

The Daubert Group

by Jan Seaman Kelly

The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short and again, who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best, knows the triumph of high achievement; and who, at the worst, fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.

President Theodore Roosevelt

The Daubert Group was created in December 2001 by Kathleen Scorer, Kirsten Jackson and me. Our objective is to assist all legitimate forensic document examiners in their preparation for a Daubert Hearing and/or a critic's challenge by providing informational, emotional, and spiritual support. The Group serves as a single repository for transcripts, affidavits, motions, and briefs that stem from one of these hearings. All of the court documents are posted on abfde.org.

The Daubert Group is a working task group. The Rebuttals to Saks' Alaska affidavit were written by the Daubert Group with assistance from volunteers Jane Lewis, Floyd Whiting, Frank E. Franck, Susan Morton, and Greg Floyd. The Group is currently gathering articles that are topic specific in order to categorize for quicker access. By having quick access to topic specific articles, we are able to prepare a CD or e-mail the information to the FDE/AUSA. Specific work product, such as the Rebuttals or copies of articles, are available from the Daubert Group upon request.

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Assistance is available free of charge to any legitimate forensic document examiner who is facing a Daubert Hearing and/or critic challenge. For assistance, contact one of the following:

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How Can You Contribute?

Contributing to the promotion and defense of our profession is a long term commitment. The primary members of the Daubert Group, Kathleen, Kirsten, and I, have made the long term commitment to assist forensic document examiners in court challenges. Having a core group allows us to quickly determine task priorities and to offer effective assistance to the FDE or AUSA. However, we cannot complete all of the tasks by ourselves. The Daubert Group relies extensively upon volunteers who are willing to make shorter commitments in order to complete a task. This makes it possible for anyone who is interested in contributing to the field to do so.

If you are interested in contributing to the positive promotion and defense of our profession in Daubert Hearings or critic challenges, please contact me. As chair of the Daubert Group, I can assure you the number of tasks is overwhelming, but I can find a task that will suite your interest, talent, and time commitment. Come join us in this worthy fight!

Sincerely,

Jan Seaman Kelly
Chair-Daubert Group