



Questioned Documents Section – 2003

J14 *Daubert* Update for Questioned Documents Examiners

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This presentation will involve a panel to acquaint forensic document examiners (FDEs) with the most recent issues in presenting scientific testimony in court (especially FDE testimony). The panel will be divided into five parts:

- A brief background of the Supreme Court's decision in *U.S. v. Daubert* regarding scientific testimony, as well as additional decisions which have shaped questioned document testimony
- A brief introduction to the persons who have criticized FDE testimony in print and in the courtroom, including some of their typical arguments
- A discussion of the most recent writing regarding the reliability of forensic document examination
- The experience of FDEs who have recently testified in *Daubert* hearings
- A question-and-answer period

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