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## STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

### TRAINING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION IN FORENSIC DOCUMENT EXAMINATION

**Mentored and private study** with qualified experienced document examiners [1975-1978]

**Technical papers, workshops, classroom instruction and/or laboratory sessions sponsored by:**

Association of Forensic Document Examiners (Annual Attendance)

Independent Association of Questioned Document Examiners

Co-sponsors of IAQDE conferences have included: University of Oklahoma Law Center [Oklahoma],

University of San Diego Law School [California], University of Dayton School of Law [Ohio],

Southern Methodist University School of Law [Texas]

American Academy of Forensic Sciences

FBI (and other organizations)

**Presenters and participants included:**

Forensic document examiners

Ink experts

Paper chemists

Forensic photographers

Medical professionals

Attorneys and law professors

Professionals in other related fields

Technical representatives of corporations

Psychologists

Others

Subjects included: handwriting identification and comparison, hand printing examination, laboratory techniques of ink analysis, indented writing examination, detection of alterations, dating of documents, typewriting comparison and identification factors, evidence collection, admissibility of evidence, expert witness testimony, document photography, digital imaging, preparation of demonstrative evidence, and other. Instructional visits to manufacturers of paper, watermark, and rubber stamps production.

**Graduate of the Institute of Applied Science** [1975]

Courses in criminal identification including handwriting and typewriting identification.

**CERTIFICATION** (by testing)

Board Certification through the Board of Forensic Document Examiners [BFDE] 2003 - present

*[BFDE is accredited by the Forensic Specialities Accreditation Board]*

Board Certification through the Association of Forensic Document Examiners [AFDE] 1991

General Certification through the Association of Forensic Document Examiners [AFDE] 1987

*[AFDE discontinued offering its certification program in 2006, referring examiners seeking certification to the BFDE]*

**COURT TESTIMONY**

**Ohio Common Pleas Courts** of Cuyahoga, Lorain, Medina, Summit, Lake, Ashtabula, Allan, Columbiana, Delaware, Franklin, Geauga, Hamilton, Huron, Mahoning, Marion, Montgomery, Noble, Portage, Stark, Trumbull, Wayne.

**Pennsylvania:** Common Pleas Court of Allegheny, Indiana, and Westmoreland Counties.

**Kentucky:** District Courts of Casey and Floyd Counties

**Michigan:** County of Wexford

**Rhode Island:** Superior Court, Providence.

**Puerto Rico:** Labor Arbitration, San Juan.

United States District Court: Ohio (Northern District), Kentucky, and West Virginia

United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Ohio.

United States Tax Court

**CLIENTELE**

Attorneys and law firms	Insurance companies	Title agencies
County Public Defender	Financial institutions	Legal Aid Societies
Federal Public Defender	Medical institutions	
Defense Attorneys	Corporations	[and others]
Plaintiff Attorneys	Labor unions	
Law enforcement agencies	Universities	
Court appointments for indigents	Investigation and Security firms	

**OPINIONS RENDERED**

Signatures, handwriting, and hand printing on contracts, probate documents, deeds, bank documents, security agreements, corporate documents, insurance forms, petitions, credit receipts, medical records, state documents, prescriptions, anonymous letters, graffiti, and other.

Other issues include altered documents such as medical records and business records, erasures, obliterated writing, ink comparison, sequence of writing, deciphering illegible writing, fabricated photocopies, and other.

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Board of Forensic Document Examiner (BFDE)

Offices held: President, Director (BFDE is accredited by the Forensic Specialties Accreditation Board)

Association of Forensic Document Examiners (AFDE)

An international organization for document examiners

Admittance testing for Professional Membership

Offices held: President, Vice President, Board Member, Membership Director.

American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)

A standards development organization whose members work to develop standards for use in commercial, legal, forensic and other professions. Member: Forensic Science Committee

Prior: Forensic Specialties Accreditation Board (FSAB)

Director 2000-2007

**PRESENTATIONS**

Presentations at symposiums sponsored by Association of Forensic Document Examiners. Programs on questioned document examination have been presented to bar associations [CLE credit], law enforcement officers, crime prevention organizations, bank personnel, criminalistics and university law school classes.

**ARTICLES** [published in the *Journal of Forensic Document Examination*]

Forensic Document Examination: Guidelines for Evaluating Credentials

Parkinson's Disease and Graphic Disturbance

"Marks" as Signatures [co-author]

Light and Electron Microscopy Approaches to Sequence of Writing Problems [co-author]

Guided Hand Signatures

A Study in Hand Printing

**PROFICIENCY TESTING**

Participant in proficiency testing on a biennial basis since 1987.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT** includes regular attendance at continuing education conferences and involvement in professional activities.

**LABORATORY**

Laboratory facilities for the examination of documents, including stereo microscope, magnifiers, reticles, measuring devices, special lighting, infrared spectral analysis equipment, latent image development equipment, computer digital imaging, photographic equipment for specialized document photography and preparation of court exhibits.