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Dr. Lemos, a native of Greece, is **board-certified as Fellow of the American Board of Forensic Toxicology (F- ABFT)** and started his career researching alcohol and drug detection analysis in alternative biological specimens including nails and bile. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Criminalistics/Forensic Chemistry in 1992, **his Master's in Forensic Science (Toxicology) in 1996 and his Doctorate in Forensic Medicine and Science (Analytical and Forensic Toxicology) in 1999.** He worked in academia in London, England before accepting the position of Chief Forensic Toxicologist at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner of the City and County of San Francisco in 2003. In 2005 he was appointed Director of the Forensic Laboratory Division of the same Office where he spearheaded both the ABFT accreditation of that lab and the **successful certification by ABFT of its staff forensic toxicologists.** Additionally, he successfully lobbied and helped raise over \$60 million through various voters' bond initiatives towards a new state-of-the-art medical examiner's facility which was put in operation in November 2017. Nikolas routinely consults in administrative, civil and criminal cases all over the world and **has testified in over 330 trials.** He hosted several scientific meetings and served as Chair of the **Ethics Committee of the California Association of Toxicologists from its inception until 2022.** He is active in TIAFT (elected board member from 2022 to 2024), SOFT, IACFT (founding member) and the National Association of Medical Examiners. He is **Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry (UK), Honorary Fellow of the Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine (UK) and Fellow of American Academy of Forensic Sciences (Toxicology Section) where he served as its first Chair of the Diversity and Outreach Committee and its elected Toxicology Section Chair from 2018 to 2019.** He has authored/co-authored over 85 peer-reviewed papers, abstracts, and book chapters including the first ever study of Cannabinoids in Fingernails (JAT, May 1999) and **the first ever study of Cannabinoids in Post- mortem Toxicology (JAT, September 2011).** He previously served as Science Editor of "Medicine, Science and the Law," the Official Journal of the British Academy of Forensic Sciences and **is currently the Forensic Toxicology Editor-in-Chief for "Forensic Sciences Research."** He is recipient of numerous scholarships, research and equipment grants and awards. In 2005, he was honoured by the 109 th Congress of the United States of America with a Proclamation of Achievement "for dedicating his life and career to community safety and social awareness.

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