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Statement of Qualifications

Certified Forensic Document Examiner ~ Handwriting Expert ~ Nebraska Mediator~Certified Life Coach

Services and Consultations:

- Handwriting authentication including anonymous writings, handwritten numerals
- Authentication of originals documents, lifted signatures, cut and paste documents
- Forensic examination of handwriting signatures, journals, logs, medical records
- Illustrations and reports providing visual evidence and litigation support
- Any aspect of handwriting and/or signatures including the documents
- Consultations regarding qualifying witnesses
- Preparing questions for direct or cross examination
- Personal coaching for accessing the best outcome for client and legal team
- Jury selection based on Handwriting and Non Verbal body Language
- Tradeshows-Employee Assistance Programs

Qualifications:

- Court Qualified as Handwriting Expert and Certified Forensic Document Examiner in Nebraska, Nevada, Iowa and South Dakota, in State and Federal.
- Worked with fraud and legal departments, investigators, government agencies, insurance companies, banks, business owners, universities, teachers and individuals.
- Completed the Nebraska Basic and Family Mediation Courses, 2011, total 60 hours
- Completed and Certified as a Master Practitioner of Neuro Linguistics, 1 year program
- Completed and Certified as a Life Coach, NLP Institute, California, 2 year program 2006
- Four active years as a special agent with Prudential Insurance Company of America 1980
- Trained at Miami Dade County Police Department, 40 hours 2007
- Attended NADE 3 Day Conferences, 2007, 2011, 2012, 2013.
- Digital Imaging 2 Day training, Omaha, NE David Witzke VP Foray, April 23-24, 2013
- Annual Examiner Seminar, Koppenhaver 2007, 2009, 2010

Education:

- Attended University of Maryland, Extension, Business Admin, Okinawa, Japan, 1966
- Completed 4 year comprehensive handwriting profiling and forgery detection training program (2,500) face to face hours with Dr. Marie Cassil, formerly of Kansas City Missouri. Last 2 years, completed internship in Forensic Document Examination, 1976-1980
- Continued Education through research, publication/instruction of peer level studies

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- Member and participant in Katherine Koppenhaver's weekly audio/visual teleconference regarding advanced topics in forensic investigation and examination of documents and signatures.
- Continued Education through Webinars/teleconferences
- Prudential LUTC & Extended Financial Training as Special Agent, 1976-1980

Forensic Proficiency Testing:

- **Developed and administer Signature ID Test© for document examiners**
- Administered by approved provider Collaborative Testing Services (CTS)2008.2009.2011
- Forensic Expertise Profiling Laboratory, administrated by LaTrobe University of Australia Bryan Found ,2006,2007
- ST2AR 2009

Lectures/Teaching/Training:

Designed and taught hundreds of students Forgery Detection and Handwriting through Metro Community College, Southeast Community College, Clemson University. Worked directly with Physicians Mutual and Woodmen of the World Legal departments to train underwriters basic forgery "indicators" as well as "teams" from various business organizations, businesses and groups.

Contributions:

- VP and Co Founder of International Association of Document Examiners, IADE 2014
- Taking Charge Moderator, Lincoln Mayor, City Hall. Lincoln NE 2012
- Energy Conversation with Citizens Moderator, City Hall, Lincoln, NE 2012
- Mediation Judge, College of Law, Lincoln, NE 2012, 2013
- KFOR Problems & Solutions, KETV Series on Handwriting, KFAB. WOW

Organizations:

- Forensic Expert Witness Association (FEWA)
- Scientific Association of Document Examiners (SAFE) Member and Chair 2013-2014
- National Association Document Examiners (NADE) 2007 -2013
- International Speaker's Network (ISN)
- Eastern Nebraska Anti Fraud Association (ACFE)
- Member of American Handwriting Analysts Foundation,(AHAF)

Laboratory Equipment:

- Stereomicroscope, Z Pix digital camera, Zarbeco MiScope microscope with infrared filters, illuminated magnification lamps, measuring tools, light tables, Sony and Cannon digital cameras.

Publications:

"Red Flags of Forgery" instruction manual for training, Woodmen of the World
"Compelling Evidence Found in Originals" Article SAFE Newsletter, February 2013
Presentations/Participation/Continued Education

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- SAFE SEMINAR Boca Raton, Florida August 13-17,2014
- Judge “Client Counseling Competition” UNL College of Law, Lincoln, NE 1/18/2014
- Mediation Coach, UNO Mediation Students, Nov.1, 2013
- UNL Law Students, “Role of Document Examiner” Oct 31, 2013
- **Scientific Association of Forensic Examiners, SAFE, Sept 24-28, 2013, Baltimore, MD**
- NIST-National Institute of Standards & Technology- 2 day conference June 4 & 5, 2013
- “How Handwriting can Help you Sell ” NE Realtors Association, NRA, April 17, 2013
- “Language Patterns that Help you Sell” NE Realtors Association, NRA, April 17,2013
- “Red Flags of Forgery” NMPP Annual Conference Keynote, 3/27/13
- Coach, “Grandparents Rights Role Play” Students at UNL College of Law, 3/27/13
- “Identity Theft & Tax Fraud” Adam Mulari, JD IRS Investigator Omaha, NE 3/11/2013
- Mediator Regional Mediation Competition UNL College of Law, Lincoln, NE 3/09/13
- Judge “Client Counseling Competition” UNL College of Law, Lincoln, NE 1/12/2013
- Mediation Coach, UNL College of Law, Lincoln, NE 2012
- Heartland Anti Fraud Association –Presentations 2010 & 2012
- Nebraska Broadcasters /Nebraska Legislators February 2011
- Nebraska Licensed Professional Investigators, June 26, 2012
- Nebraska Bankruptcy Court
- International Executive Women’s Association
- Nebraska Paralegal Association, April 16, 2010
- Nebraska Realtors Association, 2 sessions, April 17, 1013
- Infectious Disease Nurses Association July 12, 2002
- Physician’s Mutual Annual Meeting, Red Flags of Forgery, December 5, 2006
- American National Bank Annual Meeting
- Koppenhaver’s Document Examiner’s Annual Seminar 2007, 2009 & 2010
- Metro Magazine 2011
- Methodist Hospital
- Ak-Sar-Ben “An Event with the Stars”
- Midwest Community College, Center for Business and Industry
- Girl Scouts of America
- Woodman of the World Insurance Company
- DACO Neon Equipment
- Schroeder Exteriors
- Creighton University Libraries
- Nebraska Bar Association “Red flags of Forgery”
- Gifted Students at LaVista-Papillion High School

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