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The Post Office was able to act in the disgraceful way it did for two reasons:

(i) the Post Office relied on the presumption that computers are reliable,¹ and

(ii) the failure of judges to order appropriate disclosure.

These are problems of the legal profession (judges and lawyers), and the failure of legal education.² Will the legal profession ignore this? We do not know, but the prognosis is not good.

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¹ For which see chapter 5 in Stephen Mason and Daniel Seng, editors, Electronic Evidence and Electronic Signatures (5th edn, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies for the SAS Humanities Digital Library, School of Advanced Study, University of London, 2021).
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