

## **An empirical approach to the characterisation of examiner skill.**

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### **Overview**

This presentation will outline the development of a program used to assess the character of claimed handwriting examiner skill. The trial program, the largest reported internationally, has recorded over 60000 blind opinions by handwriting examiners enrolled from 9 countries. Trial design, scoring procedures, estimations of error rates, and evidence as to the probative value of forensic handwriting examination will be presented. An overview of the 'Skill Profiling' certificate will be given. It is envisaged that this certificate will be presented to courts as a major source of independent validation evidence of examiner skill in the future.