

**Committee on the Evaluation of the Reference Manual on Scientific Evidence
Committee on Science, Technology, and Law
The National Academies
Keck Building
500 Fifth Street, NW
Washington, DC
December 18-19, 2006
AGENDA**

Monday, December 18, 2006, Room 202

Open Session

**10:00 Educational Importance of the Reference Manual on Scientific Evidence:
FJC Perspective**

Barbara Rothstein, Director, Federal Judicial Center

10:20 Structure and Use of the Reference Manual

Joe S. Cecil, Director, Program on Scientific and Technical Evidence, Division of
Research, Federal Judicial Center

10:40 Discussion

**11:00 Judicial Perspective: How is it used? What works? What doesn't? What new
topics need to be included?**

Hon. Keith P. Ellison, US District Court Southern District – TX

Hon. Pauline Newman, US Court of Appeals – Federal Circuit

12:00 Discussion

12:30 Lunch

1:30 Law Professor Perspective: Is the Reference Manual An Effective Tool for Teaching Scientific Evidence? How could it be improved?

Ted Eisenberg, Henry Allen Mark Professor of Law, Cornell Law School

Edward K. Cheng, Associate Professor of Law, Brooklyn Law School

John Conley, William Rand Kenan Jr. Professor of Law, University of North Carolina

Kenneth R. Kreiling, Professor of Law, Vermont Law School

2:15 Discussion

2:45 Practitioners' Perspective: How do Defense and Plaintiffs' Counsel use the Reference Manual?

Bert Black, Lockridge Grindal Nauen

Kevin T. Van Wart, Kirkland & Ellis

David L. Black, Holland & Hart

3:30 Discussion

4:00 Adjourn

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8:30 **Breakfast**

9:00 **Public Understanding of Science**

Robert K. Bell, Senior Analyst, National Science Foundation

9:20 **Discussion**

9:40 **Communicating Science**

Richard B. Katskee, Assistant Legal Director, Americans United for Separation
of Church and State

10:15 **Discussion**

10:30 **Designing the Survey**

Shari Seidman Diamond, Howard J. Trienens Professor of Law, Northwestern
University School of Law

12:00 **Lunch**

1:00 **Adjourn**