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Employment

FORENSIC DOCUMENT EXAMINER (Consultant) 2004-PRESENT

Services:

- Conduct scientific examinations of handwriting and the physical examinations of documents to establish genuineness or spuriousness
- Provide oral or written reports of findings, demonstrative exhibits and expert testimony

FORENSIC DOCUMENT EXAMINER (Detective, New York City Police Dept.) 1982-2004

Duties and responsibilities:

- Examine handwriting and documents relating to criminal investigations
- Provide written reports, demonstrative exhibits and expert testimony
- Train new personnel in document examination and evidence photography
- Lecture detectives, police management and district attorneys
- Edit Document section procedure and training manuals
- Manage laboratory instruments for quality assurance
- Supervise Document Section personnel

TEACHING POSITIONS

- Hofstra University, Chemistry/Forensic Science Department 2005-PRESENT
 - CUNY John Jay College, Forensic Science Department 1978-1980
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Education

- MS in Forensic Science, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, NY, NY 1980
 - BS in Biology, Adelphi University, Garden City, NY 1977
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Certification

- Diplomate, American Board of Forensic Document Examiners
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Affiliations

- American Academy of Forensic Science
- International Association for Identification
- Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists
- New York State Technical Working Group for Document Examiners
- American Society for Testing and Materials
- New York Microscopical Society
- American Chemical Society

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Specialized Courses and Continuing Education Workshops:

- Three year apprenticeship (*NYPD Questioned Document Unit*, 1982/83, 1985/86)
- Fundamentals of Documents Examination for Laboratory Personnel Course (*FBI Academy & University of Virginia*, 1985)
- Questioned Document Course (*United States Secret Service*, 1985)
- Crime Laboratory Photography Course (*FBI Academy & University of Virginia*, 1985)
- Typewriter and Printer Examination Course (*FBI Academy & University of Virginia*, 1991)
- Latent Print Course (*FBI Academy*, 1996)
- Survey of Questioned Documents Course (*CUNY John Jay College*, 1980)
- Questioned Document Handwriting Course (*Valencia College*, 1986)
- Advanced Handwriting Identification, Theory, Mechanics and Analysis Course (*University of New Haven*, 1998)
- Printing Process Identification and Image Analysis for Forensic Document Examiners Course (*Rochester Institute of Technology*, 2001)
- Graffiti Examination and Comparison Course (*NYPD Vandal Squad*, 2003)
- Fraudulent Document Examination Course (*NYPD Counter Terrorism Bureau*, 2003)
- Ethics in Forensic Science Course (*Doug Lucas*, 2003)
- Signature Identification Workshop (*American Academy of Forensic Sciences*, 1988)
- Typewriting Examination and Classification Workshop (*Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists*, 1994)
- Crime Laboratory Photography Workshop (*Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists*, 1994)
- Signature Workshop (*Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists*, 1995)
- Expert Witness and Testimony Workshop (*American Academy of Forensic Sciences*, 1997)
- Windows and Adobe Photoshop Workshop (*CompUSA*, 1997)
- Quality Assurance Principals for Laboratory Personnel Course (*Enigma Analytical*, 1999)
- Paper and Fiber Examination Workshop (*Integrated Paper Services & the Southwestern Association of Forensic Document Examiners*, 2000)
- Expert Witness and Litigation Course (*SEAK, Inc.*, 2000)
- Microspectrophotometry in Forensic Science Workshop (*S.E.E. Corp.*, 2000)
- Visual Spectral Comparator Workshop (*Foster & Freeman*, 2003)
- Inkjet Printer Workshop (*Mid-Atlantic Association of Forensic Scientists*, 2004)
- Check Washing Workshop (*American Board of Forensic Document Examiners*, 2004)
- Facsimile Examinations Workshop (*American Board of Forensic Document Examiners*, 2004)
- Adobe Photoshop Workshop (*American Board of Forensic Document Examiners*, 2004)
- Rubber Stamp Examinations Workshop (*American Board of Forensic Document Examiners*, 2004)
- The Reasoning Process Workshop (*American Board of Forensic Document Examiners*, 2004)
- Multi-Faceted Examinations Workshop (*American Board of Forensic Document Examiners*, 2004)
- Printing Process Examinations Workshop (*American Board of Forensic Document Examiners*, 2005)
- Ultraviolet and Infrared Examinations Workshop (*American Board of Forensic Document Examiners*, 2005)

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- Visible, Infrared and Ultraviolet Examinations Workshop (*American Board of Forensic Document Examiners, 2005*)
- Line Intersection and Alterations Workshop (*American Board of Forensic Document Examiners, 2005*)
- Signature Workshop (*New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, Office of Forensic Services, Technical Working Group for Document Examiners, 2006*)
- Flap and Seal Integrity Workshop (*New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, Office of Forensic Services, Technical Working Group for Document Examiners, 2006*)
- Visualization and Decipherment of Altered Documents Workshop (*Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists, 2006*)
- Authentication and Dating Methods in Forensic Document Examination Workshop (*American Board of Forensic Document Examiners, 2006*)
- Duplicate Rubber Stamp Examinations Workshop (*American Board of Forensic Document Examiners, 2006*)
- Signature Disguise and Simulation Workshop (*American Board of Forensic Document Examiners, 2006*)
- Signature Auto-Forgery Workshop (*American Board of Forensic Document Examiners, 2006*)
- Disguised and Distorted Handwriting Workshop (*New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, Office of Forensic Services, Technical Working Group for Document Examiners, 2007*)
- Examining Documents Requiring a Multi-Faceted Approach Workshop (*Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists, 2007*)
- Courtroom Testimony for Forensic Document Examiners Workshop (*Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists, 2007*)
- Forensic Examination of Computer Generated Documents Workshop, (*Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists, 2007*)
- Methods Used for Authenticating Questioned Documents Workshop (*United States Secret Service, 2007*)

Meetings:

- American Academy of Forensic Sciences (1988, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2008)
- American Society of Questioned Document Examiners (1986, 2001)
- American Board of Forensic Document Examiners (2004, 2005, 2006)
- New York State Technical Working Group for Document Examiners (2005, 2006, 2007)
- Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists (1979 - 2007)
- Mid-Atlantic Association of Forensic Scientists (1980, 2000, 2004)
- Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists (1994, 2007)
- Southwestern Association of Forensic Document Examiners (2000)
- New York Microscopical Society (1993, 2004)
- American Chemical Society (2006)

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Presentations:

- Picciochi, R., and Fiertner, J., “A Method for the Recovery of Latent Images From Polaroid Land Negative Sheets”, presented at the 2nd International Symposium on Questioned Documents, Albany, NY, June 13 to 18, 1999
- “Questioned Document Examination”, Criminal Investigation Course, Police Academy, New York City Police Department
- “Questioned Document Examination”, Executive Development Course, Police Academy, New York City Police Department
- “Questioned Document Examination”, Detective Bureau Orientation Course, Detective Bureau, New York City Police Department
- “Questioned Document Examination”, In-Service Training, Intelligence Division, New York City Police Department

Publications:

- Picciochi, R., Editor, “Questioned Document Procedure Manual”, New York City Police Department, 1999
- Picciochi, R., Editor, “Questioned Document Training Manual”, New York City Police Department, 1999
- Picciochi, R., Editor, “Questioned Document Training Program” New York City Police Department, 2001

Miscellaneous:

- Consultant to Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY, to develop a Bachelor of Science degree curriculum in the forensic sciences (2004 - 2005)
- Consultant to the New York State Police Crime Laboratory, Albany, NY, to provide formal lectures as a primary provider of training to novice document examiners and develop standardized examination procedures for ISO accreditation (2007 to present)