

# Forensic Dynamics LLC

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Diplomate: American Board of Forensic Document Examiners  
Fellow: American Academy of Forensic Sciences  
Member: Organization of Scientific Area Committee(OSAC)  
-Subcommittee for Forensic Documents  
Member: Academy Standards Board (ASB)

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Forensic Document Examiner since 1989

Footwear Impression Evidence Examiner since 2007

Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department: August 1997 to February 2017

Oklahoma County District Attorney's Office in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma: 1978 to 1997:  
Complex White Collar Fraud Investigator; Forensic Document Examiner

Fort Smith Police Department in Fort Smith Arkansas: 1976 to 1978: Police Officer

### CERTIFICATION

American Board of Forensic Document Examiners: June 1993 to Present

### STATE LICENSE

Registered Nursing license from the State of Oklahoma from 1987 through 1997

### CO-FOUNDER OF SKILL-TASK TESTING, ASSESSMENT, AND RESEARCH, INC.

ST<sup>2</sup>AR Inc. provides skill task testing and training for forensic document examiners

### TRAINING: Forensic Document Examination

U.S. Postal Crime Laboratory in San Bruno, California: 1987 to 1989. Supervised by Forensic Document Examiners George Lewis and Susan Morton

Questioned Document Course-U.S. Secret Service two-week course, 1986

Questioned Document School: Federal Bureau of Investigation, two-week course, August 1987

Rochester Institute of Technology: Printing Processes, Rochester, NY, October 17-20, 2017

## **PROFICIENCY TESTS**

Participation in annual proficiency testing since 1997

## **TRAINING: Footwear Impression Evidence**

National Institute of Justice Impression Pattern Evidence Symposium, Clearwater, FL August 2011

Footwear Impression Evidence Training at the LVMPD Forensic Laboratory: 2006-2007

FBI Footwear Impression Examination Course, April 2005

Examination and Comparison of Footwear Impressions-Nevada State Division of the International Association for Identification, March 2005

Collection and Preservation of Footwear Impressions-Nevada State Division of the International Association for Identification, March 2005

Detection, Recovery and Examination of Footwear Impression Evidence, William Bodziak, 2003

Tire Track Examinations, Lawren Nause, International Association for Identification workshop, MA, 2006

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Diplomate of American Board of Forensic Document Examiners (ABFDE): 06/93 to Present

Fellow of American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS)-Questioned Documents Section: 1990 to Present

Member of International Association of Identification (IAI): 2009 to March 2018

Member of American Society of Questioned Document Examiners (ASQDE): 1998-2010

Member of Southwest Association of Forensic Document Examiners (SWAFDE): 05/87 to 04/00

## **OFFICES HELD**

Member of the Academy Standards Board (ASB)- Fall 2017 to date

Member of the Organization of Scientific Area Committees- (OSAC)-Subcommittee for Forensic Documents  
April 2017 to date

Director on the Forensic Specialties Accreditation Board (FSAB)-February 2017 to 2018

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST): Member of OSAC Forensic Document  
Examination Subcommittee: 2017 to Present Date

Section Chair for the Questioned Document Section of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences-  
February 2018 to Present

Section Secretary for the Questioned Document Section of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences-  
February 2016 to 2018

Program Chair for the Questioned Document Section of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences from February 2015 to February 2016

President of American Board of Forensic Document Examiners from 7/01 to 7/03

Secretary of Board of Directors of American Board of Forensic Document Examiners from 07/99 to 07/01

Director on the Board of Directors of American Board of Forensic Document Examiners from 1995 to 1999

Recertification Chair of the American Board of Forensic Document Examiners from 07/95 to 07/01

Associate Editor for the American Board of Forensic Document Examiners Newsletter from 07/95 to 01/98

Bylaws Chairman of Southwest Association of Forensic Document Examiners from 1990 to 1995

Regional Representative of Extended Region in Southwest Association of Forensic Document Examiners from 10/91 through 10/93

### **AWARDS**

Charles C. Scott Award presented by American Board of Forensic Document Examiners 2002

Ordway Hilton Award presented by the Questioned Documents Section of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences-February 2004

Safety Officer of the Year presented by the Rotary Clubs of Southern Nevada- September 2004

New Horizon Award presented by the American Board of Forensic Document Examiners-2007

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Books and Monographs**

Scientific Examination of Questioned Documents, co-author and co-editor: Taylor Francis Publishing, Boca Raton, 2006

Forensic Examination of Rubber Stamps: Charles C. Thomas Publisher, Springfield, 2002

Symposium: Meeting the Challenges of the *Daubert* Trilogy: Refining and Redefining the Reliability of Forensic Evidence. Mara Merlino, Victoria Springer, Jan Seaman Kelly, Derek Hammond, Eric Sahota, Lori Haines. Published in Tulsa Law Review, 2007

Significant Dates of Typing Methods-62 page monograph published by American Board of Forensic Document Examiners, 2004

#### **Articles**

*A Bad Use for a Good Stamp*, Marking Industry Magazine, March 2000, 95(7), pp 22-26

*The Examination of Disguised Numbers*: Journal of Forensic Sciences, September 1999; 44(5), 1027-1028

*The Impressions of Forensic Document Examination*: Marking Industry Magazine, October 1999; 95(2) pp 30-34

*Normal Course of Business Records versus Manufactured Records*: co-authored with Sandra Ramsey Lines and Diane Tolliver; published in the Journal of American Society of Questioned Document Examiners, June 1999, Vol. 2(1), pp 34-44

*Flat Die Stamps: New Technology from Brother*: Journal of American Society of Questioned Document Examiners, Vol. 2, December 1998

*Facsimile Documents: Feasibility for Comparison Purposes*, Journal of Forensic Sciences, November 1992, 37(6), pp 1600-1609

### **PRESENTATIONS: Forensic Document Examination**

*The Influence of Terminal Illness and Prescription Medications on Patient Signatures*. American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Seattle, WA, February 2018

*A Review of the Almegciga et al. v. Center for Investigative Reporting, Inc. et al. Decision*. Presenters: Jan Seaman Kelly, the Honorable Judge Stephanie Domitrovich (Pennsylvania) , and Dr. Linton Mohammed. American Academy of Forensic Sciences, New Orleans, LA, February 2017

*Forensic Document Examiner Testimony of Inconclusive Examination Results*, American Academy of Forensic Sciences, New Orleans, LA, February 2017

*Impact of Daubert on Forensic Document Examination*, American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Las Vegas, 2016

*Skill-Task Assessments*, American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Las Vegas, NV, February 2016

*Critics Say the Darndest Things!*, American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Las Vegas, NV, February 2016

*Check Washing Techniques*, International Association of Identification (IAI), Las Vegas, 2002

*An Overview of Notary Public Laws and Practice* presented at Southwest Association of Forensic Document Examiners, Oakland, CA, 1989

*Comparison of the Kinderprint to the ESDA* presented at American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Boston, 1993

*Photograph Techniques When Photographing Microfilm* presented at Southwest Association of Forensic Document Examiners, Albuquerque, NM, 1993

*Factors to Consider in the Examination of Patient's Writing* presented at American Academy of Forensic Sciences, 1995

*Patterns of Distinction* presented at American Society of Questioned Document Examiners, 1998

### **PRESENTATIONS: Footwear Impression Evidence**

Poster Presentation: Impression enhancement using Gentian Violet, National Institute of Justice Impression Pattern Evidence Symposium, Clearwater, FL, August 2011

Workshop: Footwear Impression Evidence Recovery in the Desert, Tri-State International Association of Identification (IAI), Las Vegas, 2008

## **INSTRUCTOR**

POST Instructor: Certification in Nevada: 2014 to 2017

American Board of Forensic Document Examiners Workshops 1998 through 2006

Footwear Impression Evidence, Tri-State IAI, Las Vegas, 2008

Questioned Documents, International Association of Identification, Las Vegas, 2002

*Daubert* Seminar, hosted by American Board of Forensic Document Examiners, Las Vegas, 2004

Skill Task Testing, Assessment, and Research Inc (ST<sup>2</sup>AR) Workshop, October 2008, Las Vegas

## **CONSULTATION and EXAMINATION SERVICES IN:**

### **Forensic Document Examination:**

Handwriting, Hand Printing, Signatures

Typewriter/Photocopier/Office Machine Production Examinations

Watermark Examinations

Counterfeiting Examinations

Tampering, Alteration, Insertions, Erasure, and Obliteration Examinations

Fracture Match Examinations

Restoration of Shredded Documents

Rubber Stamp and Seal Impression Examinations

Detection of Indented Writing (non-destructive)

Ink analysis to determine differences in inks (non-destructive)

### **Documents commonly submitted include:**

- ❖ Last Will and Testament
- ❖ Contracts
- ❖ Real Estate Documents
- ❖ Insurance Records
- ❖ Business Records such as Accounting Ledgers, Checks, Personnel Records
- ❖ Medical Records
- ❖ Legal Documents such as Vehicle Titles
- ❖ Anonymous Letters, Suicide Notes, Greeting Cards
- ❖ Reconstruction of Shredded or Charred Documents
- ❖ Graffiti or tagging on surfaces other than paper

**TESTIMONY EXPERIENCE:** Testified 86 times over the past 30 years in Criminal, Civil, Juvenile, and Administrative Courts as well as Grand Juries in Nevada and Oklahoma. Below is the listing of the last three years of court testimony. A number of scheduled testimonies for last three years did not occur due to stipulation, pleas agreement, or arbitration.

**TESTIMONY LIST**

**2018**

Arbitration Hearing Testimony: Tropicana Distributing , Plaintiff vs. Wade Lizotte, Defendant  
Case Number A-16-748059-C. Arbitration Judge: Candace C. Carlyon; Retaining Attorney; Nathan Gibbs  
Date July 12, 2018

Bench Trial Testimony: Christopher A. Bacon, Plaintiff vs. Diane M. Forsythe, Defendant  
Case # 17 OC 00096 1B First Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada In and For Carson City  
Judge Russell Retaining Attorney Kelly Chase, Esq. Date: June 20, 2018

**2016**

Jury Trial Testimony State of Nevada v Norman Belcher Case # C270562  
Judge Elissa Caddish DDA Giancarlo Pesci

Jury Trial Testimony State of Nevada v Will Sitton Case # 10C261753-2  
Judge Douglas Smith DDA Jacqueline Bluth

Jury Trial Testimony State of Nevada v David Frostick Case # 09C255247  
Judge Elissa Caddish DDA Frank Coumo

**2015**

Jury Trial Testimony State of Nevada v Will Sitton Case # 10C261753-2  
Judge Douglas Smith DDA Jacqueline Bluth

Jury Trial Testimony State of Nevada v David Lenward Brown Case # C-13-286643-1  
Judge William Kephart DDA Dena Rinetti

**2014**

Jury Trial Testimony State v Corithian Edwards Case # 10C265389-2 Judge Kathleen Delaney  
DDA Samuel Bateman

Jury Trial Testimony State of Nevada v Joshua Espinoza Case # C-14-298881-2  
Judge Michael Villani DDA Nicole Cannizzaro

**2013**

Grand Jury Testimony State of Nevada v David Lenward Brown Case # C-13-286643-1  
Judge Linda Bell DDA Dena Rinetti

Evidentiary Hearing to Challenge Handwriting Expert's Reliability and Methodology Testimony  
State of Nevada v David Lenward Brown Case # C-13-286643-1 Judge Elizabeth Gonzalez  
DDA Dena Rinetti

**2012**

Jury Trial Testimony State v William Bonnie Case # C-11-272196-1 Judge Kathleen Delaney  
DDA Nadine Morton

Jury Trial Testimony State v Bryan Hall Case# 09C254922 Judge Michelle Levitt  
DDA David Stanton