editor on the *Virginia Law Review*, an Elsie Hughes Cabell Scholar, and the recipient of the Thomas Marshall Miller Prize. After law school, he clerked for the Honorable Kenneth F. Ripple of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. Prior to joining the faculty at South Carolina, Seth was a Climenko Fellow and Lecturer on Law at Harvard Law School, where he taught legal writing and a Regulation of Vice seminar.