

Volume 1, Number 3 – December 1998 Admissibility of Vocational Expert Testimony Post-Daubert: A Statistical Validation of the Vocational Quotient As a Predictor of Labor Market Entry Wage.

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Abstract. As data-based information and its retrieval from public and private sources proliferates, an increasing focus will be directed to the most credible and validate information upon which experts render their conclusions and opinions. Within the vocational expert's plethora of available information, sources, and assessment tools, there is an increased emphasis upon computerized databased labor market access and wage capacity programs. The majority of these programs are grounded in worker traits and job matching, which yield earning estimates of an individual's employability.

Job Search Software Under Daubert: Will It Withstand Scrutiny As Part of Expert Opinion

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Abstract. In the Daubert decision, the United States Supreme court established "scientific" knowledge as the standard for admissibility for expert testimony (Feldbaum, 1997). It is anticipated that this standard will have a significant impact on psychological rehabilitation, vocational, and economic experts. One general expectation is that the instruments used to assess disabilities and predict their consequences will need to be reliable (provide consistent results), valid (measure which it is expected to measure), and exhibit acceptable error estimates (accuracy of predictions). In the context of the Daubert standards of acceptability, computer job search software programs used by experts are surveyed.

Transferability of Skills Methodologies Used in Computerized Matching systems: Sufficient or Insufficient Control of Methodologically Induced Error Variance?

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Abstract. This article focuses on the reasons for differences that sometimes occur in the results of transferability-of-skills computer software when such software is provided identical search criteria. The article also addresses the implications the differences may have with regard to the use of the software as the basis for scientific expert opinions given in civil and administrative law hearings. Included within this article are quotations from representatives of the Department of Labor commenting on the correct methodology to be employed in a transferability of skills analysis.

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