

The Brain on Trial

Neuroscience Evidence in the Courtroom

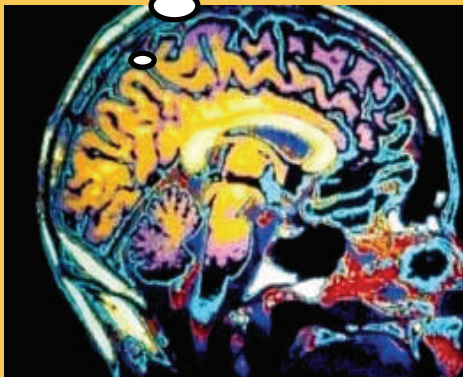
Is Mr. Johnson guilty of MURDER?
Eyewitness testimonies place him at the scene
of the crime.

DNA evidence is against him.
The authorities know who, where,
why, and how.

The evidence is clear,
but is he GUILTY?

Mr. Johnson!
In the kitchen!
With the skillet!

HIS BRAIN IS ON TRIAL



As scientists learn more about the human brain and its relation to behavior, neurological evidence will become increasingly prevalent in the courtroom. When neuroscience makes its case in court, judges and juries must understand what the science can and cannot explain.

This session will explore the use of neuroscience and brain imaging evidence in the courtroom. Lawyers and expert witnesses will use brain scans to propose or refute the connection between brain structure and function and violent behavior. The judge will rule on the admissibility of the defendant's brain scan as evidence in the courtroom, and the audience will rule on the defendant's guilt.

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