



NATIONAL COMMISSION ON FORENSIC SCIENCE



Identifying and Evaluating Literature that Supports the Basic Principles of a Forensic Science Method or Forensic Science Discipline

Subcommittee

Scientific Inquiry and Research

Type of Work Product

Adjudication of Public Comments on Final Draft Views Document

Public Comment Summary:

The comments were all positive and supportive of the intent of the document. One offered suggestions for definitions and editing to clarify the intent and define terms.

Adjudication Process Used by Subcommittee:

The comments were circulated to all members of the subcommittee for consideration and feedback via email exchanges.

Itemized Issues and Adjudication Summary:

DOJ-LA-2015-0009-0056: Submitter pointed out that medicolegal was omitted. We added this to our definitions in the document.

DOJ-LA-2015-0009-0006: Statement of support from the Innocence Project with no suggested changes.

DOJ-LA-2015-0009-0006: Submitter pointed out concerns about definition of foundational literature. The subcommittee discussed this and recognizing the concerns made two changes to the document. First was to change the title to eliminate some of the noted confusions in terms. Secondly, we defined foundational literature for purposes of this document to clarify our intent and meaning.

DOJLA201500090014: Suggested editor change; defined NCFS before we used the abbreviation.

Document submitted by ASCLD Board: This submission stated support for the foundational literature documents. The submitters listed specific recommendations that they suggest to be associated with the foundational literature document. As they were not directly associated with the Views document, no changes were made to it. The suggestions were for NIJ funding of a comprehensive literature review, NIJ funding of a scientific research portal, and additional funding for forensic research. The suggested recommendations will be discussed as separate items by the subcommittee in future meetings as separate topics.