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**Webinar #9: “Forensic Psychology Essentials”**

- I. Introduction
  - A. Welcome – Professor Carol Henderson
  - B. Speaker introductions
  - C. How to participate in the Chat Feature
  
- II. Forensic Psychologists: Legal Relevance and Applicability
  - A. Use of forensic psychologists in legal matters
  - B. Selecting a forensic psychologist
    - Desirable characteristics
    - Qualifications
  - C. Tips for Obtaining Results
    - Characteristics of a good examination
    - Characteristics of a good report
    - Characteristics of good testimony
    - Report checklist
  
- III. Forensic Psychology in Capital Litigation
  - A. Cognitive Bias
    - Definition
    - Examples
    - Countermeasures
  - B. Behavior Genetics
    - Nature and nurture
    - Role of the forensic psychologist
  - C. Behavior Genetics Research Findings
    - Monoamine oxidase (MAOA)
    - Cadherin 13 (CDH13)
    - Behavioral genetics examples
  - D. Forensic Behavioral Neuroscience
    - Brain lesions and criminality
    - Psychopathic brain
    - Role of the forensic neuropsychologist

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