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Brendan is the Chief of the Forensic Science Division of the Cook County Public Defender Office. Since 2014, he has led a team of seven attorneys in challenging flawed and misleading forensic evidence in criminal cases. In addition to litigating cases of flawed forensic evidence, Brendan lectures to attorneys and forensic scientists around the country on the litigation of forensic science evidence and is currently the director of a grant-funded forensic training project seeking to empower assistant public defenders around the country to investigate and challenge flawed forensic evidence. In 2019, Brendan and two colleagues published a first-of-its-kind article in a peer-reviewed forensic journal, challenging the value of proficiency tests provided to fingerprint examiners around the country. Prior to focusing on forensic litigation, Brendan worked in the Homicide Task Force of the Cook County Public Defender Office, where he defended indigent clients charged with murder.