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Bart Baggett is a Forensic Document Examiner and an experienced expert witness. He is a skilled authority in handwriting identification and has examined over 15,000 documents as part of over 1,200 cases. He is a court-qualified expert witness in the field of questioned documents across the United States. He has testified over 95 times in both civil and criminal trials, jury, and bench trials, and even in Federal Court. He has consulted on cases nationwide and for the nation's top media personalities, lawyers, and district attorneys.

Mr. Baggett is a frequent guest expert for CNN and has appeared on over 1500 Radio/TV shows including Fox News Network and CBS The Today Show, alongside hosts such as Larry King, Ashleigh Banfield, Paula Zahn, and Nancy Grace.

Mr. Baggett holds the prestigious status of Diplomate of the ACFEI (American College of Forensic Examiners Institute). He is also a member of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners and the International Association for Identification. He is a former member of the ASTM E-30.02 Voting Subcommittee on Questioned Documents American Society of Testing and Materials).

Bart Baggett has worked on cases, lectured, and taught handwriting related classes for over 25 years in the United States, Singapore, and India.

Mr. Baggett has a B.A. from Pepperdine University. He is the founder and President of the International School of Forensic Document Examination. He teaches classes and manages the current curriculum for the school. This two-year curriculum has taught, mentored, and certified many working forensic document examiners in countries including the U.S., Canada, Turkey, India, & Australia. He still mentors and peer reviews other working forensic document examiners' cases. In the last 20 years, Bart's books, courses, and videos have been published worldwide in the United States, China, India, Australia, and England.

Bart Baggett's extensive library contains a variety of literature regarding forensic handwriting analysis, questioned documents, psychology, and behavioral profiling.

The equipment in Mr. Baggett's document examination lab includes: a Macintosh Powerbook, a Macintosh Intel Powerbook, a Xerox Documate 3120 scanner, an Epson Perfection V39 color scanner, a Canon EosRebeT7i Digital Camera, an Amscope three lens mono microscope (40x to 400x), an Illuminated Stereo Microscope ST Series (20x-40x lens), Fluorescent / UV / Infrared Photographic Equipment, a protractor, metric measuring devices, a light table, transparencies, and numerous magnifying devices and traditional magnifying glasses.

2004-2021 Mr. Baggett has taught the following classes to enrolled students at The School of Forensic Document Examination.

Here is the full list of class lectures:

Preliminary Examinations and Document Preparation
Forensic Laboratory and Special Instruments for Examination
Handwriting Analysis vs. Document Examination in the US Legal System
Marketing Basics for Document Examiners
Alteration of Documents
Individual Characteristics in Handwriting
Factors That Effect Handwriting
Letter Forms in Handwriting
Websites Fundamentals for Working Document Examiners
Exhibits and Demonstrative Evidence
Print script, Numbers, and Alphabets
The History of Paper, Ink, and Writing Instruments
Business Plans and Career Objectives for Document Examiners
Anonymous Writing
Disguised Writing
Forensic Ink Analysis and Destructive Laboratory Tests
The Art of the Deposition and Court Testimony
Mock Trials and Cross-Examination Principles
The Importance of the Voir Dire
Signature Transfers on Electronic Documents & Analog Documents
The Methodology of Electronic Transfers Using Photoshop
Fonts, Typewriters, and Inspecting Antique Documents
The History and Application of the ASTM and SWGDOC guidelines
Forgery in Signatures and Handwriting
Photocopiers, Facsimiles, and Other Duplicators
Computer Generated Documents and the Printer
The US Court and the Expert Witness
Preparation and Procedure for the Deposition
Special Problems in Discrimination and Identification of Writing
Extrinsic Factors Influencing Handwriting
Intrinsic Factors Influencing Handwriting
Exemplars, Requested Writing, and Sources of Documents
Building Your Curriculum Vitae and Continuing Education
A Guide to the US Law and US Court System
The Pretrial Attorney Conference and Testimony Preparation

Bart Baggett's Education and Training in Handwriting & Document Examination:

A two-year in-person apprenticeship with Ray Walker, a leading authority in the field of handwriting analysis and document examination. Walker authored "The Questioned Document Examiner and the Justice System" book.

A two-year in-person apprenticeship with Phyllis Mattingly; Malibu, California. Phyllis was one of Southern California and Colorado's highest profile document examiners. She was a member of NADE (National Association of Document Examiners) and had over 1,000 cases throughout her 30-year career.

Proficiency Testing

2012 Collaborative Testing Services, Inc.

Lectures, Conferences, and Classes

2021 IADE Seventh Annual Interactive Seminars and Workshop

Principles of Handwriting Identification by Kathie Koppenhaver
A Guide to Authenticating Digital Documents by Darren Hayes, PhD
Identifying False Knowns Hidden in Plain Sight by Sharon R. Hampton
Authenticating Signatures in PDF Documents by Doug Carner
The Forensic Mindset by Dr. Max M. Houck
Report Writing by Beth Chrisman
Instructional Graphics for Document Examiners by Brenda Anderson
Zoom Video Conference – September 13-15, 2021

2021 Elements of Ink Testing and The Spectrum of Light with Forensic Tools.
Taught by Brett Goldstein.
Zoom Video Class - March 19, 2021

2020 Case Reviews and the Jamaican Court System by Beverley East
Zoom Video Class - March 23, 2020

2019 International Association of Document Examiners, Inc.
Speakers included Beverley East, Katherine Koppenhaver, and others.
Montego Bay, Jamaica
September 12-15, 2019

2018 Presenter at The Beijing Handwriting Analysis Summit
Beijing, China
October 27-28, 2018

Presenter and participant at the Wroclaw Symposium of Questioned Document Examination. Attended classes from Europe's top Forensic Document Examiners.
Wroclaw, Poland
June 6-8, 2018

2016 Received the certificate of "Diplomate" status from Robert L. O'Block of the American College of Forensic Examiners Institute.

2015 Took course from ACFEI (American College of Forensic Examiners Institute) training Handwriting Examiners as Jury and Trial Consultants. Passed.

American College of Forensic Examiners Institute
ACFEI Education Credit: Handwriting Examiners as Jury and Trial Consultants
February 10, 2015

2009 School of Forensic Document Examination's Live Teleclasses
Attended a variety of classes taught by Robert Baier.

Attended ACFEI (American College of Forensic Examiners Institute) Annual Conference **Las Vegas, Nevada**

2008 School of Forensic Document Examination's Live Teleclasses
Attended a variety of classes taught by Robert Baier.

2006 School of Forensic Document Examination's Annual Conference
Attended the following lectures, in addition to general sessions:

Deposition and Cross Examinations by Dr. Richard Frazier
Medical Problems Affecting Handwriting by Dr. Richard Frazier
Legal Issues for Document Examiners by Dr. Richard Frazier
Deposition and Cross Examinations Dr. Richard Frazier
Health Factors Affecting Handwriting by Dr. Joe Alexander,
Prescription Forgery and Medical Crimes by Diane King
Dallas, Texas

2005

School of Forensic Document Examination's Annual Conference,
Attended the following lectures, in addition to general sessions:
Tremors and Line Quality taught by Reed Hayes
Demonstrative Evidence taught by Katherine Koppenhaver, Bill Koppenhaver.
Photography through microscopes by David Babb
Paper and Watermarks by John McGuire
Dallas, Texas

School of Forensic Document Examination's Teleclass Curriculum
Natural Variation taught by Reed Hayes
The Discrimination of Handwriting by Don Lehew
Procedures for Examining Signatures by Don Lehew
Courtroom Procedures and Roles by Don Lehew

2004

School of Forensic Document Examination's Annual Conference,
Attended classes taught by Reed Hayes, Katherine Koppenhaver, Bill
Koppenhaver.
Dallas, Texas

School of Forensic Document Examination's Teleclass Curriculum
Examination of Anonymous Writing by Reed Hayes
Document Examination Terminology by Don Lehew
Notary Public by Don Lehew
Advanced Forgery Identification by Don Lehew

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