



## D.N.A. PROFILES & DATABASES

WHEN: Wednesday, April 15, 2015 – 12:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

WHERE: Baltimore Bar Library's Brown Room  
(100 N. Calvert Street – Room 504 – Baltimore, Maryland 21202)

A discussion of Maryland case law and legislation as well as an examination of new technology such as the Next Gen ID system (NGI), a “biometric fusion” database that indexes DNA profiles; fingerprints; IRIS scans; voice ID; and facial recognition to criminal history and other personal profile details.

SPEAKER: **Stephen Mercer, Esquire**, is the Chief Attorney of the Forensics Division at the Maryland Office of the Public Defender and Director of that Office's Litigation Support Group. Mr. Mercer is an Adjunct Professor at the David A. Clarke School of Law at the University of the District of Columbia, where he teaches a course on *Scientific Evidence in Civil and Criminal Trials*. Mr. Mercer litigated the first constitutional challenge to Maryland's DNA databank and later led the successful effort before the Maryland General Assembly and D.C. Council to ban familial searching of databanks. He has appeared on the subject of DNA databanks on *Sixty Minutes*; PBS; MSNBC; and ABC News. In 2008 Mr. Mercer spoke before the FBI's national CODIS Symposium on the privacy and racial justice implications of familial searching of DNA databanks. Mr. Mercer is co-author of *Shadow Dwellers: The Underregulated World of State and Local DNA Databases*, 69 N.Y.U. Ann. Surv. Am. L. 639 (2014).

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