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RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

May 2012 – present

Forensic Document Examiner, Private Consultant, Bronx, NY.

Performing casework in all aspects of questioned document examination, primarily in handwriting comparisons but also including: typewriting, ink, paper, printing processes, erasures, alterations, obliterations, indented writing, digital imaging/processing for civil matters only. Provide expert testimony.

December 2003 – November 2019

Criminalist, New York Police Department Laboratory, Jamaica, NY.

Performing casework in all aspects of questioned document examination, primarily in handwriting analysis but also including and not limited to: typewriting, ink, paper, printing processes/devices, rubber stamps, photocopies, alterations, indented impressions, special photographic/imaging techniques. Provide expert testimony.

October 2006-December 2017

Breath Analysis Operator/Technical Supervisor, certified by New York State Department of Health. Performing field inspections/calibrations of instruments, classroom instruction and provide expert testimony.

June 1998-December 2003*

Performed casework in Latent Print Development Unit. Provided expert testimony.

Member of the Safety Committee.

*In addition, 2005-2006 performed casework in Latent Print Development Unit including administrative and technical reviews.

May 1985-June 1998

Performed casework in Serology Unit. Provided expert testimony.

Quality Control Coordinator for Serology Unit from September 1996 to June 1998.

EDUCATION:

University of New Haven, B.S. Forensic Science, A. S. Chemistry, June 1984.

TRAINING/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

August 2020

Participant in the FBI Laboratory Handwriting Examiner Decision Analysis Study, Ideal Innovations, Inc.

Testing period from July 26, 2019 through May 17, 2020, 100 comparison sets, online.

July 2019

TWGDOC Meeting Jamaica, New York.

November 2018

TWGDOC Meeting Jamaica, New York.

May 2018
Mohawk Paper Mill Presentation and Tour Cohoes, New York.

May 2018
TWGDOC Meeting Jamaica, New York.

September 2017
TWGDOC Meeting Jamaica, New York.

April 2017
TWGDOC Meeting Jamaica, New York.

February 2017
BOND Company Discussion and Tour of Facility New York, New York.

September 2016
TWGDOC Meeting Jamaica, New York.

May 2016
Internal Auditor Training: NYPD Police Laboratory Jamaica, New York.

May 2016
Speak Wells Powerful Presence: Managing Your Impression in the Courtroom
Jamaica, New York.

March 2016
Typography Workshop Peter Tytell Jamaica, New York.

March 2016
TWGDOC Meeting Jamaica, New York.

November 2015
MAAFS Questioned Documents Fall Workshop Cooperstown, New York.

October 2015
TWGDOC Meeting Conference Jamaica, New York.

April 2015
TWGDOC Meeting Conference Jamaica, New York.

May 2014
TWGDOC Meeting Conference Jamaica, New York.

May 2014
MAAFS Annual Meeting/ASQDE Workshop “Demystifying the ABFDE Certification
Process” Penn State, Pennsylvania

March 2014
TWGDOC Meeting/Conference Jamaica, New York.

August 2013
ASQDE Annual Meeting. Indianapolis, Indiana.

June 2013
National Institute of Standards and Technology Webinar “Measurement Science and
Standards in Forensic Handwriting Analysis Conference”.

August 2011
ASQDE Annual Meeting/ABFDE Workshop “Signature Examination Workshop-
Complex Issues and Common Problems”. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

March 2011
TWGDOC Meeting New York Police Department Laboratory, Suffolk County Crime
Laboratory, Nassau County Crime Laboratory. Sponsored by DCJS.

March 2011

TWGDOC Meeting New York Police Department Laboratory, Suffolk County Crime Laboratory, Nassau County Crime Laboratory. Sponsored by DCJS.

New York, New York.

October 2009

Document Reprocessors

Discussion and Tour of Facility Rushville, New York.

April 2004 – June 2008

TWGDOC Meetings New York Police Department Laboratory, New York State Police Laboratory, Suffolk County Crime Laboratory. Sponsored by DCJS.

May 2008

Foster & Freeman at NYPD Jamaica, New York.

Introduction to VSC 6000

August 2005 – November 2007

NYPD/USPIS Training in Questioned Documents including: handwriting, typewriting, ink, paper, printing processes, erasures, alterations, obliterations, indented writing, special photographic techniques.

November 2006

Rochester Institute of Technology Rochester, New York.

Printing Process Identification

November 2006

Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists Annual Meeting Rye, New York.

Questioned Document Session Chair/Workshop Chair

April 2006

FBI Fundamentals of Handwriting Quantico, Virginia.

November 2005

Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists Annual Meeting Newport, Rhode Island.

Attendee MS Access for Forensic Document Examiners Workshop, Typography Workshop.

February 2005

Islamic Terrorist Investigation/Counterterrorism NYPD New York, New York.

November 2004

RAW Ribbon Analysis Workstation-Envisage Systems Ltd. NYPD Jamaica, New York.

September 2004

BIC Corporation Discussion and Tour of Facility Milford, Connecticut.

June 2004

US Secret Service Questioned Document Course Glynco, Georgia.

May – July 2004

Forensic Document Examination Understudy Program- Writing Instruments and Materials, Dan Purdy.

February – March 2004

Fundamentals of Handwriting Comparisons, John Sang.

June 2003

PC Pros Advances Forensic Digital Imaging Training Program Rego Park, New York.

June 2000

PC Pros MORE HITS Advanced Digital Imaging Training New York, New York.

June 1999

Institute For Forensic Imaging/Digital Photography at NYPD Jamaica, New York.

March 1999

Adobe Photoshop CompUSA Rego Park, New York.

October 1998

FBI Law Enforcement Officers Training School – Basic Photography

John Jay College of Criminal Justice New York, New York.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

2004 – 2019 Technical Working Group of Document Examiners

1981 – present Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists

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