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CURRICULUM VITAE

PROFILE

- Owner, Handwriting Forensics and Investigations.
- Goal- oriented, proactive problem solver with over 25 years experience.
- Familiar with Courtroom proceedings.
- Experienced working with Private Lawyers and Capital Defenders.
- Testified in a Court of Law over 50 times.
- Never disqualified as an Expert Witness.
- Outstanding oral and written communication skills.

EXPERIENCE

- 1990 – Present, Owner, Handwriting Forensics
- 1995 – Present, NC PI License #2352 Investigations
- 1997 – Present, Owner, Dean Investigations
- Criminal Investigations, both Prosecution & Defense
- Civil Investigations, both Plaintiff & Defense
- Background Investigations
- 64 Sworn Testimonies
- Court Appointed Investigations
- 1995 - Volunteer professional services to Hendersonville Police Department, (Ret.) Rich Arell, David Adams, Donnie Parks.

EDUCATION/TRAINING

- Study of handwriting stroke formation, pressure, spacing, & slant of handwriting. Such elements as the size of individual letters, proportions, the degree & regularity of slanting, ornamentation, angularity, & curvature are noted. Int'l Graphoanalysis Society, 1988.
- Forensic Document Examination, Bradley & Associates, April, 1999.
- NC Department of Justice, Fraud & Forgeries, October, 1999.
- US Secret Service, Questioned Documents Course, February, 2001.
- US Secret Service, Questioned Documents Course Advanced, April, 2002.

1992 – National Association of Document Examiners Conference – 16 hours

1996 – Laboratory for Scientific Interrogation; Scientific Content Analysis – 32 hours

1997 – Negotiation & Settlement of Personal Injury Cases – 6.5 hours

1999 – Wrongful Death Cases From Beginning to End – 6 hours

1999 – Learning What Persuades: Effective Use of Focus Groups – 2.5 hours

1999 – Civil Law Update – 1 hour
1999 – Daubert in the Workplace – 1 hour
1999 – Workers’ Comp Update – 1 hour
1999 – Persuading Judges: NC Industrial Commission & NC District – 1 hour
1999 – National Association of Document Examiners Conference – 16 hours
1999 – Elements of Comparison – 8 hours
1999 – Evaluating Evidence – 4 hours
1999 – Alteration of Letters – 4 hours
1999 – Classification & Identification System for Checks - 2 hours
1999 – Visa USA Risk Management & Examination of Fraudulent Documents - 6 hours
1999 – Properties of Ink – 2 hours
1999 – Deliberately Disguised Signatures – 2 hours
1999 – True Origin of Questioned Documents – 2 hours
1999 – Handwriting Identification & Forgery – 6 hours
1999 – Comparing Drawings for Identification Purposes – 2 hours
1999 – Actual Court Case Workshop – 2 hours
2000 – Work Place Violence - 2 hours
2000 – Characteristics of the Violent Offender - 2 hours
2000 – The Stalker & Stalking Behavior - 4 hours
2001 – Questioned Documents – 2.5 hours
2001 – Standard for Comparison – 1.5 hours
2001 – Opinion Terminology – 1 hour
2001 – Handwriting Systems & Variations – 2 hours
2001 – Document Examination Equipment & Uses – 2 hours
2001 – Qualities & Features – 5 hours
2001 – Abnormal Handwriting – 2 hours
2001 – Document Examiners Aids & Uses – 8 hours
2001 – Theory of Handwriting Identification – 8 hours
2001 – Anonymous Handwriting – 3 hours
2001 – Inks & Paper – 4 hours
2001 – Printing on Paper & Plastic – 3 hours
2001 – Audrey Scarpa Bond Case – 5 hours
2001 – Workshop: WFO Multiple Forgery Case – 2 hours
2001 – Workshop: Dear Senator Letter – 4 hours
2001 – Workshop: Original Check Association – 3 hours
2001 – Espositio Case & Mock Trial – 4 hours
2001 – Detection of Counterfeit Currency – 3 hours
2002 – New Trends in Questioned Documents – 2 hours
2002 – QDC Problem Workshop – 6 hours
2002 – Creating Qualifying Questions & CV Development – 3 hours
2002 – Degrees of Certainty – 1 hour
2002 – Court Chart Preparation & Methods – 1.5 hours
2002 – QDC Workshop – 2.5 hours
2002 – Evidence and the Judicial System – 1 hour
2002 – Theory Direct & Cross Examination – 2 hours
2002 – Role of the Expert Witness: Expert, Attorney & Court Perspective – 1 hour

2002 – Parameters for Admissibility of Scientific Evidence – 1 hour
2002 – Mock Trial & Critique – 11 hours
2011 – Social Media Investigations – 2 hours
2011 – Toxicology Testing – 1 hour
2011 – DNA Testing – 1 hour
2011 – PSE & Voice Stress Analysis – 2 hours
2011 – Security Analysis in the Workplace – 1 hour
2011 – Industry Ethics for Private Investigators – 6 hours
2013 – Current State of Handwriting Analysis – 1 hour
2013 – Foundational Science Behind Handwriting – 1.5 hours
2013 – Reproducibility and reliability Studies – 1.5 hours
2013 – The Reliability of Examinations Involving Multiple Suspected Writers - .5 hours
2013 – Advances in Measurement Science in Handwriting Analysis – 2.25 hours
2013 – Trends in Frequency Occurrence of Handwriting Characteristics – 2.25 hours
2013 – Handwriting Evidence Evaluation Based on the Shape of Characters – 1 hour
2013 – Update from the Working Group on Presenting Forensic Science Evidence – 1 hour
2013 – Scanned Images: How Well Do They Depict the Features in Handwriting; Current Bank Check Scanning Practices – 1.25 hours
2013 – Daubert In Its 3rd Decade: Managing Expert Testimony, NY Law Journal, DOAR – 1 hr
2014 – Family Law & Private Investigations – 1.5 hours
2014 – Homeland Security/Critical Infrastructure Protection – 2 hours
2014 – Preparing for Trial – 1 hour
2014 – Interviewing Head to Toe/Detecting Deception – 2 hours
2014 – Obtaining Evidence That Will Stand Up in Court – 2 hours
2014 – Contract/Business Organization – 1 hour
2014 – Counter-Intelligence Agent Training – 2 hours
2014 – Information Security – 1 hour
2014 – Communications – 1 hour
2014 – Conduction Background Investigations – 1 hour
2014 – Retainer Agreement – 1 hour
2014 – Branding Your Business – 2 hours
2014 – Contemporary Interview Dynamics – 2 hours
2014 – GPS Tracking – 1 hour
2014 – Natalee Holloway Disappearance – 2 hours
2015 – How to Build Your Consulting Business – 1 hour
2015 – Developing Standards & Guidelines for Forensic Science; OSAC – 1 hour
2015 – Dispute Resolution Process – 1 hour
2015 – Identifying Fraudulent Mortgage Documents – 1 hour
2015 – Infrared Radiation with Forensic Document Examination – 1 hour
2015 – Bias Among Examiners – 1 hour
2015 – MiScope Digital Microscope & Demonstration for Documents – 1 hour
2015 – Bias in the Courtroom – 1 hour
2015 – Foster & Freeman: Imaging, Filtering, and Illumination – 1 hour
2015 – Error Exploration to Forensic Pattern Evidence – 1 hour
2015 – Consultant to LeftRight.TV for History Channel, comparing Lost Colony Stone found in 1937.

2015 – Limited Exemplars & Their Use in Forming Expert Opinions – 1 hour

SPEAKING / TEACHING ENGAGEMENTS

1990s –Numerous Community Groups, Clubs & Organizations.

2000 – Insurance Fraud SIU Group, taught classes in handwriting and document analysis.

2001 – NC Insurance Crime Information Exchange, taught classes in handwriting identification.

2001 – SC Insurance Crime Information Exchange, taught classes in identifying handwriting.

2009 – NC Association of Private Investigators, taught class in identifying handwriting and in evaluating anonymous notes.

AFFILIATIONS

- Member National Association of Document Examiners
- Member Scientific Association of Forensic Examiners
- Member American Board Forensic Examiners
- Member American College of Forensic Examiners
- Member NC Association of Private Investigators