

# NCATS

## The future of K9 certification?



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**Who is Eugene R. Ramirez?** Gene is a founding member of the firm, Manning & Kass, Ellrod, Ramirez, Trester LLP, Attorneys at Law, graduated from Whittier College School of Law (*J.D.*, 1987), where he was Notes & Comments Editor of the Law Review, a member of the Moot Court Honors Board and President of the Student Bar Association. Mr. Ramirez worked as a Deputy District Attorney for the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, where he conducted numerous misdemeanor and felony jury trials, including murder trials. He serves as an advisor to several public entities on the issues of use of force, canine and SWAT issues and policies and procedures. He has provided training to thousands of police officers and supervisors, from around the country and Canada, over the past 20 years. Mr. Ramirez regularly speaks to Chiefs of Police Organizations on liability and supervision issues. He also addresses supervisors of all ranks on how to recognize risk management issues.

### **Gene's Testimonial:**

**"I am excited to become involved with NCATS. Many years ago, when I first started representing K-9 units, I saw some agencies videotaping their dogs' certifications. I was impressed. The videos were available to be used to defend the handler/dog teams in litigation issues and the videos were very effective. I have also personally had some of my K-9 teams videotape their dogs performing basic obedience exercises and have used them in actual jury trials. The videos were much safer and easier to use than actually bringing the dog into the court. The jurors loved seeing the videos. I believe NCATS will make everyone's job easier. The handlers will appreciate it because it allows their dogs to be certified much easier than before. Administrators will appreciate because they have documented proof that the K-9 unit is certified. The department attorneys will appreciate it when defending the K-9 unit, as they can demonstrate to the judge and/or jury how well the dog is trained. NCATS' experts will be able to offer commentary to opposing attorneys, judges and juries on exactly how and why the K-9 is so qualified to be on the streets. NCATS is setting the new standard for K-9 teams!"**