In-Person Talk

LINGUISTIC FOR LEGAL PURPOSES

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This presentation describes various ways
in which linguistics can be used for legal purposes, beginning with the murder
case that launched the field of forensic linguistics. Housing discrimination that
resulted from linguistic profiling will also be recounted, along with spectrographic
evidence and experimental survey research that were employed during testimony
pertaining to two separate murder trials. The linguistic foundations of a class
action law suit, based on allegations that gave rise to a hostile work environment
precedes another case where discourse analysis was utilized to prevent a single
mother from losing her job and custody of her two young children. Different
linguistic methods and evidence were required to help resolve each of these cases,
thereby demonstrating instances where linguistics has been used to advance
justice and equal opportunity under the law.

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