

# CURRICULUM VITAE

## JOHN W. HARGETT, III

**Position:** Forensic Document Examiner  
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**Services:** The examination of questioned documents. These examinations usually include the identification of handwriting and handprinting, the determination as to the sequence of preparation of documents or parts of documents, and the analysis of other features of documents that may provide information of evidentiary value. Testimony is provided regarding the results of examinations when required. Also provide training and international technical assistance.

**Experience:** 1966 – 1969 Document Examiner Trainee  
U. S. Postal Inspection Service  
Washington, DC

1969 – 1971 Examiner of Questioned Documents  
Metropolitan Police Department  
Washington, DC

1971 – 1983 Examiner of Questioned Documents  
U. S. Secret Service  
Washington, DC

1983 – 1987 Examiner of Questioned Documents  
Washington, DC  
(Private practice)

1987 – 1998 Chief Document Examiner  
U. S. Secret Service  
Washington, DC

July 1998 – Forensic Document Examiner  
John Hargett Associates, LLC  
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**Professional Affiliations:** Forensic Science Society  
International Association for Identification  
Association of Former Agents of the United States Secret Service

**Certification:** Certified – United States Secret Service

**Publications/ Presentations:** "Classification and Identification of Checkwriters", Journal of Police Science and Administration, Vol. 4, No. 4, 1976.

"The Document Examiner: An Investigative and Prosecutive Tool", Maine Trooper, Vol. 3, 1983.

"A Comparison Study of the Handwriting of Adolescents", Forensic Science International, Vol. 42, No. 3, 1989. Presented at the American Academy of Forensic Science, Philadelphia, PA, February 1988 and at the 10<sup>th</sup> Australia International Forensic Science Symposium, Brisbane, Qld, Australia, May 1988.

"The International Ink Library", International Criminal Police Review, No. 425, 1990. Presented at the Ninth INTERPOL International Forensic Science Symposium, Lyon, France, December 1989. Updated version presented at the Tenth INTERPOL International Forensic Science Symposium, Lyon, France, November 1992.

"Status of the U. S. Secret Service Ink Dating Program", Kriminalistik und Forensische Wissenschaften, No. 82, 1994. Presented at the Mannheim Symposium, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, April 1993.

"U. S. Secret Service Ink Identification System." Presented at the Canadian Society of Forensic Science Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, October 1988.

"A Forensic Look at Some Document Falsification Techniques." Presented at the Fourth European Conference for Document Examiners, Linköping, Sweden, August 1992.

"The Utilization of Automated Handwriting Technology for Assisting Law Enforcement." Presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> European Conference for Police and Government Handwriting Experts, London, England, October 1994.

"Forensic Laboratory Information System for Evidence-Tracking." Presented at The 4<sup>th</sup> European Academy of Forensic Science Conference, Helsinki, Finland, June 2006.

<b>Instructor:</b>	1970 – 1986	U. S. Secret Service Questioned Document Course, Washington, DC
	1996 & 1997	International Law Enforcement Academy Document Examination Seminars, Budapest, Hungary
	1983 – 2006	U. S. Secret Service Questioned Document Course for State and Local Law Enforcement, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Brunswick, GA.
	2000 – 2006	U. S. Secret Service Advanced Questioned Document Course for State and Local Law Enforcement, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Brunswick, GA.

**Guest Speaker:** Maine Criminal Justice Academy, Waterville, ME.

Federal Public Defenders Association Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

Maine Trial Attorneys Association Annual Conference, Portland, ME

Tri-State International Association of Credit Card Investigators Conference, NJ.

Florida Chapter International Association of Credit Card Investigators, Orlando, FL.

Counterfeit Seminar, Prosecutor General's Office, Guadalajara, Mexico.

77<sup>th</sup> Annual Educational Conference, International Association for Identification, Atlantic City, NJ.

5<sup>th</sup> European Conference for Government Document Examiners, Lisbon, Portugal.

Northwest Fraud Investigators Association 1998 Annual Conference, Sun River, OR.

Alabama District Attorneys Special Services Division Association 2002 Fall Conference, Birmingham, AL

**Testimony:** Testified over 350 times throughout the United States in criminal and civil matters and in foreign courts of law as an expert in forensic document examination and handwriting identification. These testimonies have been in Federal, state and local courts of law as well as Military Courts Martial. May 1989 and May 1990, provided expert document testimony before the U. S. House of Representatives, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

**Miscellaneous:** In 1992, selected by the U. S. Department of State as the document expert representing the United States and as such conducted an examination of a questioned treaty at the International Tribunal (World Court), The Hague, Netherlands.

United States Delegate to the European Conference of Experts on Documents, Rome, Italy, 1990; Linkoping, Sweden, 1992; and Lisbon, Portugal, 1994; and to the Fourth European Conference for Police and Government Experts, London, England 1994.

Represented the U. S. Secret Service as an expert on questioned document matters in 23 foreign countries.

Consultant on document examination to the Sub-Committee on Oversight and Investigations of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, U. S. Congress, House of Representatives from August 1988 through May 1990.

Recipient of the 1991 Inspector General's Integrity Award.

Chair of the Tender Evaluation Committee, Netherlands Organization for International Cooperation in Higher Education for the selection of the Dutch provider for the Immigration Department of Tanzania in the field of Document Examination, October 2006 through March 2007.

Consultant for CNN and FOX Cable News regarding handwriting of suspect John Mark Karr in the JonBenet Ramsey murder investigation, August 2006.

January 1999 through December 2005 served as the United States Treasury Department, Office of Technical Assistance (OTA), Contract Law Enforcement Advisor for forensic science in the Republic of Moldova.

September 2002 until present serve as the United States Justice Department, International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program (ICITAP), Contract Senior Forensic Advisor in the Republic of Bulgaria.

Contract forensic evaluator in the country of Nepal for the Anti-Terrorism Assistance Program, Office of Diplomatic Security, U. S. State Department, August 2007.