J2 Skill Based Testing in Forensic Document Examination: Is There a Future?

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After attending this presentation, participants will gain an understand- ing of some of the issues surrounding skill-based testing currently being debating in the field of forensic document examination.

This presentation will impact the forensic community by helping par- ticipants become better prepared to assess the value of current and proposed testing programs available to FDEs.

Recently the idea of skill-based testing (e.g., validation trials, "error rate" testing) has been a significant topic for discussion in the field of forensic document examination. Opinions have varied as to whether or not this type of testing is necessary or even needed at all. This presentation will discuss various view points and the options available to the forensic document examiner who wishes to participate in error rate testing.

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