



ALLIANCE FORENSIC SERVICES

Forensic Examiners of Questioned Documents

Member:

Southwestern Association of Forensic Document Examiners

American Academy of Forensic Sciences

International Association for Identification

Manny Gonzales, B.S.

Linda L. Mitchell, B.S.

Curriculum Vitae

LINDA L MITCHELL, BS Forensic Document Examiner

Ms. Mitchell completed her formal apprenticeship in questioned document examination under the direct supervision of Manny Gonzales. Her training conforms to the Southwestern Association of Forensic Document Examiners (SWAFDE) Training Guidelines (2006) and included training from FBI and Secret Service materials. Work provided by Ms. Mitchell is regularly peer-reviewed by Mr. Gonzales who has more than 33 years of professional experience involving most aspects of forensic document examination. (Mr. Gonzales' CV is available upon request.)

In addition to forensic handwriting analysis, Linda Mitchell is especially interested in decipherment of all kinds including digital signatures embedded in electronic documents, indented writings, and obliterated content, all of which can be part of a complex multiple-page document examination. She and Manny share a laboratory which includes state-of-the-art equipment and a full library of reference resources. She also provides informative presentations about most aspects of the field document examination for small or large audiences.

Formal Education

Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice Administration

Available for Matters Involving:

Digital Signatures

Real Estate Transactions

Corporate Investigations

General Civil Litigation

Medical Malpractice

Immigration Matters

Anonymous Letters

Sexual Harassment

Probate Matters

Criminal

Family Law

Criminal Defense

Insurance Fraud

Areas of Expertise & Services Offered Involving:

Development & Decipherment of Indented Writings
Photocopier Classification & Identification
Typewriting Classification & Identification
Signature & Handwriting Identification
Document Dating & Anachronism
Detection of Altered Documents
Computer-Generated Documents
Decipherment of Obliterations
Photocopy Manipulations
Ink & Paper Analyses
Counterfeit Detection
Expert Witness Testimony
Consulting

Examined Documents & Rendered Conclusions on Behalf of:

James O. Douglass, Esq – Palm Desert
James Felton, Esq. – Los Angeles
Ewaniszyk Law Firm – Victorville
Bruce Guttman, Esq. – Los Angeles
Beatrice Fung, Esq. – San Diego and Orange County
Wallace Sweet, Esq. & Wm. Hernquist, Esq. – La Mesa
Rosemary Leonard, Esq. – San Diego
Several Private Individuals and Companies

My past and current experience also involves active professional participation in most of Manny Gonzales' ongoing casework.

Examined Documents & Rendered Independent Conclusions on Behalf of:

Orange County Office of the Public Defender
Imperial County Office of the Public Defender
San Bernardino County Office of the Public Defender
San Diego County Public Defender
San Diego County Office of the Alternate Public Defender
Riverside County Office of the Public Defender
Clark County Nevada District Attorney
State of California, Department of Consumer Affairs
Los Angeles County Office of the Public Defender
Numerous private law firms, insurance carriers, corporations and private concerns

Some of these cases have been ongoing into independent practice in conjunction with casework for Manny Gonzales.

Sworn Testimony

San Diego Federal Bankruptcy Court, Judge Laura Taylor, case# 07-02952-T11
Los Angeles Superior Court, Judge Gregory Alarcon, case# LASC 434034
Los Angeles Superior Court, Comm. David Bianchi, case# LASC MP004239
San Diego County Small Claims Court, Comm. Ernest Gross, (Brothers v. Wynn)
Deposition – Atty. Yosina M. Lissebeck, case#07-02952-T11
Deposition – Atty. Branden Timboe, case# 37-2010-00087977-CU-BC-CTL
Deposition – Atty. Esther Holm, case# 05CC06534

Highlights of Approved Specialized Formal Questioned Documents Training

- ◆ 2010: San Diego Police Department Documents Laboratory, San Diego, CA – *Moot Court* with Randy Gibson, Diplomate ABFDE; Hugh Curfman, Diplomate ABFDE; Bill Roberts, Esq.
- ◆ 2009: San Diego Police Department Documents Laboratory, San Diego, CA – *Moot Court* with Randy Gibson, Diplomate ABFDE and Hugh Curfman, Diplomate ABFDE
- ◆ 2009: Moore Document Laboratory, Fair Oaks, CA – *5-day on-the-job training* with David Moore, Diplomate ABFDE
- ◆ 2009: Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), Rochester NY – Printing Process Identification and Image Analysis for Forensic Document Examiners (5 days)
- ◆ 2006: McCrone College of Microscopy, Westmont, IL – *Microscopy for the Forensic Document Examiner* (1 day)
- ◆ 2005: Institute of Applied Science, Syracuse, NY – *Fundamentals of Questioned Document Examination* (online)

Highlights of Approved Continuing Professional Education

- ◆ 2011 – Notary Learning Center, Notary Public Mandatory Education, San Marcos, CA
- ◆ 2011:SWAFDE – 30th Anniversary Meeting, Scottsdale, AZ (presenter)
- ◆ 2011: AAFS – Annual Scientific Meeting (Questioned Documents Section), Chicago, IL
- ◆ 2010: Southwestern Association of Forensic Document Examiners, Inc. (SWAFDE), American Society of Questioned Document Examiners (ASQDE) – Joint Annual Scientific Meeting, Victoria, BC, Canada
- ◆ 2010: International Association for Identification (IAI) – Annual Scientific Meeting (Questioned Documents Section), Spokane, WA (presenter)
- ◆ 2010: American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) – Annual Scientific Meeting (Questioned Documents Section), Seattle WA
- ◆ 2009: AAFS – Annual Scientific Meeting (Questioned Documents Section), Denver, CO
- ◆ 2009: Lewis Consulting and Investigative Training, Temecula, CA – Methods of Latent Print and Crime Scene Processing
- ◆ 2009: SWAFDE - Annual Scientific Meeting, Los Angeles, CA (presenter)
- ◆ 2009: Escondido Adult Education, Escondido, CA – Photoshop Applications

- ◆ 2008: Skill Task Training Assessment & Research, Inc. (ST²AR training provided by ABFDE certified FDE's) – FDE Forensic Fall Workshop, Las Vegas, NV
- ◆ 2008: AAFS – Annual Scientific Meeting (Questioned Documents Section), Washington, DC
- ◆ 2007: AAFS – Annual Scientific Meeting (Questioned Documents Section), San Antonio, TX
- ◆ 2007: SEAK, Inc., Falmouth, MA – Expert Witness Conference, sponsored by the Forensic Expert Witness Association (FEWA), Southern California

Professional Affiliations

- ◆ **Southwestern Association of Forensic Document Examiners** (Associate Member) – SWAFDE
- ◆ **International Association for Identification - IAI** (Questioned Document Section, Associate Member)
- ◆ **American Academy of Forensic Sciences - AAFS** (Questioned Document Section, Trainee Affiliate Member)
- ◆ **American Society for Testing and Materials International – ASTM** (Voting member of Section E30.02 on Questioned Documents)

Proficiency Testing

Ms. Mitchell has participated and continues to participate in annual voluntary proficiency testing for questioned document examiners administered by third parties (CTS, ST²AR – members are ABFDE diplomates). As of this date, all results have been satisfactory.

Ms. Mitchell also served as a member of the examination committee for a Moot Court performed at the San Diego Sheriff Crime Lab

Publications and Presentations

- ◆ **Evidence Collection for a More Productive Document Examination** – National League of Licensed Investigators, December 2011 (co-presenter Manny Gonzales)
- ◆ **The Forensic Significance of Handwriting Biometrics** – Published in Digital Forensics Magazine, August 2011 (co-author Bill Flynn, Diplomate-ABFDE)
- ◆ **Computer-Generated Altered Document Detection** – SWAFDE, 30th Anniversary Meeting, Scottsdale, AZ
- ◆ **Forensic Document Examination 101 for the Fraud Examiner** – Orange County Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (co-presenter, Manny Gonzales), Irvine, CA
- ◆ **Forensic Document Examination 101 for the Private Investigator** – The Annual Conference of California Association of Licensed Investigators - CALI (co-presenter, Manny Gonzales), Costa Mesa, CA
- ◆ **Training a Forensic Document Examiner; A Trainee's Perspective** – IAI, International Educational Annual Conference (co-presenter, Manny Gonzales), Spokane, WA
- ◆ **Alleged Alteration of Computer-Generated Documents Resolved?** – IAI, International Educational Annual Conference (co-presenter, Manny Gonzales), Spokane, WA

- ◆ **Introduction to Forensic Document Examining for Attorneys** – San Diego Public Defenders (MCLE provider units; co-presenter, Manny Gonzales), Vista, CA
- ◆ **Onsite IR/UV Examination of Questioned Documents** – SWAFDE Annual Scientific Session (co-presenter, Manny Gonzales), Los Angeles, CA
- ◆ General informational presentations to San Diego Republican Women’s Club, Escondido Rotary, Escondido Chamber of Commerce, Fallbrook Women’s Association, Forensic Expert Witness Association (San Diego Chapter)

Awards and Achievements

- ◆ Distinguished Service Award – Military Order of the Purple Heart (2009, 2010)

Academic History

- ◆ Graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree (Criminal Justice Administration) from University of Phoenix Online, Phoenix, AZ
- ◆ Graduated with an Associate of Arts Degree (Dental Hygiene) from Cerritos College, Norwalk, CA
- ◆ Graduate training at Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, University of Southern California School of Dentistry and University of California at Los Angeles School of Dentistry

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