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Experience and Areas of Expertise: Nationally recognized expert witness with forty years of experience in examining documents of all kinds and providing expert testimony and consulting services in civil and criminal cases before Federal, State and County courts throughout the United States. Qualified to handle the most complex issues concerning the authenticity or fraudulent preparation of documentary evidence. Expert testimony favorably cited in numerous federal and state court judicial decisions.

Forensic services include examination and identification of handwriting, hand printing, typewriting, computer-generated printing, stamp impressions, paper, photocopies, inks and writing instruments; determination of forgery or authentication of signatures; detection of erasures, alterations, additions and substitutions; decipherment of erased, obliterated and indented text; examination of Medical Records and Business Records to determine evidence of reconstruction (preparation other than in the ordinary course of business); nondestructive video spectral differentiation of inks, writing instruments and paper; establishing the source of origin and method of preparation of documents; determining the sequence of preparation and relative date (age) of documents or entries thereon; and determining the integrity of electronic documentary evidence.

Laboratory Resources: State-of-the-art forensic testing and instrumentation, including laboratory and mobile Video Spectral Comparison Systems for non-destructive ink and paper differentiations and other probative forensic examinations, Electro-Static Detection Apparatus for lifting latent indentations, Computerized Digital Image Enhancement Systems, and Computer Forensics Tools for evaluating the integrity of digital documents. Portable equipment and scientific instrumentation available for comprehensive forensic examinations and digital imaging/photography of impounded documents or computer drives. In-house preparation of professional demonstrative evidence for use in court.

Professional Certifications and Memberships: Diplomate and Past President, Board of Forensic Document Examiners (an FSAB accredited board); Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (Board Certified); American Academy of Forensic Sciences (Fellow; 2013-14 Jurisprudence Section Chair); ASTM International (Member, Committee on Forensic Sciences and Subcommittee on Questioned Documents); The Society of Medical Jurisprudence and Forensic Sciences (Past President); National District Attorneys Association; New York State Bar; Florida Bar; State Bar of California; and District of Columbia Bar.

Education: Master of Science degree in Forensic Science and Juris Doctor degree (with Honors), George Washington University, Washington, DC (1975)

Representative Clients: Fortune 500 Corporations; Major Banks and Insurance Companies; Prominent Law Firms throughout the United States; Federal and State Governmental Agencies and Prosecutor's Offices

Publications: Medical Malpractice: Strategic and Practical Principles, New York State Bar Association, 1986 [co-author: Chapter entitled "The Role of the Forensic Document Examiner in Medical Malpractice Cases"]; Using Experts for Evaluating & Preparing Criminal Cases, New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education, 1999 [co-author, Chapter entitled "Brief Overview of Forensic Document Examination"]; "A Critical Look at Some Needed Reforms in the Landscape of Forensic Science Education and Mentorship Training Standards," AAFS Academy News Vol. 44, Issue 1, republished in Journal of Forensic Document Examination, Vol. 24 (2014); and Sulner, Andrew (2018) "Critical Issues Affecting the Reliability and Admissibility of Handwriting Identification Opinion Evidence—How They Have Been Addressed (or Not) Since the 2009 NAS Report, and How They Should Be Addressed Going Forward: A Document Examiner Tells All," Seton Hall Law Review: Vol. 48 : Iss. 3, Article 5. Available at: <https://scholarship.shu.edu/shlr/vol48/iss3/5/>