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ATTORNEY DNA TESTING FAQ

A RESOURCE FOR ATTORNEYS

Answers to the most common questions about legal DNA testing, collection procedures, and admissibility in court. If you need additional information, we're here to help.

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SERIES****CLEAR ANSWERS. CONFIDENT REPRESENTATION.**

✓ Accurate ✓ Court-Admissible ✓ Secure ✓ 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 ATTORNEYS CHOOSE BEACON



Court-Admissible

Collections follow legal standards and chain of custody requirements.



Experienced Professionals

Our collectors are trained, certified, and experienced in legal collections.



Mobile Convenience

We come to your client for fast, reliable, and confidential service.



Secure & Confidential

We protect the integrity of every sample and the privacy of every client.



Attorney Support

Responsive communication and dependable service every step of the way.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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WHAT IS LEGAL DNA TESTING?

Legal DNA testing is a scientifically accepted process used to determine biological relationships or identify individuals. Tests are conducted with strict chain of custody protocols to ensure results are admissible in court.

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WHAT TYPES OF LEGAL DNA TESTS DOES BEACON OFFER?

- Paternity / Maternity
- Grandparent
- Sibling
- Avuncular (Aunt/Uncle)
- Twin Zygosity
- Immigration DNA
- Prenatal Paternity (NIPP)

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HOW IS A SAMPLE COLLECTED?

Samples are collected by a trained professional using approved methods:

- Buccal (cheek swab) – most common
- Blood (venipuncture)
- Hair with follicle
- Fingernail clippings

The method used depends on the case requirements and participants.

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IS THE COLLECTION PROCESS PAINFUL?

No. Buccal (cheek swab) collection is non-invasive and painless. Blood collection involves a small pinch, similar to a routine blood draw.

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HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO GET RESULTS?

Standard turnaround time is typically 3-5 business days after the laboratory receives all samples. Expedited options are available.

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WILL THE RESULTS BE ADMISSIBLE IN COURT?

Yes. All legal DNA collections performed by Beacon follow strict chain of custody protocols and documentation requirements to ensure court admissibility.

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WHAT IF A PARTICIPANT REFUSES TO PARTICIPATE?

We can document a refusal to test, which may be used in legal proceedings. We do not provide legal advice; please consult your attorney.

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HOW IS THE CHAIN OF CUSTODY MAINTAINED?

From collection to laboratory delivery, every transfer is documented with signatures, dates, and times to ensure the sample's integrity.

WHAT ATTORNEYS SHOULD PROVIDE



- ✓ Case information and test type requested
- ✓ Names and dates of birth of all participants
- ✓ Copy of court order (if applicable)
- ✓ Contact information for scheduling

The more information we have, the smoother the process.

IMPORTANT NOTES



- All participants must present valid photo ID.
- Children should be accompanied by a legal guardian.
- Results are confidential and released only to the attorney of record.
- Payment is required prior to ordering the test.
- We do not provide legal advice.



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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