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Overview of Qualifications

M. Patricia Fisher

Diplomate, BFDE¹ - Board of Forensic Document Examiners

For over 25 years, M. Patricia Fisher has worked full time as a forensic document examiner involving most document examination problems that use **non-destructive** testing including:

- Handwriting/signature identification
- Fabricated documents
- Altered medical and business records
- Identification problems involving typewriters, computer printouts, e-mail printouts, watermarks, papers, writing instruments and intersections of lines.

Specializes in questioned documents in probate and financial elder abuse matters, altered medical records, fabricated documents, and complex cases involving multiple document issues.

Qualified to testify in Federal and State Courts in California and Nevada in over 200 court proceedings since 1979. Additional testimony provided in arbitrations, hearings, and depositions.

Laboratory

Standard testing procedures using state of the art laboratory including the ESDA for indented writing testing, the Video Spectral Comparator 4c for testing requiring a range of light sources for paper and ink examinations, and a video stereomicroscope with image capture software.

Professional education and publications

Actively participates on an annual basis in training workshops and continuing education related to the field of forensic document examination field. Extensive background in teaching and writing for presentation of document issues to the layperson and in writing laboratory reports. A frequent presenter at professional meetings. Seventeen publications in the field.

Certification and Professional Associations

Diplomate of and certified by the Board of Forensic Document Examiners, Certified by the Association of Forensic Document Examiners (AFDE), and the Association of Certified Fraud Specialists. Editor of the Journal of Forensic Document Examination, a scientific peer reviewed journal. Member of the American Society of Testing and Material International's Subcommittee for Questioned Documents and the International Graphonomics Society (IGS) based at the Motor Control Laboratory at Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona.

¹ The BFDE's certification program has been accredited by the Forensic Specialties Accreditation Board.