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State Attorney Bill Eddins announced today that the Medical Examiner Search Committee has recommended the appointment of Dr. Deanne Oleske as Chief Medical Examiner for the First District of Florida. Dr. Oleske will meet with the four counties of the First District to negotiate the terms of a contract. Once that is completed, the Medical Examiner Commission will recommend the appointment to the Governor. A copy of Dr. Oleske's resume as well as the letter of recommendation to the Medical Examiner Commission is attached to this Press Release. Dr. Timothy Gallagher will continue to serve as Interim Medical Examiner at this time.

For more information please contact State Attorney Bill Eddins at 850-595-4761.

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August 19, 2020

Stephen J. Nelson, M.A., M.D., F.C.A.P.
Chairman
Medical Examiners Commission
District Medical Examiner
10th Judicial Circuit of Florida
1021 Jim Keene Blvd.
Winter Haven, FL 33880-8010

Dear Dr. Nelson,

This letter is to advise you that the Medical Examiner Search Committee for the First District has voted to recommend Dr. Deanna Oleske for the open position of Chief Medical Examiner. This recommendation is conditioned on the four counties of the First District reaching an agreement on the terms of a contract with Dr. Oleske.

I will contact you once a contract agreement is reached. I would like to thank you for your assistance in this difficult process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Eddins".

William "Bill" Eddins
State Attorney

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WORK EXPERIENCE

ASSOCIATE MEDICAL EXAMINER

December 2016 – Present

District 23 Medical Examiner's Office, St. Augustine, FL

- ◆ Associate Medical Examiner covering St. Johns, Putnam and Flagler Counties (population: approximately 430,000)
- ◆ Daily duties include performing autopsies, reviewing cremation requests, determining jurisdiction, writing autopsy reports, family meetings, interacting with outside agencies and giving expert testimony
- ◆ Performs approximately 200 postmortem examinations and 12 depositions annually
- ◆ Produces final reports within the stated NAME accreditation guidelines
 - Autopsy: 45.2 days; 98% of autopsy reports within 90 days
 - Homicides: 23 days; 100% within 60 days
 - External (not including anthropology cases): 7.2 days; 100% within 60 days
- ◆ Cultivates and maintains excellent working relationships with outside investigative agencies by providing prompt communication, feedback and consultation
- ◆ Ad hoc statistician providing the public, law enforcement, and health care professionals with “real-time” data
- ◆ Motivates and encourages teamwork by supervising a support staff of 7 FTEs (with budgeted increase to 11 FTEs by end of FY2020)
- ◆ Assists in generating the annual budget proposal and advocates the MEO's needs to the county commissioners, county administrator and HR director
- ◆ St. Johns County MEO FY 2020 budget: \$1.7 million (approximately \$400k budget increase from FY2019) with approximately \$730k reimbursed from 2 counties
- ◆ FY2020 Highlights: 5 additional FTEs (2 morgue technicians, 2 medicolegal death investigators, and 1 administrative assistant), additional investigator vehicle, and \$90k dedicated to building renovations to adjust for incoming staff and increasing workload
- ◆ Implemented an invoice system for recovering revenue generated from cremation permits resulting in significant recovery of previously unpaid fees (increased of 12%)
- ◆ Major overhaul of the SOP leading to successful full NAME reaccreditation (August 2018)
- ◆ Prepares questions and conducts interviews and for prospective candidates for new positions

- ◆ Established a quality assurance review protocol of autopsy and investigator reports (NAME accreditation standards)
- ◆ Created and updates the annual workload report and issues quarterly workload reports
- ◆ Mentors rotating interns by engaging them in the field of forensic pathology
- ◆ Lectures at quarterly Morbidity and Mortality conferences for St. Johns County Fire Rescue in addition to ad hoc learning sessions with first responders on challenging cases

**ASSISTANT CLINICAL PROFESSOR OF PATHOLOGY
FORENSIC PATHOLOGY CLERKSHIP SITE DIRECTOR**

May 2017 – Present

Department of Pathology, College of Medicine

University of Central Florida, Sanford, FL

- ◆ Volunteer clinical assistant professor in the department of pathology
- ◆ Established District 23 formal affiliation with University of Central Florida
- ◆ Successfully created and established the first ever clerkship elective in forensic pathology (MS3/4) for UCF medical students
- ◆ Direct supervision of medical students with unique hands-on experience in assisting select autopsy cases and preparing autopsy reports

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ASSOCIATE MEDICAL EXAMINER

January 2020 – Present

Locum Tenens

District 1 Office of the Medical Examiner – Pensacola, FL

- ◆ Covering the forensic pathology service for the District 1 medical examiner's office as needed

CONSULTANT AND PRIVATE FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST

December 2018 – Present

President and Owner

Quality Autopsy Services, PLLC

- ◆ Offering private autopsies, expert testimony and case review in the State of Florida

CLINICAL INSTRUCTOR OF PATHOLOGY – AUTOPSY SERVICE

January 2015 – June 2015

Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Houston, TX

- ◆ Acted as the on call attending physician for the autopsy service, supervised residents and signed out medical autopsy cases
- ◆ Supervisor: Dr. L. Maximilian Buja (Director of Autopsy Service)

CERTIFICATIONS AND LICENSES

ACTIVE MEDICAL LICENSES

2016 – Present Florida Medical License ME129322
2015 – Present Texas Medical License Q2694

DIPLOMAT – AMERICAN BOARD OF PATHOLOGY

September 2018 Board Certified in Forensic Pathology
June 2018 Board Certified in Anatomic Pathology

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

October 2016 – Houston, TX

Mass Fatality Incident Site Exercise

Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences and the Federal Bureau of Investigations – Houston Division

NRA CERTIFIED PISTOL INSTRUCTOR

July 2017 – Orange Park, FL

CCW Florida – Instructor: Quiel Begonia

POSTGRADUATE TRAINING

FELLOWSHIP – FORENSIC PATHOLOGY

June 2015 – October 2016

Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences - Houston, TX

Fellowship Director: Merrill O. Hines, M.D.

2016

Quality Improvement Project – Fellowship Manual

Created a binder for incoming fellows and faculty with references related to the standard operating procedures, daily duties, and core lectures.

RESIDENCY – ANATOMIC AND CLINICAL PATHOLOGY

July 2011 – June 2015

University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston - Houston, TX

Residency Director: William F. Glass, M.D., Ph.D.

2014 - 2015 *Chair of Residency Recruitment*

Created new materials including brochures and website design with original photography. Energized the faculty and residents for a successful recruitment.

Outcome: matched all 5 spots with our top candidates.

2015

Co-Director of Autopsy Procedures and Protocol Reform

Under the direction of Autopsy Director, Dr. L. M. Buja, we addressed the needs of the clinical services, organized inter-departmental lectures, and established a quality assurance protocol and microbiology protocol.

Outcome: Increased demand in autopsy requests and strengthened our relationship with the clinical teams.

2011 - 2015 Interviewed prospective candidates for residency

EDUCATION

MEDICAL SCHOOL

June 2007 – June 2011

Wayne State University, School of Medicine – Detroit, MI

- ◆ Degree Obtained: Medical Doctorate (M.D.)

UNDERGRADUATE

June 2003 – June 2007

Indiana University – Bloomington, IN

- ◆ Degree Obtained: Bachelor of Science (B.S.)
- ◆ Major: Biology with Honors
- ◆ Minor: Chemistry
- ◆ Area Certificate: History and Philosophy of Science

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2019 – Present

The American Journal of Forensic Medicine and Pathology
Ad Hoc Reviewer

Review and comment on articles submitted to the journal and make recommendations for publication.

2019 – Present

National Associate of Medical Examiners
Inspector for NAME Accreditation

Inspector for Medical Examiner and Coroner offices wishing to become or remain NAME accredited.

- 2018 – Present **National Associate of Medical Examiners**
Member of the Education, Program and Publications Subcommittee
Review submitted abstracts and make recommendations for acceptance or denial to present at the annual NAME conference.
- 2017 – Present **Florida State Child Abuse Death Review – Circuit 7**
Member
Meet quarterly with other health professionals, law enforcement, and social services to review, comment and make recommendations on infant and child fatalities to come up with initiatives and strategies on preventable deaths.
- 2017 – Present **Flagler Cares**
Member
Meet quarterly with other health professionals, law enforcement, members of the community, and social services to review, comment and make recommendations on suicide prevention in Flagler County.
- 2015 **Annals of Clinical and Laboratory Science**
Ad Hoc Reviewer
Review and comment on articles submitted to the journal and make recommendations for publication.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

RESEARCH ASSISTANT – BERKOWITZ LAB

May 2009 – July 2009

School of Medicine - Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

- ◆ Supervisor: Dr. Bruce Berkowitz, Professor in Visual Science

MCAT INSTRUCTOR

October 2005 – December 2008

Princeton Review - Indianapolis, IN and Detroit, MI

- ◆ Taught pre-meds test taking techniques in conquering the Verbal portion of the MCAT
- ◆ Interview coach for prospective medical students

RESEARCH ASSISTANT – FUQUA LAB

January 2004 – May 2007

Department of Biology - Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

- ◆ Research Assistant for Ecology and Microbiology
- ◆ Supervisor: Dr. Clay Fuqua, Professor of Biology

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE –WATKINS LAB

January 2005 – May 2007

School of Medicine - Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

- ◆ Supervisor: Dr. John B. Watkins III, Professor of Pharmacology and Toxicology

UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING INSTRUCTOR

August 2005 – May 2007

Department of Biology - Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

- ◆ Lead small group sessions and tutored students for the course foundations of evolution, diversity and ecology (BIOL-L111)
- ◆ Supervisor: Dr. Michael Wade (Professor of Biology)

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. EL Bakota, Samms WC, Gray TR, **Oleske DA**, Hines MO. Case Reports of Fatalities Involving Tianeptine in the United States. *Journal of Analytical Toxicology*. 16 March 2018. (published ahead of press) PMID: 29566235.
2. **Oleske, DA**, Huang RPS, A Dasgupta, A Nguyen, A Wahed. Higher sensitivity of capillary electrophoresis in detecting hemoglobin A₂'. *Annals of Clinical Laboratory Science*. 2014 Summer;44(3):291-3. PMID: 25117100
3. Huang, RSP, **DA Oleske**, A Tholpady, BN Chang, A Dasgupta, A Nguyen, A Wahed. High False Positive Rate for Monoclonal Gammopathy Using Capillary Electrophoresis (CAPILLARYS 2) Alone. *Journal of Clinical Laboratory Analysis*. 2014 Jan;28(1):42-6. PMID: 24375896
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5. M Magbool, Huq AHM, Khodabakhsh K, Bassel S, **Oleske DA**, and Chugani H. Novel FDG-PET findings in anti-NMDA receptor

- encephalitis: a case based report. *Journal of Child Neurology*. 2011 Oct 26 (10):1325-8. PMID: 21596699
6. Berkowitz BA, R Roberts, **DA Oleske**, M Chang, S Schafer, D Bissig, M Gradianu. Quantitative mapping of ion channel regulation by visual cycle activity in rodent photoreceptors in vivo. *Investigative Ophthalmology & Visual Science*. 2009 Apr;50(4): 1880-5. PMID:19060264
 7. Clay K, O Klyachko, N Grindle, D Civitello, **D Oleske**, C Fuqua. Microbial communities and interactions in the lone star tick, *Amblyomma americanum*. *Molecular Ecology*. 2008 Oct;17 (19);4371-81. PMID:19378409
 8. Yeager RL, **DA Oleske**, RA Sanders, JB Watkins III, JT Hells and DS Henshel. Melatonin as a principle component of red light therapy. *Medical Hypotheses*. 2007;69 (2): 372-6. PMID:17321060
 9. Yeager RL, **DA Oleske**, DS Millsap, and DS Henshel. Severe craniofacial malformations resulting from developmental exposure to dioxin. *Reproductive Toxicology*. 2006 Nov;22 (4):811-812. PMID:16965893

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

1. **DA Oleske**, Oleske DM, Derrick S, Hines MO. Suicide Trends and Risk Factors in Youth Aged 10-19 years, Texas, USA. Presented at International Conference on Pharmacoepidemiology & Therapeutic Risk Management; Dublin, Ireland. August 2016.
2. DC Pinto, **Oleske DA**. Quantitative Assessment of Perimortem Blunt Force Trauma of the Neck. Presented at Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences; Las Vegas, NV. February 2016.
3. **DA Oleske**, Anzalone M, Walterscheid F, Wolf D. Ethylene Glycol toxicity: Death without calcium oxalate crystal deposition. Presented at American Academy of Forensic Sciences; Orlando, FL. February 2014.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

1. DR Thrasher and **Oleske DA**. *A Case of Necrotizing Pneumonia from Marijuana Water Pipe*. Poster presented at: 71st Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, February 2019. (Emerging Young Scientist Award Finalist)
2. DR Thrasher, Walterscheid J, **Oleske DA**. *An Exsipient Induced Oxycodone Fatality*. Poster presented at: 71st Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, February 2019.

3. **DA Oleske**, Salicru, M, Hunter, RI. Glucagonoma Found at Autopsy in Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis. Poster presented at: Texas Society of Pathologists; Austin, TX. January 2013.
4. **DA Oleske**, Huang RSP, Dasgupta A, Nguyen A, Wahed A. Higher sensitivity of capillary electrophoresis in detecting hemoglobin A2. Poster presented at: American Society of Clinical Pathology; Boston, MA. February 2012.
5. Huang RSP, **DA Oleske**, Dasgupta A, Nguyen A, Wahed A. Increased Rate of False Positivity for Monoclonal Gammopathy Using Capillary Electrophoreses. Poster presented at: American Society of Clinical Pathology; Boston, MA. February 2012.
6. **DA Oleske**, Chang M, Schafer S, Bissig D, Grandianu M, Roberts R, Berkowitz BA. Quantitative Mapping of Ion Channel Regulation by Visual Cycle Activity in Rodent Photoreceptors In Vivo: Part II: Modulation with RPE65. Poster presented at: WSU Medical Research Symposium; Detroit, MI. January 2009.
7. **DA Oleske**, Yeager YL, Sanders RA, Eells JT, Watkins III JB, and Henshel DS. A Developmental Study of Energy and Glutathione Redox Balance in Brain after Dioxin Exposure and 670nm Light Treatment. Poster presented at: Society of Toxicology National Conference; Charlotte, NC. April 2007.
8. **DA Oleske**, Lim J, Yeager YL, Sanders RA, Eells JT, Henshel DS, and Watkins III JB. Near infrared light therapy attenuates TCDD-induced hepatotoxicity. Poster presented at: Midwest Regional Conference - Society of Toxicology; Lincolnshire, IL. September 2006.

LECTURES

1. **DA Oleske**. Case Review: Trauma Morbidity and Mortality Conference. Presented at: St. Johns County Fire Rescue, St. Augustine, FL. October 2019.
2. **DA Oleske**. Case Review: Trauma Morbidity and Mortality Conference. Presented at: St. Johns County Fire Rescue, St. Augustine, FL. July 2019.
3. **DA Oleske**. A Primer on Forensic Pathology. Introduction to Forensics Class. Presented at: St. Johns River State College, St. Augustine, FL. March 2018.
4. **DA Oleske**. Medicolegal Death Investigation Involving Hospital Deaths. Nursing Grand Rounds. Presented at: Flagler Hospital, St. Augustine, FL. November 2017.
5. **DA Oleske**. So Your Patient Died: Now What? Nursing Grand Rounds. Presented at: Flagler Hospital, St. Augustine, FL. August 2017.
6. **DA Oleske**. Autopsy Service, Jurisdiction in Texas, and Death Certification. Oral Presentation presented at: UT Emergency Medicine Department, Houston, TX. May 2015.

7. **DA Oleske.** Autopsy Service, Jurisdiction in Texas, and Death Certification. Lecture presented at UT Internal Medicine Department, Houston, TX. June 2015
8. **DA Oleske.** Toxic Effects of Gasoline and Gasoline Derivatives. CME. Lecture presented at Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, TX. November 2013.
9. **DA Oleske.** Aggressive Digital Papillary Adenocarcinoma and Eccrine Tumors. CME Lecture presented at University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, TX. May 2013.
10. Maqbool, MM, **Oleske DA.** NMDAR-antibody encephalitis in a teenage boy. Oral Presentation presented at: DMC Neurology Grand Rounds; Detroit, MI. January 2011.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- ◆ Suicidality and chronic pain with opioid dependence
- ◆ Ballistics of modern ammunition
- ◆ Public health and epidemiology

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- ◆ National Association of Medical Examiners
- ◆ American Academy of Forensic Sciences
- ◆ Florida Association of Medical Examiners

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- ◆ Statistics
- ◆ Cardiovascular Pathology
- ◆ Ballistics and Firearms
- ◆ Accreditation (ACGME and NAME)
- ◆ Recruitment and Education
- ◆ Home Remodeling
- ◆ Urban Gardening and Backyard Poultry Husbandry

REFERENCES

References are available on request.