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## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

I, Beth Chrisman, am a certified and court-qualified Questioned Document Examiner. Beginning my career in 2006, I have examined over 2100 document examination cases. I have qualified as an expert witness and testified over one hundred seventy times.

### **Opinions Rendered in Various Types of Questioned Document & Handwriting Examination Cases**

**Include:** Accounting ledger, anonymous notes/writings, arbitration agreements, bankruptcy, bill of sale, birth certificates, checks, chiropractic records, contracts, corporate minutes, cut-and-paste (transferred) signatures, deeds, dental records, diary entries, divorce settlements, employee files, graffiti, investment transfers, invoices, life insurance forms, medical records, Miranda rights forms, rent/lease agreements, stock certificates, trust documents, and wills.

### **Education & Training**

- SAFE Annual Conference August 26, 2022, & September 30, 2022. Earning 10 hours of CET
- IADE Annual Conference October 10, 11, and 12, 2022. Earning 12 hours CET
- SAFE Continuing Education Classes held monthly throughout the year of 2022; five attended.
- IADE Continuing Education Classes throughout the year of 2022; one attended.
- SAFE Annual Conference August 27, 2021, & October 1, 2021. Earning 10 hours of CET
- IADE Annual Conference September 11, 12, and 13, 2021. Earning 12 hours CET.
- IADE Continuing Education Classes held quarterly throughout the year of 2021; two attended.
- SAFE Continuing Education Classes held monthly throughout the year of 2021; four attended.
- SAFE Annual Conference October 2, 2020. Earning 6 hours of CET
- IADE Annual Conference September 21, 22, and 23, 2020. Earning 12 hours CET.
- IADE Continuing Education Classes held quarterly throughout the year of 2020; two attended.
- SAFE Continuing Education Classes held monthly throughout the year of 2020; six attended.
- SAFE Annual Conference September 6, 2019, and October 4, 2019. Earning 11.5 hours of CET
- IADE Annual Conference September 12, 13, and 14, 2019. Earning 21 hours CET.
- SAFE Annual Conference September 7, 2018, and October 19, 2018. Earning 9.5 hours of CET.
- IADE Annual Conference August 25, 2018, and August 26, 2018. Earning 12 hours CET.
- IADE Annual Conference September 7, 8, and 9, 2017, Denver, CO. Earning 19.5 hours of CET.
- SAFE Annual Conference August 4, 2017, and August 25, 2017. Earning 9.25 hours of CET.
- SAFE Annual Conference July 29, 2016, and August 26, 2016. Earning 12 hours of CET.
- IADE Annual Conference September 11, 12, and 13, 2015. Earning 24 hours of CET.
- SAFE Annual Conference July 31, 2015, and August 28, 2015. Earning 6.5 hours of CET.
- SAFE Annual Conference August 14– 16, 2014. Earning 19 hours of CET.
- ACFEI Conference October 2009, Las Vegas, NV. (American College of Forensic Examiners International) Attended specific lectures on ink and paper counterfeiting by FBI personnel.
- International School of Forensic Document Examination: Certified Forensic Document Examination, Graduation Date July 2008: *Specific Areas of Training:* Handwriting Identification, 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, Forgery Detection Techniques, Detection of Forged Checks, Document Image Enhancement, Ethics in Business and the Legal System, Participation in Mock Courtroom Trials.
- American Institute of Applied Science; 101Q Questioned Documents course completed
- 3-year full-time apprenticeship from October 2006 through October 2009 in the office of Bart Baggett. My apprenticeship included all aspects of running a document examination office: client contact, setting up cases for examination, examining cases, writing reports, and declarations, overseeing requested writing exemplars, attending on-site examinations, depositions, and trial

testimony. I managed 204 cases consisting of 2157 documents during this time. In addition, I began taking individual cases that were mentored and/or peer reviewed.

- Bachelor of Science in Prosthetics and Orthotics from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. Graduation Date May 2005

**Proficiency Testing:**

- IADE Annual PT 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022
- Created and proctored IADE PT in 2017
- IADE Annual PT, 2015
- CTS (Collaborative Testing Services), Handwriting Examination proficiency test in 2012.

**Further Qualifications:**

From May 2010 through May 2014, I was the Director of the International School of Forensic Document Examination; creating curriculum, choosing textbooks, creating schedules, creating fifteen proficiency tests, and overseeing student apprentice qualifications for students worldwide. I taught and mentored students worldwide, including students in the United States, New Zealand, Australia, India, and Slovakia.

**Associations:**

- Scientific Association of Forensic Examiners (SAFE), member since August 2014.
- International Association of Document Examiners (IADE), Charter Member since January 2015, Certified Member since September 2015, Secretary 2017-present, and Certification Chair 2017-present.
- IADE Annual Seminar Chair 2021 and 2022.

**Presentations:**

- Using Power Point to do an Overlay, March 2016
- Disappearing Ink, A Case Study, September 2017
- Comparison of Standards for Handwritten Items, August 2018
- Cognitive Bias & Document Examination, September 2019 and November 2019
- Testifying In The Aftermath of COVID, September 2020
- Report Writing, September 2021

**Publications:**

- Document Analysis, History, and Foundations. Encyclopedia of Forensic Sciences, Third Edition (2023).

**Laboratory Equipment:**

Numerous magnifying devices including 30x, 20x, and 10x loupes, lightbox, 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, MiScope MP3 Extended Field microscope, an illuminated stereo microscope, printers, high-resolution scanners, and a copy machine.

**Library**

Numerous forensic document examination titles and other handwriting reference materials.