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STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

TRAINING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION IN FORENSIC DOCUMENT EXAMINATION

Mentored and private study with qualified experienced document examiners [1975-1978]

Technical papers, workshops, classroom instruction and/or laboratory sessions sponsored by:

Association of Forensic Document Examiners (Annual Attendance)

Independent Association of Questioned Document Examiners

Co-sponsors of IAQDE conferences have included: University of Oklahoma Law Center [Oklahoma],

University of San Diego Law School [California], University of Dayton School of Law [Ohio],

Southern Methodist University School of Law [Texas]

American Academy of Forensic Sciences

FBI (and other organizations)

Presenters and participants included:

Forensic document examiners

Ink experts

Paper chemists

Forensic photographers

Attorneys and law professors

Medical professionals

Professionals in other related fields

Technical representatives (lab equipment)

Psychologists

Others

Subjects included: handwriting identification and comparison, hand printing examination, laboratory techniques of ink analysis, indented writing examination, detection of alterations, dating of documents, typewriting comparison and identification factors, evidence collection, admissibility of evidence, expert witness testimony, document photography, digital imaging, preparation of demonstrative evidence, and other. Instructional visits to manufacturers of paper, watermark, and rubber stamps production.

Graduate of the Institute of Applied Science [1975]

Courses in criminal identification including handwriting and typewriting identification.

CERTIFICATION (by testing)

Board Certification through the Board of Forensic Document Examiners [BFDE] 2003 - present

[The BFDE is accredited by the Forensic Specialties Accreditation Board]

Board Certification through the Association of Forensic Document Examiners [AFDE] 1991-2006

General Certification through the Association of Forensic Document Examiners [AFDE] 1987-2006

[AFDE discontinued offering a certification program in 2006, referring examiners instead to the BFDE for certification; however AFDE continues to recognize the achievement of those who completed testing in its Certification Program.]

COURT TESTIMONY

Ohio Common Pleas Courts of Cuyahoga, Lorain, Medina, Summit, Lake, Ashtabula, Allen, Columbiana, Delaware, Franklin, Geauga, Hamilton, Huron, Logan, Lucas, Mahoning, Marion, Montgomery, Noble, Portage, Stark, Trumbull, Wayne.

Pennsylvania: Common Pleas Court of Allegheny, Indiana, and Westmoreland Counties.

Kentucky: District Courts of Casey and Floyd Counties

Michigan: County of Wexford

Illinois: DuPage County

Rhode Island: Superior Court, Providence.

Puerto Rico: Labor Arbitration, San Juan.

United States District Court: Ohio (Northern District, Southern District), Kentucky (Western District), and West Virginia (Northern District.)

United States Bankruptcy Court, Ohio (Northern District).

United States Tax Court Arbitration and Federal Mediation

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CLIENTELE

Attorneys and law firms	Prosecutor's Office	Labor unions
County Public Defender	Court appointments for indigents	Medical institutions
Federal Public Defender	Investigation and Security firms	Universities
Defense Attorneys	Financial institutions	Legal Aid Societies
Plaintiff Attorneys	Insurance Companies	Title agencies
Law enforcement agencies	Corporations	[and others]

Testimony has been provided on behalf of plaintiffs and defendants in civil cases, criminal defense and the prosecution.

OPINIONS RENDERED

Signatures, handwriting, and hand printing on contracts, probate documents, deeds, bank documents, security agreements, corporate documents, insurance forms, petitions, credit receipts, medical records, state documents, prescriptions, anonymous letters, graffiti, and other.

Other issues include altered documents such as medical records and business records, erasures, obliterated writing, ink comparison, sequence of writing, deciphering illegible writing, fabricated photocopies, and other.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Board of Forensic Document Examiner (BFDE)

Offices held: President, Director, Secretary
The BFDE is accredited by the Forensic Specialties Accreditation Board (FSAB)

Association of Forensic Document Examiners (AFDE)

An international organization for document examiners
Admittance testing required for Certified Professional Member (current status)
Offices held: President, Vice President, Board Member, Membership Director.

Academy Standards Board (ASB)

The American Academy of Forensic Sciences forensic standards development organization.
Member of the Questioned Document Committee.

Prior: American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)

A standards development organization whose members work to develop standards for use in commercial, legal, forensic, and other professions. Member: Forensic Science Committee (1997-2018) and Questioned Document Section from 1997-2012 when section closed.

Prior: Forensic Specialties Accreditation Board (FSAB)

Director: 2000-2007

PRESENTATIONS

Presentations at symposiums sponsored by Association of Forensic Document Examiners. Programs on forensic document examination have been presented to bar associations [CLE credit], law enforcement officers, crime prevention organizations, bank personnel, criminalistics and university law school classes.

ARTICLES [published in the *Journal of Forensic Document Examination*]

- Forensic Document Examination: Guidelines for Evaluating Credentials
- Light and Electron Microscopy Approaches to Sequence of Writing Problems [co-author]
- Parkinson's Disease and Graphic Disturbance
- A Study in Hand Printing
- Guided Hand Signatures
- "Marks" as Signatures [co-author]

CONTINUING EDUCATION includes annual attendance at continuing education conferences and involvement in professional activities.

LABORATORY

Laboratory facilities for the examination of documents, including stereo microscope, magnifiers, reticles, measuring devices, special lighting, infrared spectral analysis equipment, latent image development equipment, computer digital imaging, photographic equipment for specialized document photography.