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Forensic Document Examiner





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EXPERTISE

- Disputed Signatures
- Handwriting Comparison
- Indented Impressions
- Ink Comparison
- Altered Documents
- Document Reconstruction
- Other Document Examinations

EDUCATION

MNatSc (Chem) 1st Class University of Birmingham 1996 – 2000

MSc Forensic Science University of Strathclyde 2000 – 2001

Bond Solon Excellence in Report Writing, Witness Familiarisation & Cross Examination, 2006

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Practising Member of the Academy of Experts
- Member of the Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences
- Corresponding Member of the Australasian Society of Forensic Document Examiners Inc.
- Registered as an expert with the CRFP (Council for the Registration of Forensic Practitioners) until it was disbanded in 2009

PROFILE

20 years' experience as a Forensic Document Examiner, having worked at both Police and private laboratories before becoming a self-employed expert consultant.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

FORENSIC DOCUMENT EXAMINER Independent Consultant	2019 – Present
FORENSIC DOCUMENT EXAMINER Key Forensic Services Ltd, Coventry	2008 - 2019
FORENSIC DOCUMENT EXAMINER Document Evidence Ltd, Birmingham	2005 - 2008
FORENSIC DOCUMENT EXAMINER Grampian Police Forensic Science Laboratory, Aberdeen	2003 - 2005
SCREENING SCIENTIST HFL Ltd, Newmarket	2001 - 2003

EXPERT WITNESS

I have examined more than one thousand cases in criminal, civil, arbitration and private matters. Clients include law firms, companies, charities, government agencies and private individuals. I have also provided reports for magisterial inquiries in Malta and International Arbitration cases.

I have given evidence in person and remotely on many occasions, for example:

- Criminal, civil and county courts across the UK
- Royal Courts of Justice, London
- Law Courts, Valletta
- Coroner's Court, Cayman Islands
- Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague

I regularly act as a Single Joint Expert (SJE) and complete joint reports with other experts.

MEDIA CREDITS

BBC Fake Britain, 2014 – Forgery of a Will

BBC Radio 4 'Fairy Meadow' podcast, 2022 – Handwritten Records

BBC Radio 4 'You and Yours', 2023 – Fabricated Tenancy Document