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Diplomate: American Board of Forensic Document Examiners
Fellow: American Academy of Forensic Sciences
Member: Organization of Scientific Area
Committee (OSAC)
Subcommittee for Forensic Documents
Member: Academy Standards Board (ASB)

CURRICULUM VITAE

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Forensic Document Examiner since 1989

Footwear Impression Evidence Examiner since 2007

Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department: August 1997 to February 2017

Oklahoma County District Attorney's Office in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma: 1978 to 1997:
Complex White Collar Fraud Investigator; Forensic Document Examiner

Fort Smith Police Department in Fort Smith Arkansas: 1976 to 1978: Police Officer

CERTIFICATION

American Board of Forensic Document Examiners: June 1993 to Present

STATE LICENSE

Registered Nursing license from the State of Oklahoma from 1987 through 1997

CO-FOUNDER OF SKILL-TASK TESTING, ASSESSMENT, AND RESEARCH, INC.

ST²AR Inc. provides skill task testing and training for forensic document examiners

TRAINING: Forensic Document Examination

U.S. Postal Crime Laboratory in San Bruno, California: 1987 to 1989. Supervised by Forensic Document Examiners George Lewis

Questioned Document Course-U.S. Secret Service two-week course, 1986

Questioned Document School: Federal Bureau of Investigation, two-week course, August 1987

Rochester Institute of Technology: Printing Processes, Rochester, NY, October 17-20, 2017

PROFICIENCY TESTS

Participation in annual proficiency testing since 1997

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Diplomate of American Board of Forensic Document Examiners (ABFDE): 06/93 to Present

Fellow of American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS)-Questioned Documents Section: 1990 to Present

Member of International Association of Identification (IAI): 2009 to March 2018

Member of American Society of Questioned Document Examiners (ASQDE): 1998-2010

Member of Southwest Association of Forensic Document Examiners (SWAFDE): 05/87 to 04/00

OFFICES HELD

Chair of Policies and Procedures Committee of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences-
February 2021-present

Chair of Poster Presentation Program- American Academy of Forensic Sciences-February 2021-2022

Member of Nomination Committee of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences-February 2020-
present

Member of the Academy Standards Boards (Questioned Documents)- February 2021 to present

Chair of Interdisciplinary Symposium- American Academy of Forensic Sciences- February 18, 2020

Co-Chair of Policies and Procedures Committee of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences-
February 2020-2021

Co-Chair of Poster Presentation Program- American Academy of Forensic Sciences-February 2020-2021

Section Chair for the Questioned Document Section of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences-
February 2018 to 2020

Section Secretary for the Questioned Document Section of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences-
February 2016 to 2018

Member of Policies & Procedures Committee-2018 to present

Program Chair for the Questioned Document Section of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences
from February 2015 to February 2016

Member of the Academy Standards Board (ASB)- Fall 2017 to present

Member of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST): Organization of Scientific Area
Committees- (OSAC)-Subcommittee for Forensic Documents April 2017 to present

Director on the Forensic Specialties Accreditation Board (FSAB)-February 2017 to 2018

President of American Board of Forensic Document Examiners from 7/01 to 7/03

Secretary of Board of Directors of American Board of Forensic Document Examiners from 07/99 to 07/01

Director on the Board of Directors of American Board of Forensic Document Examiners from 1995 to 1999

Recertification Chair of the American Board of Forensic Document Examiners from 07/95 to 07/01

Associate Editor for the American Board of Forensic Document Examiners Newsletter from 07/95 to 01/98

Bylaws Chairman of Southwest Association of Forensic Document Examiners from 1990 to 1995

Regional Representative of Extended Region in Southwest Association of Forensic Document Examiners from 10/91 through 10/93

AWARDS

Charles C. Scott Award presented by American Board of Forensic Document Examiners 2002

Ordway Hilton Award presented by the Questioned Documents Section of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences-February 2004

Safety Officer of the Year presented by the Rotary Clubs of Southern Nevada- September 2004

New Horizon Award presented by the American Board of Forensic Document Examiners-2007

PUBLICATIONS

Books and Monographs

Forensic Document Examination in the 21st Century, co-editor, CRC Publishing, Boca Raton, 2020

Scientific Examination of Questioned Documents, Second Edition, co-author and co-editor: CRC Publishing, Boca Raton, 2006

Forensic Examination of Rubber Stamps: Charles C. Thomas Publisher, Springfield, 2002

Symposium: Meeting the Challenges of the *Daubert* Trilogy: Refining and Redefining the Reliability of Forensic Evidence. Mara Merlino, Victoria Springer, Jan Seaman Kelly, Derek Hammond, Eric Sahota, Lori Haines. Published in Tulsa Law Review, 2007

Significant Dates of Typing Methods-62 page monograph published by American Board of Forensic Document Examiners, 2004

Articles

Letter to the Editor: *Institutional Prejudice by the Courts Involving Certain Opposing Handwriting Opinion*: co-authored with Thomas Vastrick; published in the Journal of American Society of Questioned Document Examiners, Volume 24, Number 1, June 2021, pp. 3-7

A Bad Use for a Good Stamp, Marking Industry Magazine, March 2000, 95(7), pp 22-26

The Examination of Disguised Numbers: Journal of Forensic Sciences, September 1999; 44(5), 1027-1028

The Impressions of Forensic Document Examination: Marking Industry Magazine, October 1999; 95(2) pp 30-34

Normal Course of Business Records versus Manufactured Records: co-authored with Sandra Ramsey Lines and Diane Tolliver; published in the Journal of American Society of Questioned Document Examiners, June 1999, Vol. 2(1), pp 34-44

Flat Die Stamps: New Technology from Brother: Journal of American Society of Questioned Document Examiners, Vol. 2, December 1998

Facsimile Documents: Feasibility for Comparison Purposes, Journal of Forensic Sciences, November 1992, 37(6), pp 1600-1609

PRESENTATIONS: Forensic Document Examination

Forensic Document Examination and the NAS Report, American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Anaheim, CA, February 19, 2020

Characteristics Observed in Impressions Produced by Signature Stamps, American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Anaheim, CA, February 20, 2020

Forensic Document Examiner Forum, American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Anaheim, CA, February 21, 2020. Moderators/Presenters: Jan Seaman Kelly, Carl McClary, Samiah Ibrahim

Contemporary Challenges, Expert's Insight and Judicial Perspectives in Forensic Document Examination Testimony. Presenters: Jan Seaman Kelly and Judge Stephanie Domitrovich (Pennsylvania). American Academy of Forensic Sciences Meeting, Baltimore, MD, February 2019

The Influence of Terminal Illness and Prescription Medications on Patient Signatures. American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Seattle, WA, February 2018

A Review of the Almegciga et al. v. Center for Investigative Reporting, Inc. et al. Decision. Presenters: Jan Seaman Kelly, the Honorable Judge Stephanie Domitrovich (Pennsylvania), and Dr. Linton Mohammed. American Academy of Forensic Sciences, New Orleans, LA, February 2017

Forensic Document Examiner Testimony of Inconclusive Examination Results, American Academy of Forensic Sciences, New Orleans, LA, February 2017

Impact of Daubert on Forensic Document Examination, American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Las Vegas, 2016

Skill-Task Assessments, American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Las Vegas, NV, February 2016

Critics Say the Darndest Things!, American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Las Vegas, NV, February 2016

Check Washing Techniques, International Association of Identification (IAI), Las Vegas, 2002

An Overview of Notary Public Laws and Practice presented at Southwest Association of Forensic Document Examiners, Oakland, CA, 1989

Comparison of the Kinderprint to the ESDA presented at American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Boston, 1993

Photograph Techniques When Photographing Microfilm presented at Southwest Association of Forensic Document Examiners, Albuquerque, NM, 1993

Factors to Consider in the Examination of Patient's Writing presented at American Academy of Forensic Sciences, 1995

Patterns of Distinction presented at American Society of Questioned Document Examiners, 1998

INSTRUCTOR

Workshop Instructor: Forensic Document Examination of Rubber Stamps. Midwest Association of Forensic Science (MAFS) held in Indianapolis, IN. One day workshop- September 18, 2018.

POST Instructor: Certification in Nevada: 2014 to 2017

American Board of Forensic Document Examiners Workshops 1998 through 2006

Questioned Documents, International Association of Identification, Las Vegas, 2002

Daubert Seminar, hosted by American Board of Forensic Document Examiners, Las Vegas, 2004

Skill Task Testing, Assessment, and Research Inc (ST²AR) Workshop, October 2008, Las Vegas

CONSULTATION and EXAMINATION SERVICES IN:

Forensic Document Examination:

Handwriting, Hand Printing, Signatures

Typewriter/Photocopier/Office Machine Production Examinations

Watermark Examinations

Counterfeiting Examinations

Tampering, Alteration, Insertions, Erasure, and Obliteration Examinations

Fracture Match Examinations

Restoration of Shredded Documents

Rubber Stamp and Seal Impression Examinations

Detection of Indented Writing (non-destructive)

Ink analysis to determine differences in inks (non-destructive)

Documents commonly submitted include:

- ❖ Last Will and Testament
- ❖ Contracts
- ❖ Real Estate Documents
- ❖ Insurance Records
- ❖ Business Records such as Accounting Ledgers, Checks, Personnel Records
- ❖ Medical Records
- ❖ Legal Documents such as Vehicle Titles
- ❖ Reconstruction of Shredded or Charred Documents

CONSULTANT

Provided assistance in preparation for *Daubert* Hearings to forensic document examiners from 1996 to 2010

TESTIMONY LIST: Thirty-three years of experience in providing testimony in Criminal, Civil, Juvenile, and Administrative Courts in Nevada, Oklahoma, North Dakota, Arizona, and Colorado

2021

In the Matter of the Estate of Ella E. Horst Revocable Trust, u/a/d 05/21/1991 Caser Number: P-18-095314-T Dept. 26 Honorable Judge Gloria Sturman Retaining attorney Thomas Davis, Esq. of Howard & Howard, Las Vegas, Nevada Date: 7/7/2021

Deposition-Troy R. Wilkinson, Plaintiff v. Wilkinson Electric Inc.; Travis T. Wilkinson; Jeron Wilkinson; B. Wilkinson; and Scott P. Wilkinson, Defendants. Retaining attorney Benson L. Hathaaway, Jr.; Kirton McConkie-Salt Lake City Civil Case 200500193 Judge Wallace Lee St. George, Utah Date: July 2, 2021

Focke v. Allan Case Number 20-cv-03014-MEN Retaining attorney Joel Bailey Esq of Headrick Kring Law Firm, Dallas Texas, Honorable Judge Michael E. Hegarty -United States Federal Court-District of Colorado in Denver, Colorado Date: May 24, 2021

Deposition: James T. Mauk vs. 99 Cents Only Store, LLC; a California limited liability company; DOES 1 through X; and ROE CORPORATIONS 1 through X, inclusive. Case No: A-19-795401-C Dept. II Plaintiff Attorney Jacaob Smith, Esq, Henness & Haight; Defense Attorney Jeffrey J. Orr, Esq, Brandon Smerber Law Firm Las Vegas, Nevada Date: April 5, 2021

2020

Deposition: In the Matter of the Estate of Ella E. Horst Revocable Trust, u/a/d 05/21/1991
Case No: P-18-09534-T Department 26. Plaintiff attorney Thomas Davis, Esq and Gwen Mullins, Esq.
Howard & Howard Law Firm. Defense attorney S. Don Bennion, Esq. Date: October 16, 2020

2019

Evidentiary Hearing: In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN P. PELLIGRINO, Deceased. District Court,
Clark County, Nevada-Family Court-Domestic; Case No: P-19-099355-E; Judge Gloria Sturman, Esq;
Petitioner Attorney: Douglas D. Gerrard, Esq.; Andrew Cox, Esq., Respondent Attorney.
Date: October 11, 2019

Arbitration Hearing: Michael Rayleigh, Plaintiff vs. Bonnie Fogel, an individual, DOES 1-100, ROE
ENTITIES 1-100, Inclusive, Defendant; District Court, Clark County, Nevada; Case No: A-18-767643-C
Dept. II. Arbitration Judge: R. Scott Rasmussen, Esq; Retaining Attorney: Joel Selik, Esq; Plaintiff
Attorney Mitchell Posin, Esq. Date: October 09, 2019

Arbitration Hearing: Marlene Rogoff, Plaintiff vs. James Marsh and John and Jane Does I-X, and Roes
I-X, Defendants; District Court, Clark County, Nevada; Case No: A-18-780426-C Dept. XVIII.
Arbitration Judge: Gina Gilbert Winspear, Esq.; Retaining Attorney: Keith Galliher, Esq.; Plaintiff:
Marlene Rogoff, Pro Se. Date: June 21, 2019

Deposition: Lorrie Downs, as personal representative of the Estate of Gary A. Downs, deceased Plaintiff
versus Brookdale Senior Living Communities, Inc., d/b/a Brookdale Courtyard Puyallup; Brookdale
Senior Living Communities, Inc.; and Emeritus Properties III, Inc., Defendant. Number: 18-2-06478-9;
Superior Court of the State of Washington, In and For the County of Pierce.
Plaintiff Attorney Jacey Liu of Hornbuckle Firm-Seattle, WA; Defense Attorney Pamela M. Andrews of
Andrews-Skinner; Seattle, WA Date: April 22, 2019

Bench Trial: Bruce Peterson, Deenie Greer, Van Peterson, Denise Barron vs. Marshall Peterson
Civil No: 07-2013-CV-00050 State of North Dakota, County of Burke, In The District Court North
Central Judicial District. Judge Douglas Mattson Date: January 09, 2019

2018

Arbitration Hearing: Tropicana Distributing, Plaintiff vs. Wade Lizotte, Defendant; District Court, Clark
County, Nevada. Case Number A-16-748059-C. Arbitration Judge: Candace C. Carlyon; Retaining
Attorney; Nathan Gibbs Date July 12, 2018

Bench Trial: Christopher A. Bacon, Plaintiff vs. Diane M. Forsythe, Defendant
Case # 17 OC 00096 1B First Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada In and For Carson City
District I-Judge James T. Russell Retaining Attorney -Kelly Chase, Esq. Date: June 20, 2018

2016

Jury Trial State of Nevada v Norman Belcher Case # C270562
Judge Elissa Caddish DDA Giancarlo Pesci

2016 continued

Jury Trial State of Nevada v Will Sitton Case # 10C261753-2
Judge Douglas Smith DDA Jacqueline Bluth

Jury Trial State of Nevada v David Frostick Case # 09C255247
Judge Elissa Caddish DDA Frank Coumo

2015

Jury Trial State of Nevada v Will Sitton Case # 10C261753-2
Judge Douglas Smith DDA Jacqueline Bluth

Jury Trial State of Nevada v David Lenward Brown Case # C-13-286643-1
Judge William Kephart DDA Dena Rinetti

2014

Jury Trial State v Corithian Edwards Case # 10C265389-2
Judge Kathleen Delaney DDA Samuel Bateman

Jury Trial State of Nevada v Joshua Espinoza Case # C-14-298881-2
Judge Michael Villani DDA Nicole Cannizzaro

2013

Grand Jury State of Nevada v David Lenward Brown Case # C-13-286643-1
Judge Linda Bell DDA Dena Rinetti

Evidentiary Hearing to Challenge Handwriting Expert's Reliability and Methodology Testimony
State of Nevada v David Lenward Brown Case # C-13-286643-1
Judge Elizabeth Gonzalez DDA Dena Rinetti