

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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Tuesday, December 19, 2006, Room 202

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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