

# APPROACH POINT CROSS EXAMINATION

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Arvizu is an “independent” quality assurance consultant from New Mexico. She had previously worked in labs for the Department of Energy (doing environmental testing) and the Navy as a consultant/auditor for their lab testing programs. She has no experience in the fields of forensic testing, but is quite familiar with the “protocols”.

Arvizu “reviews” the procedures and protocols of the various fields of forensic cases. She is very “form over substance”, and believes everything must be documented in order to be valid. She can always come up with “problems” in the forensic labs regarding deficiencies in the lab protocols or in the forensic procedures. She has claimed to be an expert as a “quality assurance auditor” in the fields of fingerprints (Carlos Plaza and Reaux internet search), DNA (Kiro internet search), toxicology (Mahdi Lawson internet search), gun shot residue (Jones and Stenson, internet search), and lethal injection protocols (Schwab internet search). She also testifies in the area of blood alcohol testing in crime labs. This appears to be the bulk of her practice. As an expert, she criticizes the labs protocols and procedures and claims they are unreliable.

Her testimony about blood testing on the gas chromatograph focuses on 2 separate areas. She always starts with criticism of the labs procedures, protocols and documentation. Then, since she is very familiar with gas chromatograph testing, she can criticize the results of the testing or find “contamination” in the testing results. She will then claim the results are not valid or reliable.