

Topics of Memory

A series of short, plain-language papers on human memory for attorneys — scientific, accurate, and neutral.

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1. Foundations: How Memory Works

The core science of remembering and forgetting.

- [Reconstruction and Recall](#)
- [Forgetting](#)
- [Delayed Recall](#)
- [Episodic Memory](#)
- [Implicit Memory](#)
- [Autobiographical Memory](#)
- [Working Memory](#) (also in *Brain & Biology of Memory*)

2. The Brain & Biology of Memory

The neuroscience underlying memory.

- [The Hippocampus](#)
- [Working Memory](#)

3. Eyewitness Identification Procedures

How suspects are identified, and how that can go wrong.

- [Lineup Construction](#)
- [Show-Ups](#)
- [Mug Books and Mugshot Exposure](#)
- [Face Composites](#)
- [Eyewitness Confidence](#)

4. What Witnesses Perceive: Faces, Voices & Conversations

Remembering and describing people and what they said.

- [Face Recognition](#)
- [Memory for Persons](#)
- [Memory for Persons and Faces](#)
- [Earwitness Memory](#)
- [Memory for Oral Communications](#)

5. Influences on Memory Accuracy

Conditions that strengthen or degrade a witness's memory.

- [Emotion and Memory](#)
- [Memory for Violence and Weapon Focus](#)
- [Intoxication and Memory](#)
- [Aging and Memory](#)
- [Hypnosis and Memory](#)

6. Child & Developmental Memory

How children remember, describe, and are questioned.

- [Suggestibility of Children's Memory](#)
- [Children's Face Recognition](#) (also in *Faces, Voices & Conversations*)

7. Memory in the Courtroom

Memory science as it reaches the trier of fact.

- [Memory Expert Testimony](#)
- [Detecting Deception](#)

Note: Children's Face Recognition and Working Memory each fit two categories and are cross-listed above. The Introduction to Memory overview is best placed as a top-of-page entry rather than within a single category.