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CURRICULUM VITAE

I am, Beth Chrisman, a certified and court qualified Questioned Document Examiner. Beginning my career in 2006, I have examined over 1400 document examination cases involving over 28,000 documents. I have qualified as an expert witness and testified over one-hundred times.

Opinions Rendered in Various Types of Questioned Examination Cases Include:

Disputed documents including: wills, trusts, checks, contracts, deeds, account ledgers, bills of sale, invoices, medical records, employee files, and anonymous writings.

Education

- Bachelor of Science in Prosthetics and Orthotics from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. Graduation Date May 2005
- International School of Forensic Document Examination: Certified Forensic Document Examination, Graduation Date July 2008
Specific Areas of Training: Handwriting Identification, Signature Comparison, Techniques for Distinguishing Forged Signatures, Disguised Handwriting, Altered Numbers, Anonymous Writing, Laboratory Procedures, Forensic Microscopy and Forensic Photography, Identifying Printing Methods, Papers and Watermarks, Factors that Affect Writing, Demonstrative Evidence, Forgery Detection Techniques, Detection of Forged Checks, Document Image Enhancement, Ethics in Business and the Legal System, Participation in Mock Courtroom Trails.
- American Institute of Applied Science; 101Q Questioned Documents course completed
- 3-year on-the-job apprenticeship with Bart Baggett, a court qualified document examiner from October 2006 through October 2009. My apprenticeship include all aspects of running the office, examining cases, writing reports and declarations, on-site examinations, taking exemplars, deposition and trial testimony. I managed 204 cases consisting of 2157 documents during this time. In addition, I began taking individual cases that were mentored and/or peer reviewed by Bart Baggett.
- ACFEI Conference October 2009, Las Vegas, NV. (American College of Forensic Examiners International) Attended specific lectures on ink and paper counterfeiting by FBI personnel.
- SAFE Annual Conference August 14– 16, 2014, Boca Raton, FL. (Scientific Association of Forensic Examiners) Earning 19 hours of training.
- SAFE Annual Conference July 31, 2015 and August 28, 2015. Earning 6.5 hours of CET.
- IADE Annual Conference September 11, 12, and 13, 2015, Jamaica. Earning 24 hours of CET.
- SAFE Annual Conference July 29, 2016 and August 26, 2016. Earning 12 hours of CET.
- SAFE Annual Conference August 4, 2017 and August 25, 2017. Earning 9.25 hours of CET.
- IADE Annual Conference September 7, 8, and 9, 2017, Denver, CO. Earning 19.5 hours of CET.
- IADE Annual Conference August 25, 2018 and August 26, 2018. Earning 12 hours CET.
- SAFE Annual Conference September 7, 2018 and October 19, 2018. Earning 9.5 hours of CET.

Proficiency Testing:

- CTS (Collaborative Testing Services) Participated in the Handwriting Examination proficiency test in 2012; correctly identifying who wrote the questioned documents.
- IADE Annual PT, 2015
- Created and proctored IADE PT in 2017
- IADE Annual PT, 2018

Further Qualifications:

From May 2010 through May 2014 I was the Director of the International School of Forensic Document Examination; creating curriculum, choosing textbooks, creating schedules and overseeing student apprentice qualifications for students worldwide. I taught and mentored students worldwide, including students in the United States, New Zealand, Australia, India and Slovakia.

Associations:

- Scientific Association of Forensic Examiners since August 2014.
- International Association of Document Examiners since January 2015, Charter Member, Secretary 2017-present, and Certification Chair 2017-present.
- Certification by IADE September 2015

Presentations:

Disappearing Ink, A Case Study, September 2017

Comparison of Standards for Handwritten Items, August 2018

Laboratory Equipment:

Numerous magnifying devices including 30x, 20x and 10x loupes, light box, protractor, calipers, metric measuring devices, slope protractor and letter frequency plate, handwriting letter slant and comparison plate, typewriter measurement plate, type angle plate, digital photography equipment, Celestron digital hand-held microscope, zOrb 35x digital microscope, an illuminated stereo microscope, HP PC, high resolution printers, scanners, a high resolution facsimile machine, and a copy machine.

Library

Numerous forensic document examination titles and other handwriting reference materials