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Webinar #17: Emerging Issues in Forensic Fingerprint Examination

Learning Objectives

After viewing this webinar, you will be able to:

- Describe the four factors of the latent print examination framework
- Locate OSAC best practice Web-based resources for friction ridge examination
- Discuss common verification issues
- Develop criteria for evaluating the documentation and reporting of fingerprint evidence and methodology
- Compare and contrast the friction ridge conclusion 3-bin scale with the OSAC 5-bin scale
- Citing a minimum of three scientific reports and studies, explain the significance of the 5-bin scale
- Discuss the legal challenges and findings in Illinois v. Christopher Robertson
- Discuss common defense challenges to fingerprint evidence and ACE-V methodology
- Develop questions to assess a fingerprint expert's qualifications, knowledge and skills

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