

Dr. Thomas BRETTTELL

ABOUT ME

Dr. Brettell earned his Ph.D. in analytical chemistry from Villanova University, his M.S. in chemistry from Lehigh University and his B.A. in chemistry from Drew University. Dr. Brettell is Professor Emeritus of Chemistry at Cedar Crest College where he taught forensic chemistry. Prior to teaching he served for 31 years in the New Jersey State Police Office of Forensic Sciences, where as Director, he oversaw the operation of the state's regional forensic laboratory system. He has also served as Laboratory Director and Director of Toxicology for the Bucks County DA's Office Crime Laboratory. Dr. Brettell is an expert in analytical chemistry, forensic drug chemistry and toxicology. He has testified more than 100 times in municipal and superior courts in PA and NJ and has been the State's lead expert on the scientific reliability of the breath alcohol testing instrument in three Frye hearings before the NJ State Supreme Court. Dr. Brettell has been active in leadership positions in national and international forensic science and chemistry professional organizations. Tom presently serves as Academician Commissioner on the FEPAC. He has also served on the NIST Seized Drug Subcommittee of OSAC to develop federal standards and guidelines to improve Forensic Science. He is ABC Certified and a Fellow with AAFS.

