

Junk Science Research Guide

Overview

This research guide includes information and resources on Junk Science, the “beliefs or practices that claim to be scientific but lack the rigorous methodology and evidence that characterize legitimate scientific inquiry” (EBSCO). The resources listed below are not exhaustive and may not include the most up-to-date information. It is for information purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice or act as the substitute for legal counsel.

Related guides: Evidence, Expert Witness, Habeas Corpus (Criminal), Prisoners’ Rights

Statutes and Codes

Texas Statutes Online www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov

Texas Code Of Criminal Procedure

- Ch. 11 Habeas Corpus § 11.073 Procedure Related to Certain Scientific Evidence
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/CR/htm/C.R.11.htm#11.073>

Secondary Resources in Print

Modern Scientific Evidence: The Law and Science of Expert Testimony KF 8961 .M6315

Texas Courtroom Evidence KFT 1740 .H37

- §22.20 Miscellaneous

Texas Criminal Forms REF KFT 1775 .A6G5

- Ch. 21, Section VI. Post-Trial Habeas Corpus
- Form 21-14 Court of Criminal Appeals Form for Writs of Habeas Corpus

CLE Materials

Advanced Criminal Law Course (PDF Only)

- 2023 Article 11.07 Writs of Habeas Corpus

Online Resources

The Texas Junk Science Writ: A Look Six Years In (State Bar of Texas)

<https://www.texasbar.com/AM/Template.cfm?Section=articles&Template=/CM/HTMLDisplay.cfm&ContentID=47776>

Is It Forensics or Is It Junk Science? (ProPublica)

<https://www.propublica.org/article/understanding-junk-science-forensics-criminal-justice>

Article 11.07 Writs of Habeas Corpus (Texas Judicial Branch)

<https://www.txcourts.gov/media/1457413/1107-paper-53123-update.pdf>

2013, The Year of the Writ Apocalypse (TDCAA)

<https://www.tdcaa.com/journal/2013-the-year-of-the-writ-apocalypse/>

Daubert Standard (Cornell)

https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/daubert_standard

The Dangers of Junk Science (ACSH)

<https://www.acsh.org/news/2025/04/07/dangers-junk-science-49402>

Pseudoscience and Junk Science (EBSCO)

<https://www.ebsco.com/research-starters/science/pseudoscience-and-junk-science>

The Authentic History of 'Junk Science' (Merriam-Webster)

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/wordplay/junk-science-word-history>

Reversing The Legacy of Junk Science in the Courtroom
(*Science* online journal)

<https://www.science.org/content/article/reversing-legacy-junk-science-courtroom>

Reference Materials, Standards, and Guidelines (NIST)

<https://www.nist.gov/forensic-science/reference-materials-standards-and-guidelines>

Legal Assistance

**Legal Lines – Ask Attorneys simple legal questions
(free service)**

- Tarrant County LegalLine Sign-up
<https://www.tarrantbar.org/>
- Dallas County LegalLine Sign-up
<https://www.dallasbar.org/index.cfm?pg=legaline>

**Tarrant County Bar Association Lawyer Referral
Service:** <https://www.tarrantbar.org/?pg=LRIS>

