



## Society of Forensic Toxicologists (SOFT)

### About SOFT

The Society of Forensic Toxicologists, Inc. (SOFT) is a professional scientific community committed to advancing the field of forensic toxicology through collaboration, education, professional development, and research. With a focus on both justice and public health, SOFT provides a vibrant platform for practitioners, researchers, and students to connect and grow.

### What is Forensic Toxicology?

Forensic toxicology is the application of toxicology, the study of the adverse effects of drugs and chemicals on living systems, to matters involving the law. It plays a critical role in death investigations, impaired driving cases, workplace drug testing, and other legal or regulatory settings. Forensic toxicologists use validated scientific methods to detect, quantify, and interpret substances in biological samples and offer expert insight in administrative, civil, or criminal proceedings.

### Our Mission

To advance forensic toxicology through collaboration, education, professional development, and the promotion of research in the interest of justice and public health.

### Our Work

- **Annual Meetings** that provide continuing education and foster a collegial, collaborative atmosphere
- **Workshops, webinars, and publications** that support ongoing training and skill development
- **Mentorship and scholarships** to support the next generation of forensic toxicologists
- **Engagement with standards and certification bodies** to uphold scientific excellence and ethical practice

### A Brief History

SOFT originated in 1970 as an informal meeting of forensic toxicologists seeking opportunities for focused discussion outside of larger professional conferences. By 1974, the group had formalized into an organization under the leadership of Dr. Jane Speaker, and in 1983, it became a fully incorporated nonprofit. While SOFT has grown substantially in size and scope, it retains the collegial spirit of its founding, emphasizing collaboration, education, and community among forensic toxicology professionals.

### Learn More

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