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In its 1993 Daubert decision, the United States Supreme Court clarified the standards judges should use in deciding whether to admit expert evidence into federal cases. The Supreme Court directed judges to evaluate the method and

reasoning underlying the expert evidence and to admit only evidence that was reliable and relevant. This study examines how judges have changed the way they evaluate expert evidence since Daubert and how the parties proposing and challenging evidence have responded as a result.

This study should not be underestimated. It makes a valuable contribution, if incremental contribution to the evolving understanding of how the DAUBERT standard is actually working. Michael P. Allen From the Publisher Arts organizations across the country are actively expanding their efforts to increase public participation in their programs. This report presents the findings of a RAND study of these efforts, the purpose of which was twofold: to better understand the process by which individuals become involved in the arts and to identify how arts institutions can most effectively influence this process. The research, sponsored by the Wallace-Reader's Digest Funds, entailed developing a behavioral model that identifies the main factors influencing individual decisions about the arts, site visits to institutions that have been particularly successful in attracting participants to their programs, and in-depth interviews with the directors of more than 100 institutions that have received grants from the Wallace-Reader's Digest Funds and the Knight Foundation to encourage greater involvement in the arts. It is hoped that this study will help arts organizations develop their own effective strategies for attracting participants. About the Author Lloyd S. Dixon (Ph.D., Economics, 1989, University of California at Berkeley) is a Senior Economist, Rand, Santa Monica, CA. Brian P. Gill (Ph.D. Jurisprudence and Social Policy: University of California at Berkeley) is an Associate Policy Analyst in Civil Justice and Education at Rand.