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**Massachusetts Forensic Science Oversight Board to Host First-Ever  
Virtual Summit on October 14th**

**WHAT:** The Massachusetts Forensic Science Oversight Board (FSOB) will convene stakeholders and national experts for its first-ever virtual summit to discuss the status of forensic science in Massachusetts, share insights from the Board's first several years of work, learn from national leaders about forensic science reform efforts, and explore the future of forensic services.

**WHO:** Featured speakers include FSOB Chair and Forensic Science and Technology Undersecretary **Kerry Collins** and [FSOB Board Members](#); Senior Fellow at Third Sector and former Undersecretary for Forensic Science and Technology **John Grossman**; and numerous forensic science experts and policymakers from governmental, nonprofit and business organizations, and academic institutions.

Panel discussions include representatives from the Texas Forensic Science Commission, Houston Forensic Science Center, Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Michigan State Police Forensic Science Division, The Innocence Project, The Wren Collective, and the Boston University School of Medicine.

Over 200 stakeholders in the criminal legal system, including practitioners, lab personnel and members of the public are anticipated to attend.

**WHEN:** **Friday, Oct. 14, 2022, 10am – 3pm ET**

**WHERE:** Virtual via Microsoft Teams. Register for free event [here](#).

**WHY:** In 2018, the Massachusetts Legislature passed a law establishing a multi-stakeholder Forensic Science Oversight Board (FSOB) as part of a broader Criminal Justice Reform Act. The FSOB provides oversight to Massachusetts' forensic service providers, including state and local crime laboratories. The 14-member board is also tasked with the objective and independent auditing of criminal forensic evidence and analysis.

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