

DNA: Defense Experts

Introduction

Scientific experts for the defense may visit the laboratory to observe analysis, view evidence, or review documents.

The conditions to be met for defense experts to visit the laboratory are found in the *Administrative Manual, 08 Legal Issues*,

- *06 LEG: Observing Analysis*
 - *07 LEG: Viewing Evidence*
 - *08 LEG: Reviewing Documents.*
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Written approval

In addition to the conditions set forth in the *Administrative Manual*, the request to observe analyses, view evidence, or view documents must be approved in writing by

- the technical lead,
 - the supervising criminalist, and
 - the Laboratory Director.
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Defense attorneys

Defense attorneys may accompany scientific experts to the laboratory to view evidence or documents.

However, defense attorneys are not authorized to accompany scientific experts at the laboratory to observe analyses.
