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An expert witness is anyone who is qualified by actual experience or careful study which enables them to form definite opinions of their own representing a division of science, branch of art, or department of trade which persons having no particular training of special study would not.

– Webster's Dictionary

- Forensic Document Examiner Designation, 2015, International Association Document Examiners
- Qualified as an expert in court cases since 1996: 90% of the cases are settled out of court following presentation of the written letter of opinion. Qualified as an expert in the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, the Ninth Judicial Court of Florida, the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida and the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida, and the United States District Court in the Middle District of Florida (Orlando Division) and more court systems. Have testified in trial or deposition over 60 times.
- Cases have ranged from suspect wills, mortgages, signatures, disputed wills, trusts, poison pen letters, graffiti, industrial espionage, altered medical records, check mark identification, embezzlement, to disguised handwritings.
- **Education and Specialized Training:**
Master of Arts in Communications, 1972, California State University, Fullerton, CA
Bachelor of Science in Education, 1965, Taylor University, Upland, Indiana
Certified in Handwriting Analysis and Document Examination. Laboratory for Scientific Interrogation: Course on Scientific Content Analysis. Attended seminars and workshops of International Association of Document Examiners(IADE), former member Scientific Association of Forensic Examiners (SAFE) and former member of the National Association of Document Examiners (NADE). Online Continuing Education Document Examination, 2010-Present, Interactive Classes with Katherine Koppenhaver.
- Articles published include: "How to Choose a Salesperson through Handwriting Analysis," *The Office Guide to Orlando*; "Handwriting Analysis: New Tool in the Work Place," and *Underlines* (a column on handwriting analysis), *The Florida Banker*; "Handwriting Analysis: A Tool for Individualization in the Work Place;" "Handwriting... Brain writing?"
- Courses in Handwriting Analysis taught at the University of Alabama, Huntsville; The Knowledge Shop, Orlando, Florida; coursework for private investigators; courses for members of helping professions (teachers and counselors); coursework for bank personnel.
- Seminar Speaker: national, regional and local associations and companies.
- Research: Writing with the Non-Dominant Hand; Signatures of Professional Winners; An Analysis of Famous Peoples Signatures; How to choose Sales People from Signatures and Handwriting Analysis, Studies on Pyromania.
- Professional Associations: The Institute of Graphological Sciences (IGS), lectured at annual conference June, 1995, Dallas, Texas. Graphological Society of San Francisco (GSSF); participant in Congress of Graphological Societies (COGS); Membership: Private Investigators Association of Florida; Past member of National Association of Document Examiners (NADE); American Handwriting Association (AAHA); member of ASTM International, standards development organization. Southeast Handwriting Analysts Association (SEHA), President, 2013. International Association Document Examiners (IADE), 2015.

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