

CURRICULUM VITAE

**SANDRA L. HOMEWOOD, D-ABFDE
FORENSIC DOCUMENT EXAMINER**

APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING IN QUESTIONED DOCUMENTS:

Completion of a 2 year, full-time apprenticeship training program in the field of questioned documents, commencing in December 1974 under Sgt. Ralph Schoonover, Document Examiner for the San Diego Police Department Crime Laboratory, covering all phases of questioned document work including multiple forgeries, typewriter comparisons, erasures, obliterations, alterations, anonymous letters, mechanical impressions, paper and ink analysis, taking of exemplars, and handwriting and handprinting comparisons to determine true authorship of questioned documents.

Completion of two (2) one-semester courses in questioned documents under the instruction of Mr. D. Norman Gray, former Questioned Document Examiner with the FBI. These classes were held at Grossmont College, San Diego, CA., in 1975 and 1976.

Continuing personal research in the field of questioned documents, which has included studying related texts and numerous technical publications and performing practical experiments and case study.

SPECIALIZED TRAINING COURSES AND WORKSHOPS IN QUESTIONED DOCUMENTS:

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| November 1975: | U.S. Secret Service, Washington, D.C.
Questioned Document School (120 hours) |
| March 1975: | FBI Academy, Quantico, Virginia
"Survey of Questioned Documents" (40 hours) |
| August 1977: | FBI Academy, Quantico, Virginia
"Legal Aspects of Questioned Documents" (40 Hours) |
| November 1978: | FBI Academy, Quantico, Virginia
"Forensic Crime Laboratory Photography" (120 hours) |
| August 1984: | FBI Academy, Quantico, Virginia
"Fundamentals of Questioned Documents" (80 hours) |
| August 1985: | Institute of Paper Chemistry, Appleton, Wisconsin
Paper Fiber Analysis School (60 hours) |
| March 1987: | FBI Academy, Quantico, Virginia
"Identification and Classification of Typewriters" (40 hours) |
| February 1995: | Typewriter Database Workshop, AAFS, Seattle, WA |

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| February 1995: | Digital Imaging Workshop, American Academy of Forensic Sciences AAFS, Seattle, WA |
| January 1996: | "Difficult & Complex Handwriting Examination Seminar",
ABFDE Sponsored, Burlingame, CA (20 Hours) |
| October 1998: | Microscopy Workshop, ABFDE, Colorado |
| October 1998: | Checkwriter Workshop, SWAFDE, Colorado |

EXPERIENCE (CIVIL):

- Jan. 2002 – Present: Private Civil Practice, Sandra L. Homewood, Forensic Document Examiner
- 1986 – Dec. 2001: Forensic Science Laboratories LLC, Examiner of Questioned Documents, President, CEO
- 1983 - 1986: Affiliated Forensic Laboratories (Private Civil Practice Corporation), Shareholder and Board of Directors, Phoenix, Arizona
- 1980 - 1983: Private Civil Practice, San Diego

EXPERIENCE (CRIMINAL):

- Dec. 1991 – Present: Forensic Science Laboratories LLC, Examiner of Questioned Documents, President, CEO; Vice President, CFO 1/1/02
- Sept. 1986 - Nov. 1991: Document Examiner for San Diego County District Attorney's Office
- Sept. 1983 - Aug. 1986: Arizona Department of Public Safety, Questioned Document Laboratory
- Dec. 1974 - Aug. 1983: Lead Document Examiner, San Diego Police Department Crime Laboratory, Questioned Document Section.

Since November 1975, I have had direct responsibility for examining cases for identification or elimination of suspects. I have examined more than 13,000 cases, performing in excess of 125,000 comparisons; I have prepared court exhibits for use in Municipal, Superior, and Federal courts. These cases have been submitted by the San Diego Police Department, City Attorney's Office, District Attorney's Office, all local law enforcement agencies in the state of Arizona, the U.S. Attorney's office in San Diego, Tucson and Los Angeles, the office of Internal Revenue Service in Arizona and San Diego, the Attorney General in California and Arizona, the U.S. Department of Defense, Santa Barbara Police and District Attorney's Office, San Luis Obispo District Attorney's Office, and local D.E.A., F.B.I. and Narcotics Task Force agencies, the office of Federal Defenders and numerous banks, attorneys and law firms.

I have qualified and testified as an expert witness in the field of Questioned Documents in the Municipal, Superior, Grand Jury, Federal, and Military courts in the County of San Diego; Superior Courts in Orange, Los Angeles, Imperial and Riverside counties; and Superior and Federal courts throughout the state of Arizona.

As lead Document Examiner for the San Diego Police Department, I was responsible for case assignments, maintaining liaison with other agencies, and related work.

Continuing participation in the exchange of information with other Document Examiners throughout the United States.

INSTRUMENTAL TRAINING:

IR/UV Videospectral Comparator, Electrostatic Detection Apparatus, Stereoscopic Microscope/Photomicroscopy, various measuring devices, analytical instruments, and photographic apparatus.

FORMAL EDUCATION:

Bachelor of Public Administration (Criminal Justice Administration) graduating Summa Cum Laude, National University, San Diego, California, 1980.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

Southwestern Association of Forensic Document Examiners (SWAFDE) - (Charter member and Officer on the Board of Directors, two terms)

TECHNICAL PAPERS/RESEARCH/PRESENTATIONS:

- 1982: Presentation: "Authentication of Known Handwriting"
Southwest Association of Forensic Document Examiners. (SWAFDE)
- 1982: Produced and filmed video presentation, "Cross-Examination of Pseudo Experts" with other local examiners.
- September 1988: Conducted workshop on manufacture of antique inks similar to those used in the forgery of Mormon documents, SWAFDE and American Society of Questioned Document Examiners (ASQDE) joint meeting.
- February 1991: Chairperson and presenter for panel discussion, "Professional Ethics," AAFS.
- October 1994: Presentation: "Rushing to Judgement", SWAFDE, Honolulu, HI.
- August 1996: Panelist: "Private Practice Forum", ASQDE, Washington, DC
- May 1999: Contributing author: California District Attorney's Association's "Forensic Evidence Handbook"
- October 1999: Moot Court Panel, SWAFDE, Santa Fe, NM
- April 2000: Paper Fiber Workshop, SWAFDE, Marina Del Rey, CA
- May 2000: Presentation: "Vital Records Fraud", County Recorder's Association, Newport Beach, CA
- November 2001: Presentation: "Elder Abuse & MediCal Fraud" – Dept. of Justice, Anaheim, CA
- October 2002: Presentation: "Elder Abuse Workshop: The Examination and Litigation of Handwriting of the Elderly", a workshop for other Forensic Document Examiners, Southwestern Association of Forensic Document Examiners, Honolulu, Hawaii.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES:

- Certified Diplomate by the American Board of Forensic Document Examiners, D-ABFDE (Certificate #231)
- Lifetime Teaching Credential, California Community College (Certificate #253077)

TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS:

- 1980: Guest Lecturer, Identification of Questioned Documents, University of Southern California at San Diego
- 1981-82: Instructor, Peace Officer Standards & Training Program, Miramar College, San Diego
- 1982-83 & 1987: Developed and taught Masters-level course in the Examination of Questioned Documents, National University, San Diego
- 1985-86: Instructor, Questioned Document course, Phoenix City College, Phoenix, AZ
- 1986-87: Instructor, Questioned Documents course, Grossmont College, El Cajon, CA
- May 1997: Instructor, "Advanced Study Course in the Examination of Medical Records", Miami, FL (taught to journeyman level Document Examiners)

March 1998: Chairman & Instructor, "Advanced Study Course in the Examination of Medical Records II", San Diego, CA (taught to journeyman level Document Examiners)

I have made numerous presentations and given lectures on the subject of Questioned Documents to various professional, financial, attorney and law enforcement groups and have participated in providing supplemental training for several Document Examiner Trainees in San Diego, Arizona, New Mexico and Utah.

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