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About the Speaker

Janine Arvizo is a chemist and Certified Quality Auditor. She established and managed an analytical laboratory for the Department of Energy, managed US Navy's nationwide laboratory audit program, and has audited dozens of government and commercial laboratories. She conducts quality assessments of forensic data, helps lawyers understand laboratory analysis, and has testified in state, federal, and international courts.

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