

BIOGRAPHY

Larry F. Stewart was born in Asheville, North Carolina. He has earned an Associate of Arts degree from Florida Technological University in Orlando, a Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science degree from the University of Central Florida, also in Orlando and a Master of Forensic Sciences degree from Antioch University in Yellow Springs, Ohio.

Mr. Stewart worked for the U.S. Government as a forensic scientist for over 25 years. He has worked on many notable cases to include; the Unabomber, the John Wilkes Booth diary, numerous accused Nazi war criminals, e.g. John Demjanjuk, a.k.a. Ivan the Terrible, the reinvestigation of the Dr. Martin Luther King murder, the reinvestigation of the Kennedy assassination/CIA conspiracy theory, the Quedlinburg Treasure, the 1933 Saint-Gaudens Double Eagle gold coin, the Jon Benet Ramsey murder investigation, the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the DC Sniper investigation and the 2010 Brazilian presidential election scandal.

In addition, his efforts have directly assisted the US Government in solving matters concerning multimillion dollar financial crimes investigations, corrupt officials, murders, illegal transfers of nuclear materials, terrorists, counterfeit food and drug products, international border disputes and falsified international treaties.

He has testified as an expert witness in state, federal and military courts of law, as well as testified or been deposed in foreign court systems to include; Austria, Australia, Canada, Germany, Sri Lanka, and Thailand. He has also testified at The Hague in the Netherlands and three times before the U.S. Congress.

Mr. Stewart held the position of Laboratory Director and Chief Forensic Scientist for the United States Secret Service. In that role, he managed up to 120 scientists, technicians, and support staff in the areas of document analysis, handwriting, fingerprints, trace evidence, audio and video analysis, photography, toolmarks, computer evidence and counterfeit analysis. In 2005, Mr. Stewart retired from government service and began the independent forensic laboratory and consulting firm known as Stewart Forensic Consultants, LLC and its subsidiary, Global Investigative & Intelligence Services. In 2017, the firms combined and became Global Forensic Services, LLC.

Curriculum Vitae:

Larry F. Stewart

Occupation:

Chief Forensic Scientist and President – Global Forensic Services, LLC
San Luis Obispo, California

Education:

Associate of Arts Degree - Received June 1976
Florida Technological University
Orlando, Florida

Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science Degree - Received August 1979
University of Central Florida
Orlando, Florida

Master of Forensic Sciences Degree - Received June 1983
Antioch University
Yellow Springs, Ohio

Pertinent Specialized Courses:

Forensic Microscopy Course - March 1978
McCrone Research Institute
Chicago, Illinois

Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometry - April 1979
Perkin-Elmer Corporation
Gaithersburg, Maryland

Gas Chromatography Course - December 1979
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Gaithersburg, Maryland

Advanced Gas Chromatography - March 1980
Perkin-Elmer Corporation

Advanced High Pressure Liquid Chromatography Course - January 1981
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Washington, DC (course location)

Ink and Paper Analysis Seminar - January 1981
U.S. Air Force
Office of Special Investigations
Washington, DC

High Pressure Liquid Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry - July 1981
U.S. Justice Department, F.B.I.
Quantico, Virginia

High Pressure Liquid Chromatography/Computer Operation - March 1984
Perkin-Elmer Corporation
Rockville, Maryland

Questioned Document Course - February 1985
U.S. Secret Service
Washington, DC

Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy Course - June 1986
Nicolet Analytical Instruments
Lanham, Maryland

Scanning Electron Microscopy - September 1994
Philips Electronic Instruments
Mahwah, New Jersey

ASCLD/LAB Inspector Training Course - January 2000
Portland, Oregon

Work Experience:

December 1975 through March 1979
Laboratory Technician
University of Central Florida

March 1979 through September 1979
Internship
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

September 1979 through July 1982
Forensic Chemist
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

July 1982 through June 2005 (retired)
Counterfeit Specialist
Questioned Document Examiner
Lead, Instrumental Analysis Section
Lead, Instrumental and Computer Analysis Section
Senior Document Examiner/National Expert for the United States Secret Service
Chief, Questioned Document Branch
Assistant Laboratory Director
Laboratory Director/Chief Forensic Scientist
United States Secret Service

June 2005 to February 2017
Chief Forensic Scientist and President
Stewart Forensic Consultants, LLC

February 2017 to present
Chief Forensic Scientist and President
Global Forensic Services, LLC

Instructor:

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
Rockville, Maryland

United States Air Force, Office of Special Investigations
Special Investigator's Course
Washington, DC

United States Secret Service
Washington, DC

Federal Law Enforcement Training Center
Glynco, Georgia

Drug Enforcement Agency
Washington, DC

International Law Enforcement Academy
Budapest, Hungary

Naval Criminal Investigative Service
Washington, DC

Rochester Institute of Technology
Rochester, New York

Cuesta College
San Luis Obispo, California

California Polytechnic University
San Luis Obispo, California

Guest Speaker:

Montgomery College
October 1980
Rockville, Maryland

Antioch School of Law
November 1980 and February 1981
Washington, DC

Montgomery College
Ink and Paper Analysis/Instrumental Techniques - February 1982
Rockville, Maryland

DocSec'85
Document Security - May 1985
Washington, DC

George Washington University
Ink and Paper Analysis - February 1986
Washington, DC

Inspector Generals Office - Health and Human Services
Tri-regional Conference - January 1991
Mt. Pocono, Pennsylvania

Bolling Air Force Base
Joint Basic Computer Forensic Workshop - September 1993
Washington, DC

Virginia Military Institute
The Uses of Chemistry and Biology in the Forensic Sciences - April 1994
Lexington, Virginia

UCLA
Forensic Examination of Financial and Identity Documents – August 1998
American Society of Questioned Document Examiners meeting
Los Angeles, California

Catholic University
Science Under Oath – February 2000
Washington, DC

GATF Conference
Security Printing, Computers and the Forensic Scientist – August 2000
Pittsburgh, PA

Fraud Prevention Workshop
Security Printing – October 27, 2000
U.S. Department of State

Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

International Association for Identification
Forensic Science and Fraudulent Documents – May 2004
Sacramento, California

International Law Enforcement Academy
Forensic Seminar on Questioned Documents
Czech Republic
Poland
Turkey
Slovenia
Hungary
Mexico

San Luis Obispo Criminal Bar Association
Getting the Most from Forensic Technology in Criminal Investigations – December 13, 2006
San Luis Obispo, California

California Association of Licensed Investigators
Counterfeits Are All Around Us! – February 2, 2007
Palm Springs, California

California Association of Licensed Investigators
Leveling The Playing Field - December 4, 2008
Pismo Beach, California

Specialized Tours/Training:

Crane-Weston Paper Mill
Dalton, Massachusetts - July 28, 1982

Philadelphia Mint
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - July 29, 1982

Bureau of Engraving and Printing
Washington, DC - July 30, 1982

Visa International
San Francisco, California - January 3-6, 1984

Malco Plastics
Garrison Park, Maryland - January 1985

BIS CAP International, Ink Jet Printing Conference
Boston, Massachusetts - September 17-19, 1990

Achievements:

Participated as a "referee" in the 1980 Crime Laboratory Proficiency Training Program Forensic Sciences Foundation, Colorado Springs, Colorado

1984 - Successfully obtained, regenerated and operated the world's largest forensic collection of writing inks and watermarks.

Testified in May of 1989 and 1990 before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, U. S. House of Representatives. These matters concerned the investigation of fraud in science.

Certified by the US Secret Service as an accredited Examiner of Questioned Documents, February 1, 1991.

Recipient of the Health and Human Services Inspector General's Integrity Award, 1991.

Appointed Chairman of A.S.T.M. task groups (1991) concerned with developing standards for performing "Writing Ink Comparisons" and "Writing Ink Identifications."

Acted as INTERPOL's representative regarding document related matters concerning the forensic analysis of Ink and Paper.

Appointed as the National Expert in document related matters concerning ink and paper for the US Secret Service.

United States Delegate at the 14th European Meeting on Currency Counterfeiting, The Hague, The Netherlands, October 9-11, 1991 and the First International Conference on Fraudulent Documents, Ottawa, Canada, April 27- May 1, 1992.

United States Delegate at the 6th European Conference for Police and Government Experts, London, United Kingdom, October 2-4, 1996. Presented a paper on Ink Dating, Relative and Absolute: New Approaches to Old Problems.

Testified on July 22, 1999 before the House Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, U.S. House of Representatives. This matter concerned detection and prevention of counterfeit documents.

Classified as an “Inspector” for the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors.

Elected to the Board of Directors for the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors, September 14, 2000.

Elected to the Board of Directors for the Document Security Alliance, December 2003.

Appointed as the forensic consultant for the United Nations, tasked with developing and implementing a successful forensic laboratory in Nigeria, Africa, 2007.

Elected to the Board of Directors for The Academy, June 2007.

Certified Forensic Consultant, American College of Forensic Examiners Institute, October 2007.

Appointed as a forensic consultant for the US Department of State, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs in Yerevan, Armenia, January 2008 (ongoing assignment).

Appointed as a forensic consultant for the US Department of State, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs in Tbilisi, Georgia, May 2008.

Elected to the Board of Directors for the American Board of Forensic Examiners, February 2009 to December 2009.

Elected to the Board of Directors for the Education Committee for the American College of Forensic Examiners Institute, July 2012.

Appointed as an editor for the Forensic Research & Criminology International Journal, November 2015

Original Research Publications/Presentations:

"Detection of Volatile Accelerants in Fire Debris. 1. A Comparative Evaluation..." Richard A. Strobel, Richard A. Tontarski, Larry F. Stewart, Philip Wineman presented at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 1980, and the Mid-Atlantic Association of Forensic Scientists, combined meeting, Louisville, Kentucky, May 1980.

"Artificial Aging of Documents," L.F. Stewart. Published in the Journal of Forensic Sciences, Vol. 27, No. 2, April 1982.

"Ballpoint Ink Age Determination by Volatile Component Comparison," L.F. Stewart, Presented at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences meeting, Orlando, Florida, February 1982, and Mid-Atlantic Association of Forensic Scientists/Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists joint meeting, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, April 1982. Published in the Journal of Forensic Sciences, April 1985.

"The Role of the Secret Service in Counterfeit Deterrence," L.F. Stewart. Presented at the Mid-Atlantic Association of Forensic Scientists meeting, Baltimore, Maryland, April 1983.

"The Forensic Analysis of Printing Inks," Larry F. Stewart. Presented at the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners, Lake Tahoe, Nevada, September 1983.

"Counterfeit Credit Card Deterrence," Larry F. Stewart. Presented at the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners/Canadian Society of Forensic Scientists annual meeting, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, September 1985.

"Detection of Counterfeit Currency," Larry F. Stewart. Presented at the International Association of Identification conference, Arlington, Virginia, August 1987.

"Identification of United States Currency Security Fibers by Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy," J.E. Brown and L.F. Stewart. Presented at the Canadian Society of Forensic Scientists annual meeting, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, October, 1988.

"U.S. Secret Service Ink Identification System," J.W. Hargett, J.E. Brown and L.F. Stewart. Presented at the Canadian Society of Forensic Scientists annual meeting, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, October 1988.

"Use of Enlargement Ratios of Negatives and/or Printing Plates to Characterize Counterfeit Currency," L.F. Stewart, R.L. Outland and J.E. Brown. Presented at the Canadian Society of Forensic Scientists annual meeting, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, October 1988.

"Current Status of Ink Age Determination," L.F. Stewart and S.L. Guertin. Presented at the Ninth INTERPOL Forensic Science Symposium, INTERPOL Headquarters, Lyon, France, December 12, 1989. Published in INTERPOL International Criminal Police Review, March-April, 1991.

"A.S.T.M. Standard for Writing Ink Comparisons," L.F. Stewart and J.L. Becker Presented at the Mid-Atlantic Association of Forensic Scientists 1991 meeting, Bethesda, Maryland, May 31, 1991.

"Standard Guide For Test Methods For Forensic Writing Ink Comparisons," L.F. Stewart (Task Group Chairman). Published in the American Society For Testing and Materials (ASTM), Standard Designation number E-1422-91, November 1991.

"Counterfeit Documents Produced by Color Copier Systems," L.F. Stewart, Presented at INTERPOL Headquarters, Lyon, France, December 11-19, 1991.

"Sentence Insertions Detected Through Ink, ESDA and Line Width Analysis," S.L. Fortunato and L.F. Stewart. Published in the Journal of Forensic Sciences, November 1992.

"Status of U.S.S.S. Ink Dating Program," J.W. Hargett and L.F. Stewart. Presented at the Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, April 2, 1993. Published in Kriminalistik und Forensische Wissenschaften, No. 82, 1994.

"U.S.S.S. International Ink Library and Bulletin Board System," L.F. Stewart. Presented at the Mid-Atlantic Association of Forensic Scientists meeting, Baltimore, Maryland, May 20, 1993.

"Standard Guide For Test Methods For Forensic Writing Ink Identifications," L.F. Stewart (Task Group Chairman). Published in the American Society For Testing and Materials (ASTM), Standard Designation number E-1422, 1995.

"The Government Response to Ink Age Determination," L.F. Stewart, J.L. Becker. Presented at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences meeting, Seattle, Washington, February 17, 1995. Published in the International Criminal Police Review - INTERPOL, Spring, 1996.

“Distinguishing Between Relative Ink Age Determination and the Accelerated Aging Technique,” L.F. Stewart and S.L. Fortunato. Published in the International Journal of Forensic Document Examiners, January/March, 1996.

“Forensic Examination of Financial Crimes Documents,” L.F. Stewart and J.W. Hargett. Presented at the 6th European Conference for Police and Government Document Experts, London, United Kingdom, October 2-4, 1996 and the GFS Conference, Luzerne, Switzerland, September 9-12, 1997.

“Unusual Document Examination Approaches and Their Relationship to the Daubert Challenge,” L.F. Stewart. Presented at the American Board of Forensic Document Examiners meeting, Las Vegas, NV, June 23, 2002 and the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners meeting, San Diego, CA, August 14, 2002.

“Forensic Science – Fake Fingerprints?,” L.F. Stewart, Published in the Forensic Expert Witness Association, Fall, 2007.

"Leveling The Playing Field," L.F. Stewart. Presented at the California Association of Licensed Investigators, Central Coast meeting, Pismo Beach, California, December 4, 2008.

“Crime Scene Investigation,” L.F. Stewart, on-line course developed for and published by the American College of Forensic Examiners Institute, January 2009.

“Identity Theft,” L.F. Stewart, A-Z Literary Book Publisher, 2009.

“Document Examination,” L.F. Stewart, A-Z Literary Book Publisher, 2009.

“Forensic Science – Fake Fingerprints?,” L.F. Stewart, Published in the HG Experts Legal Experts Directory on-line publication, Spring, 2010.

“Forensic Science - The Good and the Bad,” L.F. Stewart, Published in the HG Experts Legal Experts Directory on-line publication, Spring, 2010.

“Forensic Science - Erroneous Handwriting Opinions,” L.F. Stewart, Published in the HG Experts Legal Experts Directory on-line publication, Spring, 2010.

“Forensic Handwriting Examination - Selecting Your Expert,” L.F. Stewart, Published in the HG Experts Legal Experts Directory on-line publication, Winter, 2011.

“Method and System For Detecting Fraudulently Dated Documents- Method For Measuring Evaporation in Ink in Order to Detect Fraudulently Dated Documents,” Provisional Patent filed and accepted with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (Application number 14/811,606, dated 7/28/15).

“Document Related Evidence at the Scene of a Crime,” L.F. Stewart, Published in the Forensic Research & Criminology International Journal, April 2017.

“The Process of Forensic Handwriting Examinations,” L.F. Stewart, Published in the Forensic Research & Criminology International Journal, April 2017.

“Crime Scene Investigation – Explosives,” L.F. Stewart, Published in the Forensic Research & Criminology International Journal, April 2017.

Professional Affiliations:

American Academy of Forensic Sciences - Fellow
Canadian Society of Forensic Scientists (past member)
American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors
Document Security Alliance (past member)
Mid-Atlantic Association of Forensic Scientists (past member)
California Association of Licensed Investigators
Forensic Expert Witness Association
American College of Forensic Examiners Institute
American Chemical Society
Association For Former Intelligence Officers
Business Espionage Controls & Countermeasures Association

Offices Held:

Mid Atlantic Association of Forensic Scientists
Secretary/Treasurer
November 1981 to October 1984.

American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors
Board of Directors
September 14, 2000 to September 2003

Document Security Alliance
Board of Directors
December 2003 to November 2004

American Board of Forensic Examiners
Board of Directors
February 2009 to December 2009

The Academy
Board of Directors
June 2007 to present

The American College of Forensic Examiners Institute
Education Committee
July 2012 to present

Forensic Research & Criminology International Journal
Editor
November 2015 to present

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