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M. PATRICIA FISHER, DIPLOMATE – BOARD OF FORENSIC DOCUMENT EXAMINERS

Statement of Qualifications

M. Patricia Fisher, M.J.¹

BFDE² - Board Certified Forensic Document Examiner

Overview

Over 30 years full time work as a forensic document examiner on cases involving a broad range of document examination problems that use **non-destructive** testing including:

- Handwriting/signature identification
- Fabricated documents
- Altered medical and business records
- Identification problems involving typewriters, computer printouts, e-mail printouts, watermarks, papers, writing instruments and intersections of lines.

Specializes in questioned documents in probate and financial elder abuse matters, altered and fabricated documents, and complex cases involving multiple document issues.

Qualified to testify in Federal and State Courts in California and Nevada in over 245 court proceedings since 1979. Additional testimony provided in arbitrations, hearings, and depositions.

Laboratory

Standard testing procedures using state-of-the-art laboratory including the ESDA Lite for indented writing testing, the Video Spectral Comparator 40/HD for testing requiring a range of light, infrared and ultraviolet sources for paper and ink examinations, and an Olympus stereo-zoom trinocular microscope with a Q-Imaging Digital Camera.

Professional education and publications

Actively participates on an annual basis in training workshops and continuing education related to the field of forensic document examination field. Extensive background in teaching and writing for presentation of document issues to the layperson and in writing laboratory reports. A frequent presenter at professional meetings. Nineteen publications in the field.

Certification and Professional Associations

Diplomate of and certified by the Board of Forensic Document Examiners (BFDE), the Association of Forensic Document Examiners (AFDE), and the Association of Certified Fraud Specialists (ACFS). Editor of the *Journal of Forensic Document Examination*. Member of the International Graphonomics Society (IGS) and the American Society of Testing and Materials, International (ASTM) Forensic Science Committee E30.

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² The BFDE's certification program has been accredited by the Forensic Specialties Accreditation Board.