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The use of business documents to prove antitrust violations in court is quite problematic. This Article identifies three classes of business documents that are used by courts and antitrust agencies to determine whether antitrust violations have occurred: accounting documents, market definition documents, and intent documents. The use of each to prove economic injury is unsatisfactory. Accounting information is sufficiently disconnected from underlying economic reality that it presents a distorted and unreliable picture of economic consequences. Businesses characterize markets for myriad reasons, most having nothing to do with elasticity, the criterion of market definition relevant to the antitrust laws. Likewise, corporate actors express intentions and motivations for rhetorical and other purposes, not necessarily because they possess the capacity to achieve their “intended” effect. Principled antitrust enforcement must rely on evidence of actual economic effect, rather than inherently misleading characterizations of business conduct.

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Since 1989, post-conviction DNA testing has exonerated 162 innocent defendants. Nevertheless, few criminal cases—10-20%—have any biological evidence suitable for DNA testing, suggesting that documented DNA exonerations are just the tip of the innocence iceberg. In cases that lack biological evidence, prisoners seeking to assert their innocence often must present non-scientific “newly discovered evidence,” such as recantations by trial participants, statements by previously unknown witnesses or confessions by the actual perpetrator. Without a doubt, non-DNA cases are difficult for defendants to overturn given the subjectivity involved in assessing most forms of new evidence and the absence of a method to prove innocence to a scientific certainty. This inherent difficulty, however, is exacerbated by the fact that inmates typically must resort to burdensome state court procedures that remain little-changed from their ancient British roots and that ultimately fail to provide potentially innocent defendants with adequate access to the courts. To improve such access, this Article recommends that states revamp their procedures in this area by, among other reforms, abandoning statutes of limitations, directing each submission to a judge other than

the original trial judge, and adopting a de novo standard of appellate review for summary denials of innocence claims.

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