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UNDERSTANDING KINSHIP DNA TESTING

A RESOURCE FOR ATTORNEYS

Kinship DNA testing provides scientifically reliable answers when traditional documentation is unavailable or insufficient. This guide explains the types of kinship tests, how they work, and when they are used in legal matters.

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SERIES****SCIENTIFICALLY RELIABLE ANSWERS.
HELPING ESTABLISH FAMILY CONNECTIONS.****✓ Accurate ✓ Court-Admissible ✓ Confidential ✓ Professional**

ABOUT BEACON

Beacon Specimen Collection Services is a nurse-led, mobile collection company serving North Alabama. We follow strict chain of custody protocols to ensure samples are collected, documented, and delivered in accordance with court requirements.

WHY KINSHIP TESTING MATTERS



Establish Legal Relationships
Helps confirm biological relationships for inheritance, custody, support, citizenship, and more.



Court-Admissible Results
Collections follow strict legal standards and chain of custody protocols to ensure admissibility.



Resolve Complex Cases
Provides answers when traditional documents or records are unavailable or unclear.



Confidential & Secure
We protect the privacy of all parties and handle every case with the utmost care.



Attorney Support
We are here to assist you through every step of the process.

COMMON TYPES OF KINSHIP DNA TESTING



PATERNITY / MATERNITY

Confirms the biological relationship between a child and alleged mother or father.



GRANDPARENT

Determines if a individual is the biological grandparent of a child.



SIBLINGSHIP

Determines if two individuals share one or both biological parents.



AVUNCULAR (AUNT/UNCLE)

Determines if an individual is the biological aunt or uncle of a child.



TWIN ZYGOSITY

Determines if twins are identical (monozygotic) or fraternal (dizygotic).



The reliability of kinship testing depends on the type of relationship being tested and the number of available relatives. Our team will help you choose the most appropriate test for your case.

THE KINSHIP DNA TESTING PROCESS



1. CONSULTATION

We review your case needs and help determine the appropriate test.



2. SCHEDULE COLLECTION

We coordinate a convenient time and location for mobile or in-office collections.



3. SAMPLE COLLECTION

Samples are collected using approved methods by a trained professional. Non-invasive and painless.



4. LAB ANALYSIS

Samples are securely shipped to an accredited laboratory for DNA analysis.



5. RESULTS & REPORT

You receive a detailed report suitable for legal use and court submission.

WHEN KINSHIP TESTING IS USED

- ✓ Establishing paternity for child support or custody matters
- ✓ Inheritance and estate disputes
- ✓ Adding a parent to a birth certificate
- ✓ Immigration and citizenship cases
- ✓ Adoption cases
- ✓ Unknown parentage situations
- ✓ Other legal matters requiring proof of relationship



IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS



Valid Photo ID: All participants 18 and older must provide a government-issued photo ID.



Consent: All participants must provide informed consent. Minors require consent from a legal guardian.



Attorney Guidance: We recommend discussing testing options with your client and reviewing case strategy before collection.



QUESTIONS OR READY TO SCHEDULE?

Contact Beacon Specimen Collection Services today.



We partner with attorneys to deliver accurate results you can rely on.



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