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A dedicated Forensic Scientist with extensive experience in providing expert testimony in the scientific examination of Documents and Handwriting both in the UK and internationally.

Professional Profile

- 13 years experience as a court going forensic scientist for the Home Office
- Trained at the Home Office Forensic Science Service
- Former Steering Committee member and Secretary of the European Document Examiners Working Group
- Highly experienced in presenting, training and mentoring others

Skills and Achievements

- As an expert witness has had considerable experience at delivering information which has to withstand intense scrutiny both in written and oral form
- Dealt with all types of casework involving disputed documents resulting in successful outcomes on many high profile cases, including undetected murders, terrorism and internal corruption
- Lead scientist within the UK on 'Black Money' fraud and has given evidence and provided consultancy to Law Enforcement agencies both in UK and across Europe
- Undertakes civil and criminal casework and provides impartial, unbiased evidence to the courts

Employment History

- Court Reporting Officer - Questioned Documents , Forensic Science Service (11 years)
- Forensic Scientist - Drugs Identification, Forensic Science Service (2 years)

Publications and Conferences

Analytical techniques in modern Document Examination – Regional Police conference, UK, 2007

UK perspective on Black Money fraud – European meeting of Police and government experts, 2008

Written, reviewed and published scientific best practice documents for use in European laboratories

Recently coordinated workshops at European Document examiners meetings in Croatia and Ireland

Qualifications

Bachelor of Science Honours Degree (BSc Hons) in Analytical Chemistry, University of Wales

Casework

- Undertakes full range of casework involving Questioned Documents.
- Specialist in analytical techniques and interpretation, particularly ink analysis.

Current Home Office Security Check (SC) security clearance.