



# DNA and the Golden Rule: The Law and Ethics of Genetic Genealogy

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**3830 Seminary Rd, Alexandria, VA**  
**1:00 PM – Schmooze and Mavens Table**  
**1:30 PM Program Meeting**

## **Presentation:**

### **DNA and the Golden Rule**

Whose permission is needed to test a child or an adult unable to consent? Who owns our DNA? What about the police using the results? What can we disclose about a cousin who has tested? This presentation will cover the rules of the road for the ethical challenges facing genealogists interested in using DNA evidence as part of their family history research. Learn how applying the Golden Rule can guide us through many, if not most, of the situations in which we as genetic genealogists find ourselves.

## **Biography:**

The Legal Genealogist Judy G. Russell is a genealogist with a law degree who writes and lectures on topics ranging from using court records in family history to understanding DNA testing. On the faculty of numerous genealogy institutes, she is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Board for Certification of Genealogists®, from which she holds credentials as a Certified Genealogist® and Certified Genealogical Lecturer®. Her award-winning blog is at <http://www.legalgenealogist.com>.

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