

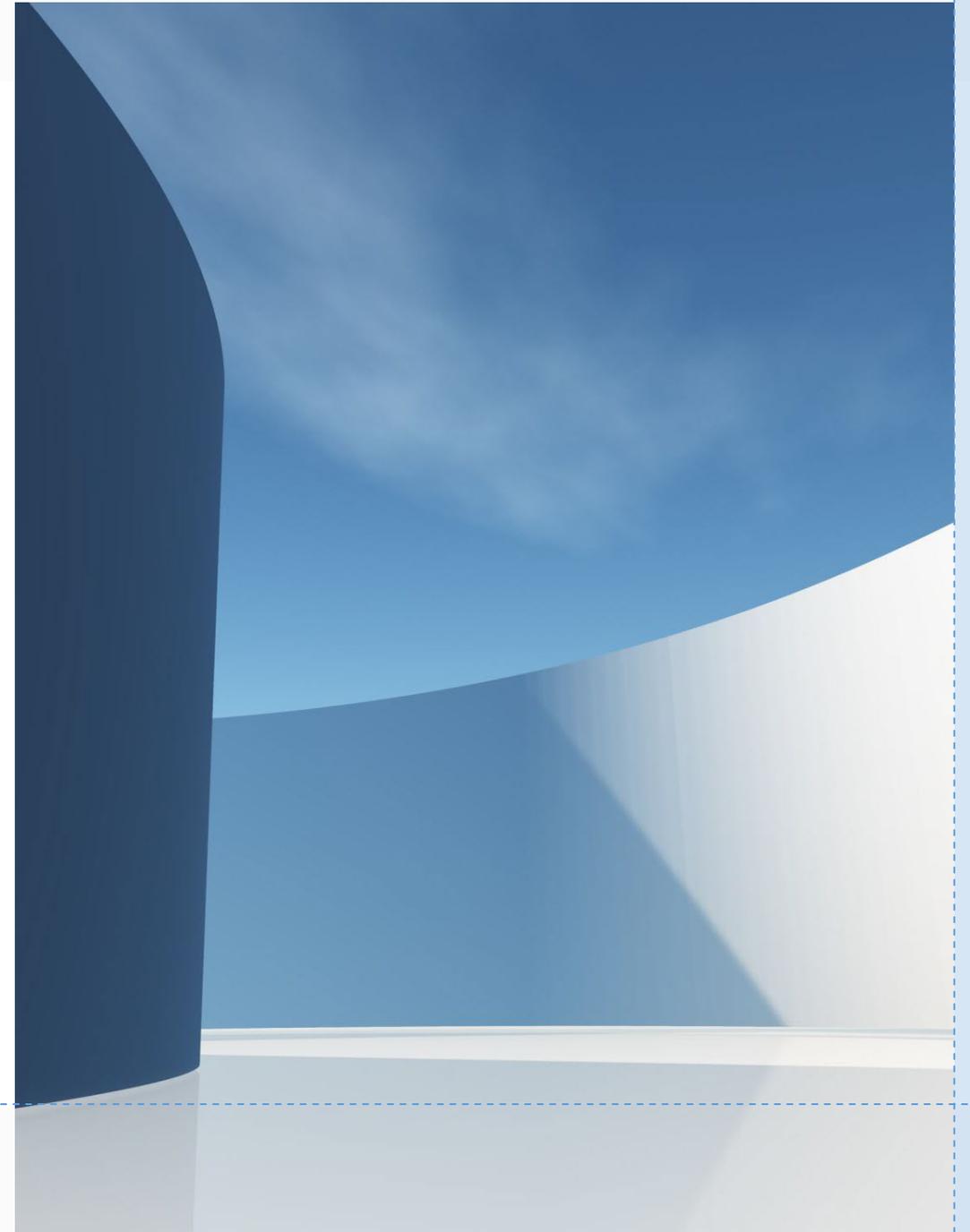
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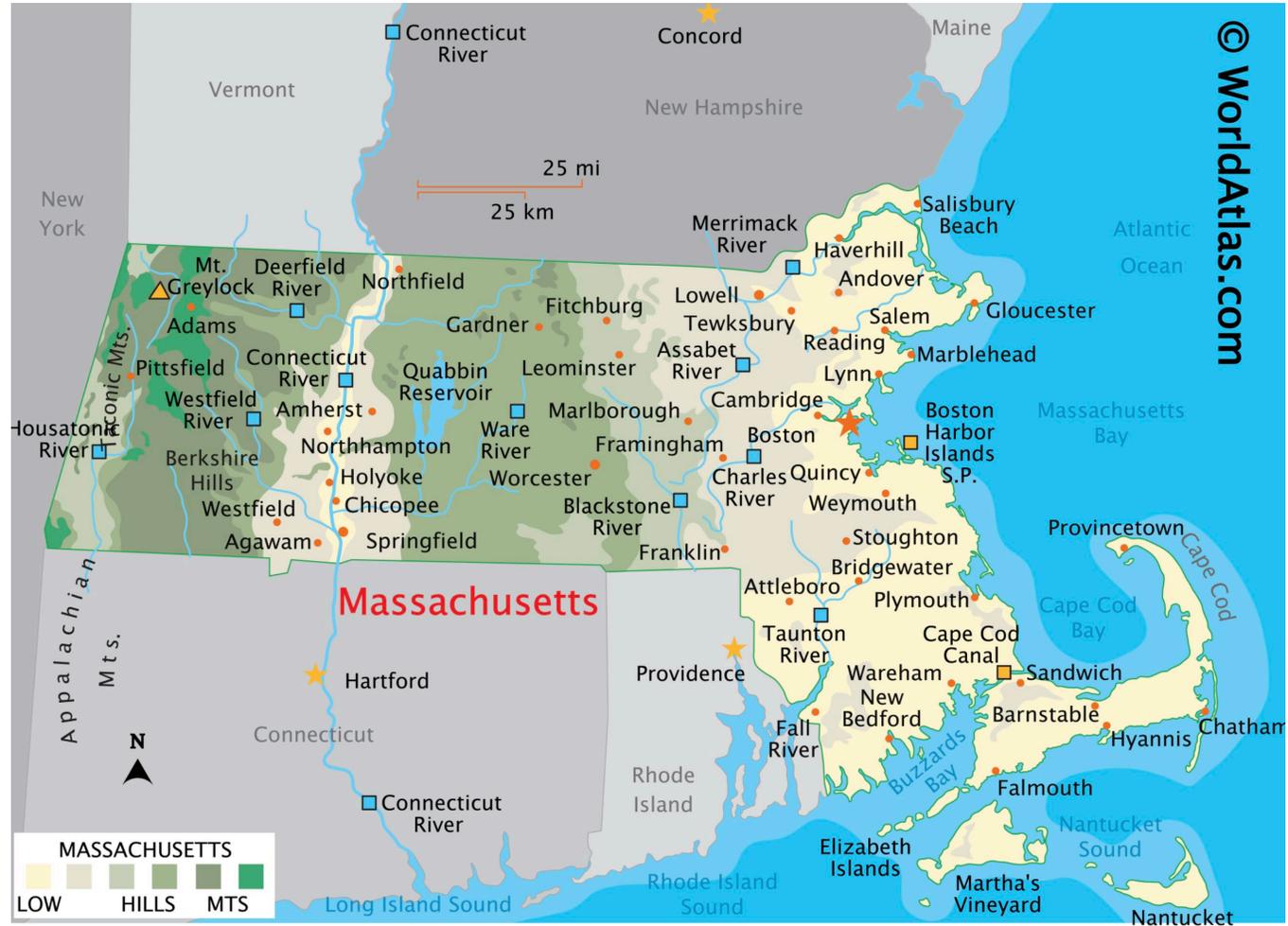
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My perspective: Forensic Scientist with 20 years of professional experience, Interactions with both Prosecutors and Defense Attorneys. Preparing the next generation of forensic science practitioners within city, state, county and federal crime laboratories.

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# Justice is Blind, or is it?



- Are the vast majority of forensic scientists ethical, moral and competent individuals?
- Are forensic analysts truly independent scientists?
- Does the prosecution and the defense have equal access to experts, testing and information?
- Can people be influenced? Is cognitive bias real?
- Is interpretation objective or subjective?
- Trial by jury. Does the jury understand what the expert witness is conveying? Does the judge? Are they awake? The system at large needs to do a better job of building the bridge between scientists and attorneys. Law schools should seriously consider this issue for rising criminal prosecutors and defense attorneys.
- Are junior analysts more subject to coercion than senior analysts?
- Why aren't mental health evaluations performed as a part of forensic analyst background investigations?
- How do we learn from the recent past here in Massachusetts and prevent reoccurrence?
- Are attorneys the right individuals to be opining that a given discipline is “junk science”?