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**Ann Mahony**

Board Certified and court qualified, handwriting and forgery expert Ann Mahony has been testifying in the field of questioned documents for over two decades in Federal and Superior Courts. Her work includes examining wills and trusts, altered medical and insurance records, anonymous letters and hate mail, real estate and tax matters, passport and customs documents, marriage and birth certificates, and numerous documents for banks and financial institutions. In addition, she assists retail and commercial enterprises with the escalating problem of internal employee theft. Clients include Bank of America, Federal Express, Hewlett-Packard, Coldwell Banker, Chicago Title, State Farm, Kaiser Permanente, Macy's, Eddie Bauer, Montgomery Ward, and others, and major law firms worldwide.

**Abstract: "Electronic Signatures – The Future is Upon Us"**

In today's digital world, customers expect and demand instant access to the information they need. This includes the ability to sign, send and store contracts via mobile platforms. Millennials and Gen Z will be buying their homes, cars, and more via mobile devices. Early signature software attempted to capture a visual/digital image of an actual signature. Today, signature software is light years beyond the beta models, and embedded with multiple layers of security. Comcast, LinkedIn, Sony, Hewlett-Packard, Yahoo, Expedia, Salesforce, Prudential, McKesson, and others are already on board, claiming the software is fast, convenient, secure, and easy to use. DocuSign, the leader in signature software, has a standing guarantee to represent any of their digital signatures in court. Document examiners cannot afford to be left behind when it comes to understanding this new technology. Come discover what the buzz is all about.



**Beverley East**

Beverley East is a court qualified forensic document examiner who has practiced in the field for over twenty-seven years. She divides her work between two offices, one in Washington D.C. and the other in Kingston, Jamaica. She has testified in both the UK and the US as well as in the Caribbean region. She holds a communications degree from the College of Distributive Trade in London, England. She is a member of the National Association of Document Examiners and the Scientific Association of Forensic Examiners. In 2015, Ms. East was appointed to the Ethics Committee of the International Association of Document Examiners. Serving as the 2015 IADE's Conference Chair, she brought document examiners from across the United States to Jamaica for the first time. Ms. East hosts training sessions for bankers through the Jamaican Institute of Financial Services, and accredited seminars for the General Legal Counsel. Additionally, her consultancy provides services to government agencies such as the Independent Commission of Investigations (Indecom); Major Organised Crime and Anti-Corruption Agency (MOCA); the Ministry of National Security; Passport and Immigration Citizenship Agency; and Antigua's Office of National Drug and Money Laundering Policy (ONDCP).

**Abstract: "Illegible Signatures: Identification Through Pattern Recognition"**

Pattern recognition is one of the assured ways of identifying a signature. Illegible or scribbled signatures can be problematic if there are many natural variations in the shape. This presentation takes you on a global voyage of some of the illegible and scribbled signatures that I have discovered on my career journey. When examining a group of illegible signatures, the habitual writing features, such as unique letter forms and the direction of movement, can become valuable patterns for use in basing an opinion regarding authenticity. "X Marks the Spot." I will also show signatures signed with an X because the writers were ailing or illiterate, and I will illustrate how the signature X differs in patterns that are useful for identification.



**Bonnie Kahn**

Bonnie Kahn is an author, teacher, former museum curator, and art gallery owner specializing in Native American art. Growing up on the Tulalip Indian Reservation inspired her to live and work with tribes in the Pacific Northwest and Southwest for over three decades. Ms. Kahn curated and produced documentaries regarding the prestigious private and public collections of Dr. and Mrs. Robert B. Pamplin Jr. Her husband, Kenneth Kahn, is a criminal defense attorney with experience in the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), and art law. Together they offer workshops on the business of art.

**Abstract: "Was It Real? Authenticating the Cheyenne Arapaho Ledger Book, an Indian Artifact from the 1860's"**

Buffalo hides were used to record the battle scenes of Native Americans before the introduction of paper. As white settlers, traders, and Indian agents moved onto the Great Plains, they brought ledger books to keep records. These ledger books were sold and also sometimes stolen as bounty during battles. One ledger book was passed among the Cheyenne/Arapaho tribes for thirty years between 1850 and 1880 and was used to record their combats. Move forward one hundred years to the 1980s and a small town in Oklahoma. A young child brings a book he discovered in his attic to school for show and tell. His teacher looks at the book and realizes it's no ordinary book, but possibly a priceless historical treasure from the mid to early 1800s. Ms. Kahn will share how she used modern science and a team of specialists from around the world to unlock the mysteries of The Cheyenne/Arapaho Ledger Book.

For a decade, Ms. Kahn curated the priceless Dr. and Mrs. Robert B. Pamplin Collection of American Indian Art. As the curator, she led a team of scholars, including her husband Kenneth Kahn, a criminal defense lawyer with an expertise in Art Law and Native American Repatriation Law. She built a collection of thousands of historically significant objects illuminating the horse culture of the Plateau and Plains Indians beginning with the introduction of the horse in the 17th century. The collection now includes The Cheyenne/Arapaho Ledger Book.



**Carole Chaski**

Carole E. Chaski, PhD, is the CEO and President of ALIAS Technology LLC, which she founded in 2007. She also serves as the Executive Director of the Institute for Linguistic Evidence, the first non-profit research organization devoted to research and development in linguistic evidence, which she founded in 1998. Chaski began work in forensic linguistics in 1992 and is credited with pioneering the field of forensic computational linguistics. She has developed methods and software for authorship identification and classification of specific discourse types, such as threat letters, suicide notes, child sex-abuse allegations, predatory chats, and deceptive witness statements. Chaski earned her doctorate and master's in linguistics (syntax, language variation and computational linguistics) from Brown University. She has published over 50 abstracts, articles and book chapters in forensic linguistics. Chaski held a Visiting Research Fellowship (1995-1998) at the US Department of Justice's National Institute of Justice (NIJ). She was the first person to receive federal funding for forensic linguistic research in the USA, and she has subsequently helped other researchers win funding. During her fellowship, Chaski developed the first linguistic corpus designed for research in forensic linguistics and conducted the first empirical testing for popular linguistic methods of determining authorship of forensic texts. Following Daubert and Frye hearings for the admissibility of authorship identification evidence based on the linguistic capacity method for authorship identification and the text-typing method for discourse type identification, Chaski has been permitted to testify in her field.

Carole Chaski, Continued

**Abstract: "ALIAS Technology"**

ALIAS is a software system that was originally developed for determining authorship based on linguistic structures that can be identified in all texts, counted and tested statistically. The system has grown to include three kinds of modules: ALI (fully automated), ALEX (interactive with an examiner), and ALIAS (interactive with a degreed linguist). The first database on which ALIAS was tested included quite a lot of handwriting. ALIAS contains several modules that are relevant to document examiners including Chars and Handler. In this talk I will demonstrate ALIAS software. I will also present the paradigm that underlies ALIAS. This same paradigm can be applied to handwriting examination as it has been to linguistics. Currently, testimony based on ALIAS is regularly admitted under both Daubert and Frye standards.



**Clay Forington**

Clay Forington served as a police officer and detective with the Englewood Police Department (Colorado) for 25 years. He is currently an investigator and document examiner for the 18th Judicial District Attorney's Office (Colorado) where he has been employed for 15 years. He has lectured extensively as a survivor of a law enforcement shooting and is a member of the 18th Judicial Critical Response Team, investigating officer-involved shootings. He worked on the Columbine High School shooting in Colorado, was assigned to a terrorism task force with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, is an active police firearms instructor, and has performed a wide variety of other assignments as an investigator during his law enforcement career. He attended the United States Secret Service Questioned Document Course at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in 1993 and conducts document examinations for public agencies within Colorado.

**Abstract: "The Process of Obtaining Request Writing"**

The procedure of obtaining request writing is an important and critical task. Individuals may provide non-testimonial writing voluntarily or in compliance with a court order, depending upon individuality and the circumstances of each case. This procedure permits the individual an opportunity to provide a quantity of their known writing in a controlled environment. The goal is to allow a person to provide their natural writing on handwriting exemplars for use in a questioned document examination.



**Emily Will**

Emily Will has 28 years' experience as a private practice forensic document examiner located in Raleigh, North Carolina. Certified by NADE and the Board of Forensic Document Examiners (BFDE), she is currently the secretary of FSAB (Forensic Specialties Accreditation Board) and is a member of the NIST Expert Working Group on Human Factors in Handwriting Examination.

Emily's favorite cases are the ones that include alterations or indented writing. When she is not examining documents, she is likely to be found in her fused glass workshop, cooking up something exotic in a glass kiln.

**Abstract: "The NIST Expert Working Group on Human Factors in Handwriting Examination - Process and Progress"**

The Expert Working Group on Human Factors in Handwriting Examination is the second in a series of working groups on human factors in the forensic disciplines. The first working group was in Latent Print Examination, and produced an excellent report that all forensic examiners should read: <http://www.nist.gov/oles/upload/latent.pdf>

The NIST working group process is interesting in and of itself. To date there have been three on-site meetings.

This presentation will explain the process and give some insights into the topics being discussed. Although standard setting is occurring in the OSAC groups, the report that will be produced by the working group is likely to influence the direction of forensic document examination going forward.



**Eva Schweber**

Eva Schweber has been working in the field of online security since 2014. She regularly provides online security demos to audiences ranging from law enforcement agencies to technical user groups. She also writes technical documentation and provides customer support on 1Password, a leading password management application. Previous to joining AgileBits, she provided technical support to users across all platforms on any number of hardware and software issues.

**Abstract: "How to Protect Your Data"**

So much of what we do now lives on the cloud or in devices that can be easily lost or stolen. How can you keep your data safe in a digital age without reverting back to un-networked computers and dumb phones? The answer is that it is fairly easy with just some basic precautions. Learn about the tools and techniques you can use to keep and protect your data without too much additional effort or unreasonable expense.



**Greg Levinson**

Attorney Greg Levinson of Levinson Law specializes in providing business owners, entrepreneurs and individuals with insightful, expert legal advice, counsel and representation, with a specific focus on contract drafting, business formation and intellectual property. Since 2001, Attorney Levinson has supported business owners throughout the life of their businesses and professional endeavors. As Greg states, "The importance of contract protection can't be overstated, especially in today's copy-and-paste world." As an adjunct professor at Lewis & Clark Law School, he teaches his students what he practices -- to protect clients' rights and assets with down-to-earth legal counsel that consistently provides value, greater understanding, and a clearer picture into their unique situation.

**Abstract: "Shhh...Keep It a Secret: Your Guide to Confidentiality Agreements"**

Document Examiners needing access to information to enable them to provide their services may be asked to sign a confidentiality or non-disclosure agreement (NDA). The important consideration is to negotiate a wording of the NDA that does not restrict the document examiner and also protects his/her potential legal liability.

In this presentation you will gain practical knowledge of the following:

- \*Key elements of an NDA
- \*Strategies for negotiation
- \*Potential deal breakers when signing an NDA

**Heidi Harralson**

Ms. Heidi Harralson is the managing partner of Spectrum Forensic International, LLC, a full-time handwriting and document examination practice. A court-qualified and board-certified forensic document examiner, Ms. Harralson has lectured extensively on the handwriting sciences to professional organizations and universities both in the US and abroad. Her published work includes articles based on original research into various aspects of forensic handwriting and document examination that have appeared in peer-reviewed journals. Ms. Harralson has authored two books including *Developments in Handwriting and Signature Identification in the Digital Age* and *Forensic Handwriting Examination of Motor Disorders: Research and Applications*. She is the co-author of a chapter on evidential documents in *Crime Scene Investigation* published by Elsevier/Anderson Publishing.

Over the years, attorneys, as well as public and private clients from around the world, have consulted her firm. A board certified diplomate through the Board of Forensic Document Examiners and the National Association of Document Examiners, Ms. Harralson holds a Bachelor of Science in the behavioral sciences, a Master of Arts in handwriting science and forensic document examination, and a forensic crime scene technician certificate. She also functions as an affiliate professor at East Tennessee State University, teaching courses in forensic document examination. Currently, she is serving as the President of the National Association of Document Examiners.

**Abstract: "A Survey of Forensic Handwriting Examination Research in Response to the NAS Report AS Report Updates" (Co-presented with Emily Will)**

In 2009, the NAS Report challenged the forensic sciences in several areas including forensic handwriting examination (FHE). Specifically, the NAS Report stated that the "scientific basis for handwriting comparisons needs to be strengthened...there has been only limited research to quantify the reliability and replicability of the practices used by trained document examiners" (pp. 5-30). In the report there was discussion about the variability of handwriting. To determine if those challenges have been addressed by recent research, a literature review of FHE research for the past five years was conducted.

Publication information was extracted and organized according to subject themes that are relevant to FHE. The findings are a condensed review of FHE research concerning theory, proficiency, methods, technology, and a review of U.S. legal decisions related to forensic challenges.

**Jonathan Mishkin**

A business attorney, Jonathan D. Mishkin, P.C., provides outside business law counsel for many small- and medium-sized businesses (SMB). He advises on general business law matters, lending, finance and tax matters, whether you are a family business, small business, emerging or middle-market company, partnership or limited liability company (LLC). By drawing on extensive knowledge and experience in these areas of law while closely partnering with you, he can help you practically, punctually and affordably overcome legal challenges in today's business climate.

**Abstract: "Practical Tips for Expert Witnesses: Deposition, Testimony, and Developing Effective Cross Examination of Opposing Expert" TBA****Kathryn Thorndyraft-Pope**

Kathryn Thorndyraft-Pope is an independent forensic document examiner having been engaged in this field of work for over 26 years. She commenced her career in 1989 with the Grampian Police Headquarters, Aberdeen, Scotland, UK, in their Identification Bureau. Kathryn was authorized as a forensic document examiner by the Secretary of State for Scotland in 1993, permitting her to testify at court as an expert witness. Following nine years with the Grampian Police, in 1998 Kathryn founded her own company, FHD! (Forensic Handwriting & Document Investigation).

Kathryn was honored to be invited to become a member of the Worshipful Company of Security Professionals (<http://www.wcosp.com>). Livery Companies such as this, in the Inner City of London, some dating back to the 12th century, comprise London's ancient and modern trades which are styled "Companies." In Mrs Thorndyraft-Pope's case, the Worshipful Company she belongs to consists of members with jobs that protect the country from fraud. As a result of her work she has been awarded the Freedom of the Company and the City of London UK., either of which, in other countries, could be equivalent to being given the key to the city.

Mrs Thorndyraft-Pope has given expert witness evidence on many occasions in various Courts, including many High Courts, Sheriff and District Courts, and is on the Forensic Science Societies List of Independent Consultants, the UK Register of Expert Witnesses, and also The Law Society Directory of Expert Witnesses in England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland. She is a member of The Expert Witness Institute and also of The National Association of Document Examiners (NADE) with whom she is qualified as a certified document examiner. She has lectured at Dundee University on their MSc Course in Human Identification.

**Abstract: "The Importance of Obtaining Comparative 'Handwriting Samples' Which Meet the Criteria to Render a Reliable Expert Opinion Regarding Authorship of Writing on a Questioned Document"**

Ms. Thorndyraft-Pope will be presenting a case report concerning her work as a questioned document examiner in a wide-scale murder and drug trial in Scotland. She will explain how her opinion had a significant impact on the outcome of the trial.

**Ken Kahn**

In an effort to show just how unemployable he could become, Ken graduated from Reed College with a degree in epic poetry and a minor in German Romanticism in 1980. He then worked in the publishing industry for several years as a writer and editor for newspapers and small publishers on the West Coast. Next, he moved to Manhattan, where he was the staff writer and editor for the Association of American Publishers, College and Mass Market Paperback Division.

After editing several books, he finally came round to the notion of partially following his grandmother's advice that there would be "plenty of time for you to be a writer after you're a brain surgeon." He enrolled in law school and graduated from Lewis and Clark, Northwestern School of Law in 1990. As a criminal lawyer, with a sub-specialty in Art Law, he has stood for the rights of the accused for over 26 years and handled over 6,000 cases. He is a member in good standing of the Oregon State Bar and is ranked in The Legal Network as one of the top lawyers in Oregon (2015). He heads a solo practice in Portland as Kenneth E. Kahn II, Attorney P.C.

**Abstract: "Practical Tips on Editing Your Opinions, Publications, and Posts"**

You'll learn about:

- \*The major dos and don'ts when writing in a public forum
- \*The most common mistakes in written reports, articles and blogs
- \*How to work with an editor
- \*The inscrutable pitfalls of technology in writing
- \*Resources for style guides and rules



**Kevin Sali**

Kevin Sali is a criminal defense attorney in Lake Oswego, Oregon. Before beginning his legal career, Mr. Sali spent four years as a high school science teacher and then earned a graduate degree in biochemistry. As an attorney, he has taken a particular interest in cases involving scientific and other technical evidence. Mr. Sali has worked with complex forensic evidence in cases involving allegations ranging from environmental violations to capital murder. He is a frequent speaker and writer on this topic, with his writings including *Scientific Evidence: A Manual for Oregon Defense Attorneys*. In 2015, Mr. Sali was appointed to a workgroup established by Oregon Governor Kate Brown to address recently disclosed issues with the Oregon State Police Crime Laboratory.

**Abstract: "Doing Your Part to Safeguard the Integrity of the Justice System"**

An increasing focus on wrongful convictions and other breakdowns in the justice system has highlighted some of the ways in which that system's integrity can be compromised. Like other participants in the system, forensic experts have a critical role to play in ensuring that justice is administered in a fair, accurate and evenhanded manner. Kevin Sali will discuss some ways in which forensic experts can pursue that goal.

**Marcel Matley**

In 1985, Marcel began work formally as a document examiner. He has a Masters of Library Science degree from Immaculate Heart College, Los Angeles, CA. His continuing studies cover all aspects of document examination and include paleography, penmanship, and oriental calligraphy, while he continues research in the medical and legal fields as related to document examination. Marcel has more than 70 professional publications, about half of which are posted open access at <https://archive.org>. (Search term: "Marcel Matley") His goal is to build up a consulting service to attorneys and document examiners. He is a popular presenter in the field of handwriting and document examination and an active, re-certified member of NADE, having served on various committees.

He and his wife Helen live in San Francisco in a 1908 Victorian which they are progressively enhancing. If you visit the City, you are welcome to call and arrange a visit. Formally the AHAF Library was housed in their home. When a new librarian took over AHAF Library, it was renamed the Marcel B. Matley Handwriting Research Library. Marcel also has a personal collection of more than 15,000 items related to forensics and handwriting.

**Abstract: "The Dangers of Falsely Based Expert Opinions with Practical Applications for Mastering Truthfulness"**

Are you confused about what makes science to be science? Common sense from Aristotle can make it clear. Additionally, we will look at time-tested ways to double-check things and verify the facts.

"Science" originally meant knowing something for sure and knowing why it is for sure.

How do we know anything for sure? By "evidence," which means being sure "ex visione," from Latin for having seen it, and by extension having heard it, touched it, smelled it, and tasted it as appropriate. Mostly looking at it!

Are there rules for doing a better job of looking? There are. They are called "material logic" because they tell us how to get the meat and potatoes of our scientific proof right lest they become just stuff and nonsense. As an added bonus it tells us how to see whether an opponent has the facts straight.

**Martin Jarvis**

Professor Jarvis is on staff at Australia's Charles Darwin University. From 1988 to 2009, Professor Jarvis was the Artistic Director and Principal Conductor of the Darwin Symphony Orchestra. Martin holds a PhD in the field of Forensic Document Examination, as applied to music manuscripts and specifically to the manuscripts of the Bach family. His research has been published, as well as presented at many universities, music institutions and conferences both nationally and internationally. He is the author of *Written by Mrs Bach* (on which the BBC documentary of the same name is based) and *The String Player's Pocket Dictionary*. He has also researched and published on many subjects including: The application of FDE to music manuscripts; retrogressive concatenation as a means of score acquisition; the history and interpretation of the Kreutzer 42 Etudes for Violin; as well as community music. Martin is a Fellow of the Royal Society for the Arts (FRSA).

**Presentation 1 - Abstract: "The Pitfalls Associated with Identifying Scribes in 18th Century Music Manuscripts"**

The identification of scribes in 18th music manuscripts poses some very particular and peculiar difficulties for the forensic document examiner, insofar that the normal processes of identification are often compromised by emulation and even simulation of music-calligraphy – and possibly sometimes the signatures too. This paper explores those associated problems using the case studies of J S Bach and his circle and the Mozart family where, among other factors, issues relating to Bach's eyesight condition and Mozart's elder sister are examined too.

**Presentation 2 - Abstract: "Truth - What is Truth? Dealing with the Media"**

The 24-hour news-cycle that we live with today means that the media (TV, radio, print and social) are constantly looking for material to feed the ever-hungry "news-beast!" Today everyone is subject to scrutiny in a manner unimagined just a few decades ago (e.g. iPhone cameras). Consequently, those who work in any of the fields (including the courtroom) that are potentially of interest need to be prepared to deal with the various forms of media. Besides dealing with the essential "dos and don'ts" of any interaction with the media, this paper uses two contrasting case studies to show vastly different outcomes.

**Mike Wakshull**

Mike Wakshull is a forensic document examiner based in Temecula, California. He applies his education and training in science and computer graphics to investigating evidence revealed in questioned documents. Mike has worked on cases from 14 states.

He holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics, a master's degree in technology management, and a graduate school certificate in forensic document examination. He speaks regularly at international forensics conferences, bar association meetings, paralegal conferences, and other trade association conferences and meetings. He is a professional member of the National Speakers Association.

**Abstract: "Using Statistical Analysis to Assist with Writer Identification"**

Identification of handwriting relies on the document examiner's ability to discover the variability of the subject's known writing. Although qualitative assessment is prone to judgment error by the document examiner, variability in forensic document examination is often presented in qualitative rather than quantitative terms. Qualitative analysis is typically neither repeatable nor reproducible. A quantitative approach to writer identification can and should be used to reduce bias and errors in document examiners' opinions.

Literature shows that variability of the proportions of height and width of a person's written letters and words remains stable within common cause variability across writing sessions. This presentation applies aspects of statistical process control to determine whether a writer of a known document is a potential author of a questioned document, based on such variability.



**Patricia Siegel**

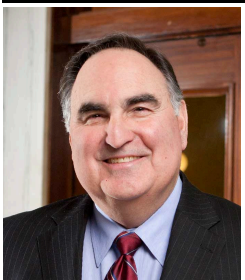
Patricia Siegel is an executive coach, handwriting analyst, certified forensic document examiner, and president of The American Society of Professional Graphologists. Pat was formerly a faculty member at The New School of Social Research (New School University), where she co-directed an accredited handwriting analysis and identification program. She has testified in Federal, New York and New Jersey courts and is certified as a document examiner by the International Association of Document Examiners and the Scientific Association of Forensic Examiners. Pat is an Associate Member of the National Association of Document Examiners and she is a Diplomate with the American Board of Forensic Examiners. She received a B.S. from Cornell University and an M.A. from New York University. She also has a Professional Coaching Certification from the Zicklin School of Business, Baruch College.

**Presentation 1 - Abstract: "Part A: Expanding Awareness: Examination of Tracings, Disguise, Elderly Writings and More"**

Every case is a lesson in refining a forensic document examiner's sensibilities and observational skills. This presentation will review a variety of handwriting identification cases in an attempt to provide additional awareness and fine tune understanding of how a signature or writing manifests a writer's intentions. It will emphasize the document examiner's task to systematically consider alternative possible scenarios and to question initial conclusions.

**Presentation 2 - "Part B: Handwriting Examination Workshop: The Challenge of Simplified Signatures and Comparing Print to Cursive Writing"**

This workshop examines the conventional forensic wisdom that certain document comparisons cannot be made, that "apples and oranges" cannot be compared, or that simplified signatures do not provide enough information. The "challenge" being addressed here applies to both simplified writing and print versus cursive comparisons. What criteria should be used to decide? This is an open question for attendees as they do hands-on comparisons of provided exemplars.

**Paul De Muniz**

Paul De Muniz is a former Oregon appellate judge who served for more than twenty-two years on the bench, including as chief justice of the Oregon Supreme Court. He currently teaches at Willamette University College of Law as a Distinguished Jurist in Residence.

After speaking at the 2010 NADE Conference banquet, De Muniz was given an honorary life membership to NADE. In 2011, his article titled "The Strange Case of Charlie Watrous," appeared in the NADE Journal. The 5th edition of his book, A Practical Guide to Oregon Criminal Procedure & Practice, was recently published.

**Abstract: TBA****Randy Harvey**

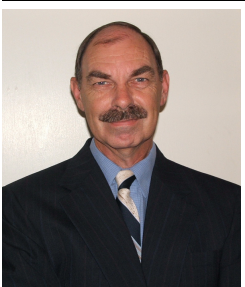
Dr. Randy Harvey is licensed to practice law in Oregon and California. He has experience as a public sector executive and a small business owner in addition to his legal practice. His law firm, Bassinger & Harvey Law, provides services to business, business owners and professionals in both states. His practice incorporates administrative law, trust litigation, probate litigation and professional license defense.

Of interest: Randy is the 2004 World Champion of Public speaking and in addition to his law practice has published a novel Thomas Clayton and a book on public speaking, Public Speaking 101: Messages that Matter. Both books are available on Amazon as well as a multi-media course in public speaking entitled "How to be a Speaker." Randy has trained speakers on five continents.

**Abstract: "Managing Message When Science Can Be Muddled"**

The expert's message and evidence is the lifeblood of trial practice and attorneys rely on experts to make the science clear and un-muddled so that a jury of sixth-grade-educated citizens can clearly grasp it. It requires declarative voice communication, and an expert arsenal of metaphors to capture the jury's attention and hold it throughout their deliberations. It behooves experts to develop clear language constructs to describe their facts and processes in a manner that can be retained by the non-expert. This involves engaging the listener's major cognitive processes to form a cognitive impression that connects with the pre-existing learning database housed in each juror's mind. It isn't as difficult as it sounds; it simply requires practice, thought and some study of the art of communication.

Randy J. Harvey, PhD Ed. Policy & Mgmt., J.D., MA Education, will take each participant through a brief survey of cognitive processes the juror's will use to process their testimony, and then will train participants in a process for developing target speech to master the mental movie that will play in the mind of a jury.

**Reed Hayes**

Reed Hayes operates a handwriting and document examination business in Honolulu, Hawaii. He has studied handwriting for over four decades and has worked internationally as a handwriting examiner, including acting as a consultant for the book and video production of The Diary of Jack the Ripper as well as the book Alexander Cartwright: The Life Behind the Baseball Legend. He has also examined and rendered opinions on the questioned will of Queen Lili'uokalani, Hawaii's last reigning monarch.

Reed is a graduate of the Andrew Bradley Training Course in Forensic Document Examination (beginning and advanced), and holds certification from the National Association of Document Examiners with re-certifications in 2005, 2011 and 2016, as well as a certificate of training from the American Institute of Applied Science. He is a member in good standing of the National Association of Document Examiners and is currently Education Chair for the Scientific Association of Forensic Examiners.

Reed is the author and co-author of several handwriting-related articles and books, including Forensic Handwriting Examination: A Definitive Guide (2006). He currently teaches a distance course in forensic document examination and has mentored students from around the world. Reed's website is <http://www.reedwrite.com>.

**Abstract: Case Report - "Observing Indicators of Speed in Handwriting"**

At issue is a Notice of Transfer which fraudulently transfers ownership of a company-owned vehicle. The signature in question is purportedly that of the business owner, however he denies having written the signature and claims that his former business partner completed the entire form and signed the owner's name.

At deposition, the business partner testified that he witnessed the owner write the signature "quickly" as he was "rushed to go somewhere," claiming that would account for the signature's odd appearance. The retaining attorney asked for a comparison of the disputed signature with exemplars to determine authenticity. He also asked for commentary on the business partner's claim that the signature was executed in a hurry.

Relying on basic principles of forensic handwriting examination as stated by authorities in the field, Reed will demonstrate that the signature could not have been written rapidly and, in fact, the opposite is true.

**Richard Orsini**

Richard Orsini is a board certified, court qualified, forensic document examiner and licensed private investigator. He has testified in local, state, federal courts and the supreme court of the Bahamas. He has worked over 1,400 cases ranging from misdemeanors to murder, coming from 42 different states and 10 foreign countries. He is a three-time vice president of the National Association of Document Examiners and is a member of the Florida Association of Licensed & Private Investigators. Mr. Orsini's clients have included the Ford Motor Company, Air France, USA Boxing, CSX, Texaco, and the Florida State Attorney's Office and the Florida Public Defender's Office, to name a few.

**Abstract: "Drama in the Bahamas-Part 2: Practical Tips for Testifying in Unusual Circumstances"**

This presentation will provide details from a specific case.

**Ruth Holmes**

Ruth Holmes, CDE, is a professional handwriting and document examiner whose forensic consulting firm, Pentec, Inc., in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, advises individual, legal and corporate clients in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. Ruth is a certified document examiner by the National Association of Document Examiners and board certified by the American College of Forensic Examiners. She is court qualified as an expert witness in federal, state and local courts.

French-speaking, she has handled cases in the Caribbean and Canada where The Globe and Mail reported on her investigation on an altered document case involving the former Prime Minister. Results were released in the House of Commons in Ottawa. Pentec, Inc. often works for the Oakland County Sheriff's Department and Office of the Prosecutor. Serving as an expert witness, she has testified in their last five murder trials. For Dateline/NBC, she confirmed the suicide note of Kurt Cobain.

Ruth is a former president of the Michigan chapter of the International Women's Forum; on the Board of Directors of Women Officials Network who named her 2014 Wonder Woman; has been a trustee of NADE; was named 2010 Innovator of the Year by the National Association of Women Business Owners and previously named one of Michigan's Top 10 Women Business Owners. In March 2002 Corp! Magazine listed her among "Michigan's 95 Most Powerful Women."

**Abstract: "Pitfalls, Obstacles and Responsibilities in Meeting Challenges to Your Expertise as a Forensic Document Examiner: Lessons Learned from 30 Years in the Field"**

In over thirty years as a forensic document examiner, Ruth Holmes has faced personal threats, difficult challenges by lawyers and judges, betrayal, and other hurdles in working on forensic cases and dealing with the media.

Learn the highs and lows from Holmes' experiences and hear stories about her remarkable cases. Lessons learned may shock you no matter what your level of experience as a forensic document examiner. Learn how to avoid these pitfalls from Ruth Holmes' 30 years in the field before they happen to you. Forewarned is forearmed.

**Sari de la Motte**

Because she is a nationally recognized authority on nonverbal communication strategies, Sari de la Motte has spoken for, and works with, several members of the Inner Circle of Advocates, an invitation-only group consisting of the top 100 trial attorneys in the United States. Sari has been a featured columnist for Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyer's Association magazine The Oregon Defense Attorney, and for the Washington State Association of Justice. She currently pens an advice column for Oregon Trial Lawyers titled "Communication Break-Down: The Attorney Whisperer Answers Your Questions." She also provides CLEs for various state associations for justices around the country.

**Abstract: "Three Mistakes to Avoid While Communicating as an Expert Witness"**

As expert witnesses, success in your field depends on whether or not you can clearly convey your skill, understanding, and credibility. Crafting and delivering compelling presentations is hard enough for many people; it is even harder when discussing complex, technical topics before an audience with little background in your area of expertise. In this 2-hour presentation, Sari de la Motte of FORTE will show you how to avoid making the three most common mistakes when communicating as an expert and teach you how to look, talk and act like an expert when teaching science to lawyers.

You'll learn:

- \*The three most common mistakes expert witnesses make
- \*How to break complex topics into digestible chunks
- \*The difference between teaching and lecturing
- \*Why examples and stories can make all the difference in a presentation
- \*Nonverbal techniques for a compelling presentation
- \*How to use your voice, body and breathing to communicate like an expert

**Steven Wax**

Steven Wax recently retired after 31 years as the Federal Defender for the District of Oregon to help launch Oregon's new Innocence Project as its Legal Director. A cum laude graduate of Colgate University and Harvard Law School, he was a key part of the Brooklyn, N.Y. District Attorney's prosecution of David Berkowitz, a.k.a. "The Son of Sam." Wax and his Federal Defender team successfully represented six men formerly held as "enemy combatants" in Guantanamo. He has taught at the Northwestern School of Law at Lewis and Clark College, serves as an ethics prosecutor for the Oregon State Bar, and lectures throughout the country. Wax was honored for his work by, among other groups, the NACDL (2004 President's Commendation), American Jewish Committee (Oregon Chapter 2007 Judge Learned Hand Award), ACLU (Oregon 2007 Civil Rights Award), Federal Bar Association (National 2010 Hon. Sarah Hughes Civil Rights Award and Oregon 2010 Hon. James M. Burns Professionalism Award), American Constitution Society (Oregon Chapter 2014 Justice Hans Linde Civil Liberties Award). He was recently given lifetime achievement awards by the Historical Society for the District of Oregon and the Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyer's Association. Wax was invited to present the 2009 Ava Helen and Linus Pauling Memorial Peace Lecture at Oregon State University. He is a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers. Kafka Comes to America, Wax's book about his work representing Portland attorney Brandon Mayfield and the men in Guantanamo, has won four national awards, including the prestigious ABA Silver Gavel.

**Abstract: 2016 NADE Conference Banquet Guest Speaker**

The Legal Director of the new Oregon Innocence Project, who recently retired after 31 years as Oregon's Federal Defender and 43 years after he tried his first case, will speak about his work on behalf of the falsely accused in Guantanamo, in national security cases in Oregon, and on behalf of inmates in Oregon's prisons who were wrongly convicted. His talk will include discussion of the causes of wrongful convictions, including problems with forensics and forensic examiners.

**Susan Abbey**

Susan Abbey has been practicing forensic document examination for 19 years and is board certified by the National Association of Document Examiners and the Board of Forensic Document Examiners.

**Abstract: "Natural Variation: How Signature Proportions Might Change Under Various Influencing Conditions for the Writer."**

Ms. Abbey will discuss the findings of her research that was published in her paper, "Natural Variation and Relative Height Proportions," in the Jan/Dec 1999 issue of The International Journal of Forensic Document Examination. She will show how the writers in her study were influenced by 1) location of the pre-printed signature line (PSL) on the document; 2) a reduced length of the PSL; 3) a large and elaborate signature that was previously written above the PSL; 4) other spatial limitations.

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**As the Chair of the 2016 NADE Conference, Jacqueline Joseph & her conference planning team welcome our international group of attendees and our honored guests as they engage in the conference theme of "Forensics Now: The Changing Role of Forensic Document Examiners"**



Jacqueline A. Joseph is the only double-board certified forensic document examiner in the Pacific Northwest. Her published papers include "Identifying the Maker of Handwritten Numbers," and "Handwriting Forensics: Anonymous note writer identification" and others that may be downloaded from her website.

As an active board certified member of The National Association of Document Examiners (NADE). She is the chair of the 2016 NADE Continuing Educational Conference to be held April 13-16, 2016 in Portland, Oregon. She is also a board certified member of AFDE, and an active member of ASTM E-30 Forensic Science Committee.

She has lectured, nationally and internationally, to her forensic colleagues on topics ranging from becoming a more effective rebuttal witness to practical tips about conducting an observed document examination. Along with Marcel Matley, she teaches "The Two-pillars of Individuality and Identifiability in Handwriting" which is available for viewing on [www.archive.org](http://www.archive.org) (Search term: "Jacqueline A. Joseph").