

Jennifer Nara, D.O. SENIOR CONSULTANT

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Dr. Jennifer Nara specializes in forensic pathology. Her experience includes both criminal and civil litigation and testimony. She is one of only 500 board certified Forensic Pathologists in the country.

Dr. Nara has over 16 years of experience and has performed over 4,300 autopsies as a forensic pathologist. Her expertise comes with her compassion and professionalism toward the families and clients she serves. Her experiences include numerous trial and deposition testimony. As a medical examiner for local government, she has interacted with various law enforcement agencies, prosecution and defense attorneys, clinical teams who treated deceased patients, and assisted families obtain answers for their deceased loved ones.

During her tenure in Florida, she had two high profile cases, the Todt family murders and Nicole Montalvo murder, where her detail-oriented work and testimony was critical to achieving justice for the victims in these cases.

She is a Clinical Assistant Professor for Washington State University School of Medicine and Clinical Instructor for the University of Washington Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology where she teaches medical students and interns about forensic pathology and medicine. Students and interns would observe and assist in autopsies as well as attend crime scenes and observe Dr. Nara in court testimony.

Areas of Specialization

Biomechanics and Human Factors

Medical Investigation

Pathology

Autopsy

Toxicology

Personal Injury

Transportation

Workplace Accidents

Education

Bachelor of Science, Cell & Molecular Biology, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, 1997.

Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, Western University of Health Sciences/College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific, Pomona, California, 2002.

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Medical Training

Forensic Pathology Fellowship, Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner Department, Miami, Florida, 2006-2007.

Residency, Anatomic and Clinical Pathology, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI, 2002-2006.

Medical Certification/Licenses

Washington state medical licensure
Nevada state medical licensure
Hawaii state medical licensure

Medical Board Certifications

Diplomate of The American Board of Pathology: Anatomic Pathology
Diplomate of The American Board of Pathology: Forensic Pathology
American Board of Pathology Maintenance of Certification Focus Group/Committee with successful launch of ABPath Certlink Assessment (pilot in 2017).

Additional Clinical Experience

Clinical Assistant Professor – Washington State University School of Medicine, 2021. Clinical Instructor – University of Washington Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology, 2021.

Clinical Assistant Professor of Forensic Pathology – Florida State University College of Medicine, 2016-2020.

Voluntary Assistant Clinical Professor of Pathology – University of California, Riverside, 2013-2016.

Voluntary Assistant Clinical Professor of Pathology – University of Miami School of Medicine, 2009-2012.

Professional Affiliations

American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS), 2006-present. American Society of Clinical Pathologists (ASCP), 2002-present. American Osteopathic Association (AOA), 2002-present.



National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME), 2006-present.

Florida Association of Medical Examiners (FAME), 2006-2020.

College of American Pathologists (CAP), 2002-2013.

Awards

Medical School Class Award for Pathology, class of 2002
City of Montclair, California – Clinic Coordinator Service Award, June 2002

Positions Held

Engineering Systems Inc., Seattle, WA

Senior Consultant, 2022 to Present

Spokane County Medical Examiner Office, Spokane, WA

Deputy Medical Examiner, 2020-2022

Orlando Medical Examiner Office, Orlando, FL

Associate Medical Examiner, 2016-2020

City and County of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA

Assistant Medical Examiner, 2016

Riverside County Sheriff Coroner Department, Perris, CA

Associate Forensic Pathologist, 2012

Chief Forensic Pathologist 2013-2016

Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner Department, Miami, FL

Associate Medical Examiner 2009-2012

Palm Beach County Medical Examiner, Palm Beach, FL

Associate Medical Examiner 2007-2009

Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner Department, Miami, FL

Associate Medical Examiner 2006-2007

Publications/Presentations

"Forensic Pathology," talk and tour for Universal Studios Animation department employees, Orlando Medical Examiner Office, September 2019.

"Pediatric head trauma and abuse," Orlando Medical Examiner Office December 2017.

"Death Investigation: Patterns of injuries in Forensics," Riverside County Sheriff Coroner Bureau March 2015.



"Autopsy and cause of death," University of California Riverside School of Medicine May 2014.

"Relation of Kinetic Energy to Contact Wounds of the Head by Centerfire Rifles and Shotgun Slugs." American Journal of Forensic Sciences. January 2013. Vol. 58, No. 1: 69-72.

"Low Voltage Electrocution in a Swimming Pool," Miami-Dade County homicide meeting presentation, October 2010.

"Forensics and the REAL CSI Miami," Miami middle school presentation, May 2009.

"Airplane Propeller Injuries," Miami-Dade County homicide meeting presentation, February 2007.

2007 AAFS Meeting poster presentation in San Antonio, TX and published in the Proceedings of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. Feb 2007, Vol. 13: 300-301.

"An Animal's Instinct," Miami-Dade County homicide meeting presentation, September 2006.

Abstract: "Actinic Melanocytosis" 2004 International Society of Dermatopathology Meeting, Washington, DC, February 4, 2004.

Case Presentation: "Annular Elastolytic Giant Cell Granuloma," 2003 Scientific Symposium: Dermatopathology Meeting, Kona, HI, October 23, 2003.

Past Clinical Faculty Appointments

Clinical Assistant Professor of Forensic Pathology with the Florida State University College of Medicine (2016-2020).

Voluntary Assistant Clinical Professor of Pathology – University of California, Riverside (2013-2016).

Voluntary Assistant Clinical Professor of Pathology – University of Miami School of Medicine (2009-2012).

Other Research Contributions

Child Sexual Abuse Course, Riverside County Sheriff Coroner Bureau: Autopsy Findings of Child Sexual Abuse (2012-2016).

Medical Legal Death Investigation Course, Miami Dade Medical Examiner Department: Thermal Injuries and Patterns of Suicide (2008-2012).