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RÉSUMÉ

HOWARD C. RILE, JR. FORENSIC DOCUMENT EXAMINER

I graduated from California State University at Los Angeles in 1968 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry. From 1968 to 1972, I worked as a chemist at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California. Since 1972, I have devoted full time to the study and examination of problems relating to disputed handwriting, signatures, typewriting, and identification of photocopiers, ink, and papers.

From 1972 to 1974, I was employed and trained at the firm of Harris and Harris, Examiners of Questioned Documents, at Los Angeles, California. Between 1974 and 1979, I was employed by the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller as a document examiner; and from 1979 to 1983, I was the questioned document examiner for the State of Colorado at the Colorado Bureau of Investigation in Denver. Since 1983 I have been an independent, private examiner; I was affiliated with Harris and Harris until 1996.

I am certified by and past president (1997-1999) of the American Board of Forensic Document Examiners, Inc. I am also a member of and currently serve (2006-2008) as President on the Executive Board of the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners, Inc. I am a member and ex-Membership/Credentials Chairman of the Southwestern Association of Forensic Document Examiners. I am a member of the Canadian Society of Forensic Science; and the Document Section of the American Academy of Forensic Science, and the ASTM. I revised a chapter on signatures in *Scientific Examination of Questioned Documents, 2nd Edition*.

I have qualified and testified as an expert witness in my specialty in more than 500 cases involving criminal and civil matters in federal and/or state courts in California, Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, Hawaii, Kansas, New York, and Wyoming.

Our office and laboratory are equipped with microscopes, cameras, a digital and photographic darkroom, ESDA, a Video Scanning Comparator (VSC-4), measuring devices, and other specialized instruments. We maintain a library and extensive reference files.

References and a listing of cases in which I have testified are available upon request.