

LEGAL PROBABILISM

MARCELLO DI BELLO – ASU

READING GUIDE – WEEK #13

Wixted/Wells:

pp. 10-13 Background and how the legal system views the relationship between eyewitness confidence and accuracy

pp. 14-20 Lineups that are pristine. What are the five pristine conditions?

pp. 20-26 Three ways to measure the relationship between confidence and accuracy? Which one is preferable?

pp. 26-39 Reanalysis of existing data in light of the ACA criterion

pp. 40-45 Real lineups and the importance of base rates

pp. 45-49 What explains the connection between pristine conditions, confidence and accuracy?

pp. 50-55 Summary and future research

Precis. No specific instructions this week. Your precis should describe (a) topic of the paper (or court opinion); (b) main thesis (or theses, if more than one); (c) supporting arguments; (d) objections to these arguments, complications or difficulties that the author considers (if any).

A precis should be no more than one page. If you want to write more, that's fine, but do not exaggerate! Be clear, simple, and concise. Due at the beginning of class.