

KRISTEN BURKE, MBA
(Brief Biography)

Kristen has worked in the Toxicology field for over 24 years. She currently serves as the NHTSA Region 9 Toxicology Liaison and is responsible for AZ, CA, HI, and Pacific Territories. Prior to her current position, she worked as the Laboratory Director for CA Department of Justice, Bureau of Forensic Services – Toxicology Laboratory (over five years). Her toxicology program provided services to 46 of the 58 counties in CA. In addition, she has provided testimony regarding the analysis/effects of alcohol and drugs on the human body in the areas of human performance and postmortem throughout her career. She also worked as a Quality Manager/Supervisor and a Criminalist with the Sacramento County Crime Lab for over 11.5 years and worked in private sector as a toxicologist for 7.5 years.

Kristen has served as a lead for one of the six sub-committees (Toxicology) to assist CA Office of Traffic Safety to develop a DUID Blueprint that identifies challenges and effective countermeasures for DUID in CA. Additionally, she is a member of the Federal Drug Testing Advisory Board for SAMHSA, a committee member of the CA Impaired Driving Task Force (IDTF) Committee, and served as the Committee Chair for the Technology, Research, and Data Subcommittee of the IDTF. Kristen received her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology (Micro/Molecular) from Portland State University in 1997, her MBA from the University of Southern California (USC) in 2021 and is currently a M.S. Candidate in the AyurVeda Integrative Medicine Program at Maharishi International University.