

Anthony Stockton Forensic Scientist

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A professional, competent, reliable forensic scientist who has a wealth of experience in the field of signature and handwriting comparison and the forensic examination of disputed documents. Internationally recognised expert who has held lead positions within national and international organisations.

Professional profile

- 23 years experience as an expert witness examining disputed documents, signatures and handwriting
- Trained at the Laboratory of the Government Chemist, Dept of Trade and Industry (DTI)
- National Scientific Lead / Principal Scientist in the Home Office Forensic Science Service (2005-2012)
- Chairman of the European Working group for Handwriting examiners (2008-2011)
- Court reporting scientist who has presented evidence on many occasions under oath in a court of law
- Trained auditor implementing ISO 17025 standards
- Speciality assessor for the Council for the Registration of Forensic practitioners.
- Lecturer on a number of degree courses at UK universities

Skills and achievements

- Utilised detailed observational skills to analyse documents in order to determine authenticity and detect forgery in legal cases
- Has provided critical evidence on some of the most high profile cases in the UK
- Produced results in the form of witness statements and reports used in a court of law. Ensured the results and format was understood by all parties.
- Remained impartial and independent in all cases. Balanced the needs and requirements of both sides of a legal case and produced evidence in an unbiased manner.
- Trained and professionally developed forensic scientists in the UK and overseas
- Provided speciality training to police forces, government departments and banks.

- Presented papers and workshops at international meetings and conferences

Employment History – Questioned Documents expert since 1989

- National Scientific Lead / Principal Scientist in the Home Office Forensic Science Service
- Team Leader of the Questioned Documents and Handwriting department of the Forensic Science Service
- Reporting Officer in the Forensic Science Service

Publications and Conferences

1. *Case assessment and Interpretation in Document Examination* – The American Society of Questioned Documents Examiners (ASQDE) .USA, 2001.
2. *Quality assurance testing* - International Conference for Handwriting experts ENFHDX in Budapest, 2005.
3. *Handwriting of Twins* - International conference, Turkey, 2003
4. *Examination of Laser printed and Photocopied documents* – International meeting of police and government experts. 1994.
5. *Sampling in forensic science* – produced for the quality and competency liaison group within ENFSI.
6. *Accreditation* : What does it mean for the Document Examiner – International Conference, ASQDE, USA, 2007

Qualifications

- Master of Science Degree (MSc) in Forensic Science, Kings College, London
- Bachelor of Science Degree (BSc) Honours, Kings College, London

Casework

Has undertaken all types of casework involving the scientific examination of documents, handwriting and signatures.

Has worked on many high profile cases, including murders, rapes, organised crime, counter-terrorism, witness intimidation, professional standards, civil litigation and tax evasion.

Security Cleared to SC level by the Home Office and Criminal Record Bureau checked

Consultancy

Provides consultancy services and training to document examiners internationally