

Curriculum Vitae
LINDA L MITCHELL, BS
Forensic Document Examiner

Linda Mitchell is a forensic document examiner and handwriting expert. Besides the authenticating handwriting, she is especially skilled in decipherment of documents containing indented writings, and obliterated content, all of which can be part of a complex multiple-page document examination often found in medical malpractice matters and real estate fraud. Linda's laboratory includes state-of-the-art equipment and a full library of reference resources. She provides informative presentations about most aspects of the field document examination for small or large audiences. She is currently the developing a research study for presentation to the American Academy of Forensic Sciences on the subject of Arabic-speaking writers in the United States. Ms. Mitchell is also a commissioned Notary Public in the State of California.

Ms. Mitchell completed her formal two-year apprenticeship in questioned document examination under the direct supervision of Manny Gonzales, who has more than 33 years of professional experience involving most aspects of forensic document examination. (Mr. Gonzales' CV is available upon request.). Her training conforms to the Southwestern Association of Forensic Document Examiners (SWAFDE) Training Guidelines (2006) and included training from FBI and Secret Service materials.

Formal Education

Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice Administration

Available for Matters Involving:

Digital Signatures	General Civil Litigation	Immigration Matters
Real Estate Transactions	Medical Malpractice	Family Law
Corporate Investigations	Criminal	Anonymous Letters
Sexual Harassment Defense	Insurance Fraud	Probate Matters

Areas of Expertise & Services Offered Involving:

Development & Decipherment of Indented Writings	Computer-Generated Documents
Photocopier Classification & Identification	Decipherment of Obliterations
Typewriting Classification & Identification	Photocopy Manipulations
Signature & Handwriting Identification	Ink & Paper Analyses
Document Dating & Anachronism	Counterfeit Detection
Detection of Altered Documents	Expert Witness Testimony
	Consulting

Examined Documents & Recently Rendered Conclusions on Behalf of:

Steven A. Ehrlich, Esq. - Irvine	Mark Krasner, Esq – La Jolla
Bellflower School District - Bellflower	Bruce Guttman, Esq. – Los Angeles
Steven Lemish, Esq. – El Cajon	Beatrice Fung, Esq. – San Diego and Orange County
James O. Douglass, Esq – Palm Desert	Wallace Sweet, Esq. & Wm. Hernquist, Esq. – La Mesa
James Felton, Esq., Greenberg & Bass, LLP – Encino	Rosemary Leonard, Esq. – San Diego
Ewaniszyk Law Firm – Victorville	Private Individuals and Companies

My past experience also involves active professional participation in Manny Gonzales' on-going casework.

Examined Documents & Rendered Independent Conclusions on Behalf of:

San Bernardino County Office of the Public Defender
San Diego County Public Defender
San Diego County Office of the Alternate Public Defender
Riverside County Office of the Public Defender
Clark County Nevada District Attorney
State of California, Department of Consumer Affairs
Los Angeles County Office of the Public Defender
Numerous private law firms, insurance carriers, corporations and private concerns
Some of these cases have been ongoing in conjunction with casework for Manny Gonzales.

Sworn Testimony

San Diego Federal Bankruptcy Court, Judge Laura Taylor, case# 07-02952-T11
Los Angeles Superior Court, Judge Gregory Alarcon, case# LASC 434034
Los Angeles Superior Court, Comm. David Bianchi, case# LASC MP004239
San Diego County Small Claims Court, Comm. Ernest Gross, (Brothers v. Wynn)
Deposition – Atty. Yosina M. Lissebeck, case# 07-02952-T11
Deposition – Atty. Branden Timboe, case# 37-2010-00087977-CU-BC-CTL
Deposition – Atty. Esther Holm, case# 05CC06534

Highlights of Approved Specialized Formal Questioned Documents Training

- ◆ 2010: San Diego Police Department Documents Laboratory, San Diego, CA – *Moot Court* with Randy Gibson, Diplomate ABFDE; Hugh Curfman, Diplomate ABFDE; Bill Roberts, Esq.
- ◆ 2009: San Diego Police Department Documents Laboratory, San Diego, CA – *Moot Court* with Randy Gibson, Diplomate ABFDE and Hugh Curfman, Diplomate ABFDE
- ◆ 2009: Moore Document Laboratory, Fair Oaks, CA – *5-day on-the-job training* with David Moore, Diplomate ABFDE, former US Army Crime Lab
- ◆ 2009: Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), Rochester NY – Printing Process Identification and Image Analysis for Forensic Document Examiners (5 days)
- ◆ 2006: McCrone College of Microscopy, Westmont, IL – *Microscopy for the Forensic Document Examiner* (1 day)
- ◆ 2005: Institute of Applied Science, Syracuse, NY – *Fundamentals of Questioned Document Examination* (online)

Highlights of Approved Continuing Professional Education

- ◆ 2012: ASQDE – Annual Scientific Meeting, Charleston, SC (presenter)
- ◆ 2012: Impression and Pattern Evidence Symposium, Clearwater, FL, sponsored by the FBI and National Institute of Justice
- ◆ 2012: SWAFDE – Annual Scientific Meeting, Monterey, CA
- ◆ 2011: Notary Learning Center, Notary Public Mandatory Education, San Marcos, CA
- ◆ 2011: SWAFDE – 30th Anniversary Meeting, Scottsdale, AZ (presenter)
- ◆ 2011: AAFS – Annual Scientific Meeting (Questioned Documents Section), Chicago, IL
- ◆ 2010: Southwestern Association of Forensic Document Examiners, Inc. (SWAFDE), American Society of Questioned Document Examiners (ASQDE) – Joint Annual Scientific Meeting, Victoria, BC, Canada
- ◆ 2010: International Association for Identification (IAI) – Annual Scientific Meeting (Questioned Documents Section), Spokane, WA (presenter)
- ◆ 2010: American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) – Annual Scientific Meeting (Questioned Documents Section), Seattle WA
- ◆ 2009: AAFS – Annual Scientific Meeting (Questioned Documents Section), Denver, CO
- ◆ 2009: Lewis Consulting and Investigative Training, Temecula, CA – Methods of Latent Print and Crime Scene Processing
- ◆ 2009: SWAFDE - Annual Scientific Meeting, Los Angeles, CA (presenter)
- ◆ 2009: Escondido Adult Education, Escondido, CA – Photoshop Applications
- ◆ 2008: Skill Task Training Assessment & Research, Inc. (ST²AR training provided by ABFDE certified FDE's) – FDE Forensic Fall Workshop, Las Vegas, NV
- ◆ 2008: AAFS – Annual Scientific Meeting (Questioned Documents Section), Washington, DC
- ◆ 2007: AAFS – Annual Scientific Meeting (Questioned Documents Section), San Antonio, TX
- ◆ 2007: SEAK, Inc., Falmouth, MA – Expert Witness Conference, sponsored by the Forensic Expert Witness Association (FEWA), Southern California

Professional Affiliations

- ◆ Southwestern Association of Forensic Document Examiners – SWAFDE
- ◆ International Association for Identification - IAI (Questioned Document Section)
- ◆ American Academy of Forensic Sciences - AAFS (Questioned Document Section)
- ◆ American Society for Testing and Materials International – ASTM (Section E30)
- ◆ National Notary Association

Proficiency Testing

Ms. Mitchell has participated and continues to participate in annual voluntary proficiency testing for questioned document examiners administered by third parties (CTS, ST²AR – members are ABFDE diplomates). As of this date, all results have been satisfactory.

Ms. Mitchell also served as a member of the examination committee for Moot Court performed at the San Diego Sheriff's Crime Lab

Publications and Presentations

- ◆ **Methods for Reassembling Crosscut Shredded Documents** – ASQDE (American Society of Questioned Document Examiners) Annual Scientific Session, August 2012 (presented on behalf of Larry A. Olson, Diplomate – ABFDE, IRS lab director, Chicago, IL)
- ◆ **Training Requirements for the Forensic Document Examiner** – IAI, California Regional Education Conference, May 2012 (co-presenter, Manny Gonzales)
- ◆ **The Fraud Investigator and the Forensic Document Examiner** – ACFI (Assoc. of Certified Fraud Investigators) (2 MCLE units), April 2012 (co-presenter Manny Gonzales)
- ◆ **Is a Notarized Document Genuine?** Syndicated through Ezine.to NBIZ Magazine, March 2012
- ◆ **Evidence Collection for a More Productive Document Examination** – National League of Licensed Investigators, December 2011 (co-presenter Manny Gonzales)
- ◆ **The Forensic Significance of Handwriting Biometrics** – Published in Digital Forensics Magazine, August 2011 (co-author Bill Flynn, Diplomate-ABFDE)
- ◆ **Computer-Generated Altered Document Detection** – SWAFDE, 30th Anniversary Meeting, Scottsdale, AZ
- ◆ **Forensic Document Examination 101 for the Fraud Examiner** – Orange County Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (co-presenter, Manny Gonzales), Irvine, CA
- ◆ **Forensic Document Examination 101 for the Private Investigator** – The Annual Conference of California Association of Licensed Investigators - CALI (co-presenter, Manny Gonzales), Costa Mesa, CA
- ◆ **Training a Forensic Document Examiner; A Trainee's Perspective** – IAI, International Educational Annual Conference (co-presenter, Manny Gonzales), Spokane, WA
- ◆ **Alleged Alteration of Computer-Generated Documents Resolved?** – IAI, International Educational Annual Conference (co-presenter, Manny Gonzales), Spokane, WA
- ◆ **Introduction to Forensic Document Examining for Attorneys** – San Diego Public Defenders (MCLE provider units; co-presenter, Manny Gonzales), Vista, CA
- ◆ **Onsite InfraRed/UltraViolet Examination of Questioned Documents** – SWAFDE Annual Scientific Session (co-presenter, Manny Gonzales), Los Angeles, CA
- ◆ General informational presentations to San Diego Republican Women's Club, Escondido Rotary, Escondido Chamber of Commerce, Fallbrook Women's Association, Forensic Expert Witness Association (San Diego Chapter)

Awards and Achievements

- ◆ Distinguished Service Award – Military Order of the Purple Heart (2009, 2010, 2011)

Academic History

- ◆ Graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree (Criminal Justice Administration) from University of Phoenix Online, Phoenix, AZ
- ◆ Graduated with an Associate of Arts Degree (Dental Hygiene) from Cerritos College, Norwalk, CA
- ◆ Graduate training at Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, University of Southern California School of Dentistry and University of California at Los Angeles School of Dentistry

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