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CURRICULUM VITAE

BOARD CERTIFIED: Board of Forensic Document Examiners, 2004.

CERTIFICATION: Certified by the National Association of Document Examiners (NADE) 1986.

DIPLOMATE: Awarded Diplomate Status in 1996.

PROFICIENCY TESTING:

Forensic Expertise Proficiency Laboratory at LaTrobe University in Australia
with a high degree of accuracy.

COURT-QUALIFICATIONS Testified in court and deposition over 300 times in:

U. S. District Court for Maryland & Virginia;

Tribunal of Gothenberg, Sweden;

Regional Trial Court of Makati City, Manilla in the Philippines;

State Courts in Maryland:

Circuit, District, and Orphan (Probate) Courts of Anne Arundel County, Maryland;

Circuit, District, and Orphan (Probate) Courts of Baltimore City, Maryland;

Circuit, District, and Orphan (Probate) Courts of Baltimore County, Maryland;

Circuit, District, and Orphan (Probate) Courts of Carroll County, Maryland;

Circuit, District, and Orphan (Probate) Courts of Howard County, Maryland;

Circuit, District, and Orphan (Probate) Courts of Prince George County, MD;

Circuit and District Courts of Harford County, Maryland;

Circuit and District Courts for Montgomery County;

Circuit Court of Calvert County;

Circuit Court of Wicomico County;

District Court of Worcester County;

Inquiry Panels for Attorney Grievance Commission;

Maryland Vehicle Administrative Hearings;

Orphan (Probate) Court of Charles County, Maryland;

Unemployment Hearing, Baltimore City and County;

Courts Outside Maryland:

Superior Court of Sussex County, Georgetown, DE;

Circuit Court of Fairfax County, Virginia;

Circuit Court of Fauquier County, Warrenton, VA;

Probate Court of Clark County, Las Vegas, Nevada;

Bexar County, San Antonio, Texas (Deposition);

Houston, Texas (Deposition);

Circuit Court of Norfolk, Virginia;

Circuit Court of Alexandria, Virginia;

Superior Court for the District of Columbia;

Superior Court for New York

Civil District Court for the Parish of New Orleans, LA

Arbitration Hearings:

American Labor Arbitration Board;
American Arbitration Association;
Securities Arbitration Board;
Board of Law Examiners for Maryland;
Arbitration Hearing in Rehobeth, Delaware.

TYPES OF CASES

I have given opinions on cases involving suspect signatures, disputed wills, poison pen letters, graffiti, industrial espionage, altered medical records, check mark identification, sequence of writing, embezzlement, typewritten documents and disguised handwritings since 1983.

I have examined over 2100 cases since 1983 on an international level.

EDUCATION

Harford Community College, Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice, Highest Honors.
Questioned Document Course at Northern Virginia Community College and George Washington University taught by Document Examiner from the FBI.

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

Attended Seminars sponsored by NADE on questioned documents annually since October 1982 for a total of 25 annual & 3 additional for a total of 438 hours.

Additional hours: 498 hours for a total of over 936 hours of seminar and classroom training in document examination. Over 65 seminars and workshops.

ADDITIONAL SEMINARS: AAFS (5), MAAFS (6), NFC (5), AFDE (5), IAQDE, FIAT
American Academy of Forensic Science, Questioned Document General Sessions
1993, 1995, 1996, 1997. (4)

Mid-Atlantic Association of Forensic Scientists, Questioned Document Sessions
1993 through 1998. (6)

The National Forensic Center Conferences: 1991, 1992, 1995, 1996, 1997. (5)

Association of Forensic Document Examiners in 1994.

International Graphonomics Society Symposium, 1995.

International Association of Questioned Document Examiners, 1995.

Ink and Paper Analysis by Albert H. Lyter.

Handwriting Identification by Judith Housley, 1989.

Document Examination Seminar by Marcel Matley 1992.

Court Testimony Professional Development Seminar for Document Examiners by Larry Ziegler.

National Handwriting Seminar of the American Board of Forensic Examiners, 1993.

National Academy of the American Board of Forensic Examiners, 1994 & 1995.

The American Board of Forensic Examiners, Expert Witnessing, Feb. 22, 1995, Honolulu, HA.

Forgery Investigators Association of Texas Seminar, 1997.

Economic Crime Summit, Orlando, Florida, May 9th through May 12th, 1999.

Holistic Analysis, Marcel Matley, Denver, Colorado, August 8, 1999.

Economic Crime Summit, Austin, Texas, May 7th through May 10th, 2000.

IAQDE Annual Educational Seminar, Sarasota, Florida Sept. 24-28, 2002.

AFDE Annual Symposium, Scottsdale, Arizona Nov. 2-5, 2003.

AFDE Annual Symposium, Rochester, New York, October 20-23, 2004.

SEAK Conference Cape Cod, Massachusetts June 17-18, 2005.

AFDE Annual Symposium, San Antonio, Texas October 26-29, 2005.

SEMINARS PRESENTED

Participated in over 65 seminars.

Presented lectures at 16 NADE Conferences.

The National Questioned Document Association - 6 usually a full day to a day and a half.

13 addition seminars for bank tellers, law enforcement officers, other document examiners, and private investigators on a national level.

Taught courses related to my work at several colleges and universities.

PAPERS PRESENTED

Disguised Writing in Anonymous Writing Cases.

International Graphonomics Society, London, Ontario, Canada, August 10, 1995.

MEMBERSHIPS

American Society for Industrial Security (ASIS).

Forgery Investigators Association of Texas (FIAT).

Maryland Investigators and Security Association (MISA).

National Association of Document Examiners since 1982. Life Member.

President of NADE 1990 -1994. Reelected President 2000 - 2005.

AWARDS

Document Examiner of the Year (NADE) in 1991.

Volunteer of the Year 2001 by the Maryland Volunteers Lawyers Service.

RESEARCH

At the Handwriting Analysis Research Library in Greenfield, Massachusetts with emphasis on various styles of penmanship historically and internationally.

At the Baltimore Law Library, Towson State University, New York Research Library, Library of Congress, Peabody Institute, University of Maryland Resource Library, Enoch Pratt Library, Baltimore County Libraries.

PUBLICATIONS

DOCUMENT EXAMINATION COURSE WRITTEN

Commissioned to write a Basic Course in Document Examination for the National Questioned Document Examiners Association in Texas. Completed and copyrighted in 1994. Course is currently being taught through the National Questioned Document Examiners Association.

BOOKS PUBLISHED

Evaluating Evidence, 1990.

The Business of Document Examination, 1991, Revised 1997.

A Selection of International Penmanship Systems, 1993.

Demonstrative Evidence, 1996.

Scientific Document Examination Manual, 1997.

Attorney's Guide to Document Examination, Greenwood Publishers - Quorum Book, 2002.

Forensic Document Examination, Principles and Practices, 2005.

ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN THE NADE JOURNAL - 34 articles published:

Do's and Don't's for Accuracy in Suspect Document Cases which also appeared in The Daily Record on March 2, 1983 and was reprinted in the August 1983 issue of The Nade Journal.
Qualifying as an Expert in Court in November 1987.
Handling Cross Examination in May 1988.
Evidence published in November 1989.
Preparing Court Exhibits in February 1990.
Identifying Class Characteristics vs Individual Characteristics published in February 1990.
Disguised Writing and Letter of Opinion in May 1990.
Working with Lawyers and Their Clients in August 1990.
Evaluating Evidence - A Systematic Examination of Handwriting Characteristics in Suspect Document Cases, November 1990.
How To Be A Credible Witness in February 1991 NADE Journal.
Interpreting the Writing Movement for Identification Purposes published in May in 1991.
Reducing Losses from Forged and Fraudulent Checks and Desktop Forgery August in 1991.
The Karlene Ann Griffith Case in November 1991.
The Techniques of Cross-Examination in May 1992.
The Elements of Fraud in August 1992.
Handwriting Systems of the World in November 1992.
Impeaching the Expert in November 1992.
Fundamental Truths About Handwriting in April 1993.
Equipping Your Document Laboratory in November 1993.
The Jack the Ripper Diary in February 1994.
Principles of Handwriting Identification and Handprinting in July 1994.
The TellTale Dots, December in 1994.
Detecting Erasures in Pen and Pencil Writing in the Spring, 1995.
Deposition Testimony in the Spring 1996.
The Care and Preservation of Documents in the Spring 1997.
Descriptive Terminology in the Spring 1998.
Why Document Examiners Disagree in the Winter 1998.
Examination of a Passport in the Summer 1999.
Demonstrative Evidence in the Spring 2000.
Enough Exemplars in the Fall 2000.
The Road to Graphic Maturity in the Summer 2001.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Editor of the Communique, bi-monthly newsletter for NADE since 1990.
Was Co-Editor of The NADE Journal published 3-4 times a year through 1998.
Collecting Documents in Questioned Document Cases, MISA Messenger, Vol 5, No 7, July 1997.
The Care and Preservation of Documents, The MISA Messenger, Vol 5, No 8, August, 1997.
From Graphology to Document Examination, The Vanguard, January-March 2000.
The Document Examiner, The Vanguard, July-September, 2000.
Qualifying As An Expert In Court, The Vanguard, April - June 2001.
Presenting Testimony in Court, The Vanguard, July - September 2001.
How To Help Consumers & Businesses Deter Document Forgery, White Collar Crime Fighter, 7/00.

ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY RECORD

Executive Order Provides Reforms To Improve Efficiency in Fed Court on February 11, 1992.
Impeaching Experts on the Stand published in The Daily Record, March 16, 1992.
Attorneys Should Ask Themselves Questions When Choosing Expert Sept. 5, 1992.
Careful Research Necessary Before Engaging in Cross-Examination Oct. 20, 1992.

