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Evolving Standards of Justice: Examining the Role of Science in the Courtroom

This theme will encompass scholarship that explores the use of scientific data on which scientifically related judicial determinations will rest. For example, new methods of analyzing data, ranging from cognitive neuroscientific data to DNA samples, have challenged courts with regard to the data’s interpretation and admissibility. We invite articles exploring the relationship between the miscarriages of justice and a court’s use (or non-use) of scientific data.

More specifically, scholarship should explore the use of scientific data and the implications (outcomes) as a result of the use of that data. Examples of subjects relating to the use of scientific data by courts may include, but are not limited to:

1) Neuroscientific evidence
2) DNA analysis
3) Use and advancement of medical technology
4) Admissibility and reliability of forensic science
5) Diagnosis of intellectual disability
6) Indigent access to psychiatric assistance

Interested authors should submit an abstract or similar description of the proposed article to Efrain Vera, Executive Editor for Miscarriages of Justice, at evera@albanylaw.edu by September 1st. Articles accepted for publication must be submitted by November 1, 2017. For further information, please contact Mr. Vera at the email address provided above.