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CURRICULUM VITAE

I am, Beth Chrisman, a court qualified Forensic Document Examiner. Beginning my career in 2006, I have examined over 500 document examination cases involving over 6500 documents. I trained with the International School of Forensic Document Examination and have apprenticed under a leading court-qualified Forensic Document Expert.

Forensic Examination Provided For:

Disputed documents or signatures including: wills, checks, contracts, deeds, account ledgers, medical records, and autograph authentication. Investigation and analysis including: questioned signatures, suspect documents, forgeries, identity theft, anonymous letters, alterations, obliterations, erasures, typewritten documents, altered medical records, graffiti, handwritten numbers, and computerized and handwritten documents.

Education

- Bachelor of Science Specializing in Prosthetics and Orthotics from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas

- International School of Forensic Document Examination: Certified Forensic Document Examination, Graduation Date July 2008

Specific Areas of Training:

Handwriting Identification and Discrimination, Signature Comparison, Techniques for Distinguishing Forged Signatures, Disguised Handwriting, Altered Numbers, Anonymous Writing, Laboratory Procedures, Forensic Microscopy and Forensic Photography, Identifying Printing Methods, Papers and Watermarks, Factors that Affect Writing, Demonstrative Evidence Training, Demonstrative Evidence in the High-Tech World, Forgery Detection Techniques, Detection of Forged Checks, Document Image Enhancement, Graphic Basis for Handwriting Comparison, Ethics in Business and the Legal System, Mock Courtroom Trails

- American Institute of Applied Science; 101Q Questioned Documents course completed
- 3 year on-the-job apprenticeship with Bart Baggett, a court qualified document examiner and the president of the International School of Forensic Document Examination, October 2006 – October 2009.

Apprenticeship Included:

Gathering documents, setting up case files, scanning and photographing documents, assisting with on-site examinations, interacting as client liaison with attorneys and clients, accounting and billing, peer reviews, preparing court exhibits, directed and witnessed client hand written exemplars, as well as reviewed and edited official opinion letters and reports for Mr. Baggett's office. I managed 204 cases consisting of 2157 documents during this time period.

Furthermore, I began taking active individual cases that were mentored and/or peer reviewed by Bart Baggett.

- ACFEI Conference October 2009, Las Vegas, NV. (American College of Forensic Examiners International) Attended specific lectures on ink and paper counterfeiting by FBI personnel.

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Further Qualifications:

I am the Director of the International School of Forensic Document Examination; creating curriculum, choosing textbooks, creating schedules and overseeing student apprentice qualifications for students worldwide. I teach and mentor students worldwide, including students in the United States, New Zealand, Australia, India and Slovakia. I also peer review cases for other working document examiners.

Laboratory Equipment:

Numerous magnifying devices including 30x, 20x and 10x loupes, Light Tracer light box, protractor, calipers, metric measuring devices, slope protractor and letter frequency plate, handwriting letter slant and comparison plate, typewriter measurement plate, type angle plate, digital photography equipment, zPix 26x-130x zoom digital hand-held microscope, zOrb 35x digital microscope, an illuminated stereo microscope, Compaq Presario R3000, HP PC, 2 high resolution printers, 2 digital scanners, 1 high resolution facsimile machine, and a copy machine.

Library

Numerous forensic document examination titles and other handwriting reference materials.

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FEE SCHEDULE

Initial Consultation - 1/2 hour	No Charge
Verbal Opinion	\$400.00
Written Opinion Letter (<i>already paid \$400.00 verbal opinion</i>)	\$50.00
Verbal Opinion and Written Opinion Letter	\$450.00
Each additional questioned document	\$100.00
Each additional suspect comparison	\$100.00
Retainer / Designation Fee	\$450.00
Rush Fee (<i>12 - 48 hour turnaround, business days</i>)	+50%
Rush Fee (<i>12 - 48 hour turnaround, weekends/holidays</i>)	+100%
Attorney Consultation (<i>hourly rate</i>):	
Verbal	\$100.00
My Office	\$150.00
Attorney's Office	\$150.00
On-Site Inspection of Document (<i>hourly, plus expenses</i>)	\$300.00
Courier Service (<i>retained by client</i>)	Paid by Client
Postage/Delivery Fees	Paid by Client
Travel:	
Driving (<i>hourly, plus \$.50 per mile</i>)	\$50.00
Flying (<i>cost of ticket, plus hourly travel time</i>)	\$50.00
Lodging (<i>per night or actual cost</i>)	\$80.00
Meals (<i>daily</i>)	\$50.00
Court Display Preparation (<i>hourly</i>)	\$75.00
Deposition Time (<i>hourly, 1 hour minimum</i>)	\$300.00
Court Testimony (<i>per day</i>)	\$1,000.00
<i>{must be paid in full prior to court}</i>	
Miscellaneous expenses may include:	
Regular Mail	\$5.00
Priority Mail	\$10.00
Overnight Delivery	\$30.00