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## Scientific Knowledge or Subjective Opinion? Forensic Evidence Workshops for Criminal Law Advocates

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### Chaired by:

Her Honour Judge Dina Yehia SC

NSW Bar Association Common Room

Wednesday 22nd February 2017 and Thursday 2nd March 2017. Registered participants must attend both sessions.

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A collaboration between the Faculty of Law and School of Psychology, UNSW, Public Defenders Chambers NSW and the Office of the Director or Public Prosecutions NSW.

Criminal law advocates are invited to attend two linked workshops on understanding and challenging forensic evidence in criminal proceedings. The workshops will provide a snapshot of current research and the latest critical assessment of forensic comparison evidence, including an overview of the Report of the National Academy of Sciences (US), *Strengthening Forensic Sciences*, and the 2016 Report of the President's Council on Science and Technology, *Forensic Science in Criminal Courts: Ensuring Scientific Validity of Feature-Comparison Methods*. The workshops will also involve practical pointers on understanding and evaluating experts reports, comprehending validity and reliability, challenging admissibility and the cross examination of experts.

The workshops are free of charge, but **REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL**. Registered participants will be required to attend both workshops, to be held at the Bar Association on 22 February 2017 and 2 March 2017 between 5-7 pm. To register please email your full name to Tiffany McDonald at [tmcdonald@nswbar.asn.au](mailto:tmcdonald@nswbar.asn.au). Places are limited to 50 participants and will be allocated on a 'first in' basis.

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