

Handwriting Expert Opinion as Piece of Evidence— An Analysis

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Abstract—*Opinion of experts as a piece of evidence is an exception to the general rule that no hearsay evidence is admitted in a court trial. The expert is an outsider and his opinion is based on the technical knowledge and skills he possess. In the case of handwriting, the science has not been admitted to be fully developed and therefore in many cases the courts, as the final arbiters in admitting evidence, do not believe the opinion of handwriting expert. The present article analyses the rationale of opinions held by the High Courts in 36 cases so as to derive the areas wherein some more Forensic support is required to be given so as to make this evidence a reliable one in the interest of convictions of the perpetrators of crime. For the purpose, the author has analytically examined the provisions of Indian Evidence Act and the ground level realities affecting the expert opinions. This article also studies the technical aspect of the problem so as to suggest what kind of technological use can be availed and coordinated with the court system so as to be of real help to the courts and the parties in trial.*

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