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## Curriculum Vitae

Kathy Carlson, a Certified, Court Qualified Forensic Document Examiner, has studied handwriting examination and apprenticed under some of the leading Court Qualified Experts since 2009, and has continued her education monthly throughout her career as a Certified FDE. Kathy Carlson is currently President of International Association of Document Examiners (IADE) since September 2021, Diplomate, CE chair, and Librarian. Kathy Carlson is also a teacher/mentor for *Fundamentals of Forensic Document Examination Course*.

### Forensic Examination Provided For:

Disputed documents or signatures including Contracts, Loans, Checks, Warranty Deeds, Quitclaim Deeds, Real Estate Contracts, Deeds of Trust, Wills, Codicils, Holographic Wills, Beneficiaries, Income Tax Fraud, Poison Pen Letters, Anonymous Writing, Divorce Disputes, and Graffiti.

Investigation and analysis including Questioned Signatures, Suspect Documents (Typed and Written), Suspect Alterations, Handwritten Numbers, Paper Verification, and Indented Writing. Analysis of Paper and Ink through UV, IR lighting and Filters.

### Proficiency Testing & Certifications:

Provided through International School of Forensic Document Examination included:  
Ten proficiency tests - cases to work efficiently from start to finish without supervision.  
Completed 12/2010.

Collaborative Testing Services (CTS) – 1/2013

Scientific Association of Forensic Examiners (SAFE) Certification – 9/24/2013

International Association of Document Examiners (IADE) Certification – 1/31/2015

International Association of Document Examiners (IADE) Certification – 9/2016

Signature Identification Testing – Identify 20 Genuine, Simulated or Disguised signatures when compared to 20 known signatures.

International Association of Document Examiners (IADE) January 2017 – PT

International Association of Document Examiners (IADE) January 2018 – PT

Scientific Association of Forensic Examiners (SAFE) September 2018 - Re- Certification

International Association of Document Examiners (IADE) December 2019 – PT

International Association of Document Examiners (IADE) December 2021 – PT

International Association of Document Examiners (IADE) December 2022 – PT

Scientific Association of Forensic Examiners (SAFE) September 2023 - Re- Certification

International Association of Document Examiners (IADE) December 2023 – PT

International Association of Document Examiners (IADE) November 2024 – PT

## **Education:**

### **International School of Forensic Document Examination**

March 2009 – December 2010

A 2-year apprenticeship with leading authorities in the field of handwriting analysis and document examination.

### **Training in handwriting and document examination includes:**

Handwriting identification and discrimination, signature comparison, techniques for distinguishing forged signatures, disguised handwriting, altered numbers, anonymous writing, factors that affect writing, Paper and Ink Analysis with UV-IR Lighting and Filters.

## **Continued Education:**

Katherine Koppenhaver, Board Certified Forensic Document Examiner, Teacher and Mentor

One-hour weekly classes on various subjects.

May 23, 2011 – present

### **SAFE & IADE – Monthly CE Class**

May 16, 2019 – Nanette Barto

Dementia & How it Affects Handwriting

1.25 Hours

March 29, 2017 – Tay Eue Kam

Chinese Handwriting & Polish Handwriting

1.2 Hours

February 11, 2015 & March 25, 2015 – Jason Harden

Forensic Mortgage Loan Auditor

Mortgage Fraud – 2 Hours

January 15, 2015 – Mike Wakshull

Court Room Bias – 1 Hour

November 14, 2014 – Mike Wakshull

IR Lighting/UV/Blue LED Filter Wheel – 1.5 Hours

## **Forensic Conferences and Workshops:**

International Association of Document Examiners (IADE) Annual Conference September 8th – 10th, 2025– Webinar – 14 Hours

Scientific Association of Forensic Examiner (SAFE) Annual Webinar

September 26 & October 24th, 2025 - Webinar Seminar – 10 hours

International Association of Document Examiners (IADE) Annual Conference

September 9th – 11th, 2024– Webinar – 13 Hours

**Host & Coordinator**

Scientific Association of Forensic Examiner (SAFE) Annual Webinar  
September 20 & October 25th, 2024 - Webinar Seminar – 8 hours

International Association of Document Examiners (IADE) Annual Conference  
September 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023– Cocoa Beach FL – 21 Hours  
**Co-Host & Coordinator**

Scientific Association of Forensic Examiner (SAFE) Annual Webinar  
August 25 & September 22nd, 2023 - Webinar Seminar – 10 hours

Scientific Association of Forensic Examiner (SAFE) Annual Conference  
August 26 & September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 - Webinar Seminar – 10 hours

International Association of Document Examiners (IADE) Interactive Webinar  
October 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Webinar Seminar – 12 Hours

Scientific Association of Forensic Examiner (SAFE) Annual Webinar  
August 27 & October 1st, 2021 - Webinar Seminar – 10 hours

International Association of Document Examiners (IADE) Interactive Webinar  
September 13th – 15th, 2021 - Webinar Seminar – 12 Hours

Scientific Association of Forensic Examiner (SAFE) Annual Webinar  
September 11<sup>th</sup> & October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 - Webinar Seminar – 10 hours

International Association of Document Examiners (IADE) - Interactive Webinar  
September 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 - Webinar Seminar – 12 Hours  
**Co-Host & Coordinator**

International Association of Document Examiners (IADE) - Seminar & Workshop  
Montego Bay, Jamaica – September 12 – 14, 2019 – 21 hours

Scientific Association of Forensic Examiner (SAFE) Annual Conference  
September 6<sup>th</sup> & October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Webinar Seminar – 12 hours

International Association of Document Examiners (IADE) – Interactive Webinar  
August 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Webinar Seminar – 12 Hours  
**Co-Ordinator & Host**

International Association of Document Examiners (IADE) – Seminar & Workshop  
Denver, Colorado – September 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 22 hours  
**Co-Ordinator & Host**

Scientific Association of Forensic Examiner (SAFE) Annual Conference  
August 4<sup>th</sup> & August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017– Webinar Seminar – 12 hours

National Association of Document Examiners (NADE) – Annual Conference  
New Orleans, LA – May 15 – 18, 2017 – 25 Hours

International Association of Document Examiners (IADE) – Seminar & Workshop  
Annapolis, MD – September 15 – 17, 2016 – 20 hours

Scientific Association of Forensic Examiner (SAFE) Annual Conference  
July 29, 2016 & August 26, 2016 – Webinar Seminar – 12 hours

National Association of Document Examiners (NADE) Annual Conference  
Portland, OR – April 13 – 16, 2016 – 26 hours

Scientific Analysis (ACE-V) From the Laboratory to the Witness Stand Sandy City  
Police Department – Utah October 19 – 23, 2015 – 40 hours

International Association of Document Examiners (IADE) Seminar & Workshop  
Jamaica – September 10 – 12, 2015 – 21 hours

Scientific Association of Forensic Examiner (SAFE) – Interactive Seminar & Workshop  
Boca Raton, FL – August 14 – 16, 2014 – 19 hours

Scientific Association of Forensic Examiner (SAFE) – Interactive Seminar & Workshop  
Edgewood, MD – September 26 – 28, 2013 – 24 hours

Private Investigators Academy of the Rockies – Study of Private Investigations  
Denver, CO – April 30 – May 16, 2013– 18 hours

Forensic Document Examination Interactive Training  
Edgewood, MD – September 28 – 29, 2012 – 24 hours

Open-Source Intelligence Training  
Los Angeles, CA – May 11 – 12, 2012 – 16 hours

National Association of Document Examiners (NADE) – Annual Conference  
San Diego, CA – April 25 – 29, 2012 – 34 hours

Association of Forensic Document Examiners (AFDE)  
Louisville, KY - November 3 – 6, 2012 – 20.5 hours

National Association of Document Examiners (NADE) – Annual Conference  
Montreal, Canada – May 19 – 21, 2011 – 22 hours

**Presenter:**

International Conference (IADE) – Cocoa Beach FL  
September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
***Guided Hand Workshop***

International Conference (IADE) – Jamaica  
September 13, 2019  
***Is Document Examination a Science?***

Interactive Seminar & Workshop (IADE) – Denver Colorado – September 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
***Working in Photoshop Elements & Word***  
***Is it the Scanner or Cut & Paste?***

International Conference (IADE) – Jamaica  
September 10, 2015  
*Ink Analysis – Analysis under Filters and IR Lighting*

Montrose Area Realtors  
*First Indicators of Forgery 2014*

### **Publications:**

Is Document Examination a Science?

Published in “The Scientific Journal of the International Association of Document Examiners” Volume 2 – Fall 2015

Analyzing Digital documents

Published in “Under the Microscope Newsletter of IADE” Volume 7 – Spring 2022

### **Laboratory Equipment used for examinations include:**

AmScope stereoscope with a digital camera attached .5 – 30X magnification, MiScope IR/UV Microscope 40 – 140X magnification, MiScope Filter Wheel (Blue and UV lighting), ProScope Micro Mobile wireless microscope 10 – 180X magnification, numerous other magnifying devices, light box, various measuring devices, HP Computer with a HP OfficeJet Pro copier, printer, scanner combination, Kyocera Combination Copier, various art programs installed on desk top computer, Asus Laptop Computer, and Fuji 12.2 Mega Pixels 18X Optical Zoom camera, NeuroScript MovAlyzeR version 6. Electrostatic Vacuum Box.

### **Fundamentals of Forensic Document Examination Course:**

Ms. Carlson’s document examination 2-year training course consists of the study of 4 books in the DE field, weekly classes via zoom, weekly assignments, testing, and mock trials. Each student works with Ms. Carlson for 2 years. When each student has completed the first year of the course, the student is required to complete a research project that is published in IADE’s yearly Journal and participates in Proficiency Test’s at the end of each year of training. The student also works with Ms. Carlson on live cases as part of their training program. For the second year each student works with Ms. Carlson on live cases. A Certificate of Completion is given to each student upon completion.

### **Professional Memberships:**

Member: International Association of Forensic Examiners (IADE) President – Diplomate  
9/2021 to present.

Vice President - 2017 - 2021

Continued Education Chair 2015 - Present

Librarian 2021 - Present

Member: Scientific Association of Forensic Examiners (SAFE) Librarian  
(2013 – 7/2020)

Member: International Graphonomics Society (IGS) Research

Member: International Association of Identification (Rocky Mountain Div.) (RMDIAI) Member:  
American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)



## Fee Schedule Breakdown

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Initial Consultation - 1/2 hour .....	<b>No Charge</b>
General Retainer Fee .....	<u>\$ 2400.00</u>
Examination ( <i>per questioned document or signature</i> ).....	<u>\$ 750.00</u>
Upgrade from Verbal to Written ( <i>already paid \$750.00</i> ).. ( <i>per letter</i> )	<u>\$ 750.00</u>
Each Additional Document .....	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
Laboratory Examination Time ( <i>hourly</i> ) .....	<u>\$ 300.00</u>
Designation Fee .....	<u>\$ 750.00</u>

***(Non-refundable, however will be applied to testimony fee if applicable)***

Attorney Consultation ( <i>hourly rate</i> ) .....	<u>\$ 300.00</u>
Deposition – <b>Hourly 5 Hour minimum</b> .....	<u>\$ 500.00</u>

***Must be paid 2 weeks in advance (Non-Refundable)***

Court Display Preparation ( <i>hourly</i> ) .....	<u>\$ 300.00</u>
Court Appearance – <b>Hourly 6 Hour minimum</b> .....	<u>\$ 500.00</u>

***(must be paid in full upon scheduling at least 2 week in advance  
Non-Refundable)***

On-Site Inspection of Document ( <i>hourly, plus expenses</i> ).....	<u>\$ 300.00</u>
Photography ( <i>plus cost of development</i> ).....	<u>\$ 300.00</u>
Overnight Mail ). .....	<u>\$ 150.00</u>
Postage/Delivery 2 <sup>nd</sup> Day.....	<u>\$ 75.00</u>
Postage/Delivery Fee Ground.....	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
Postage/Delivery Fee.....	<u>\$ 5.00</u>

### **Travel:**

Driving ( <i>hourly, plus \$.75 per mile</i> ).....	<u>\$ 300.00</u>
Uber .....	TBD
Parking ( <i>per day</i> ) .....	<u>TBD</u>
Flying ( <i>hourly travel time - portal to portal or 1/2 Day Rate</i> ) .....	<u>\$ 1200.00</u>
Cost of plane ticket ( <i>tbd</i> ) <b><i>(Non-Refundable)</i></b>	
Lodging ( <i>per night or actual cost</i> ) .....	<u>\$ 250.00</u>
Meals ( <i>daily</i> ) .....	<u>\$ 75.00</u>

***Daily Rate (additional days away from office)..... \$2400.00***

**Any Rush Fee will be charged an extra 100% for weekends and holidays.**

**Any Rush Fee will be charged an extra 100% for regular work week needed within 8 hrs.**

**Rush Fees are any case needed within 24-48 hours charged an extra 50%.**

**We accept cc's for YOUR convenience and will be charged an additional 3.5% for cc fees.**

**\*We are not attorneys. We do not dispense legal advice. You should obtain legal advice from a suitable attorney.**