

Brenda Petty Unlimited, LLC

Certified Questioned Document Examiner-Diplomate

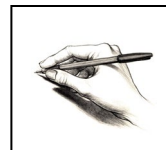
PO Box 1234

Duncan OK 73534

580.467.4786

www.ExpertHandwritingExaminer.com

www.BrendaPetty.com



Curriculum Vitae:

I am Brenda Petty, designated a Certified Questioned Document Examiner by the International Association of Document Examiners through testing by proctor and the passing of the test. I have been court qualified to give expert testimony in the United States in thirteen (13) states, in Canada, Bermuda and Supreme Court in the Bahamas. I have testified in Oklahoma, Texas, Ohio, Kansas, Louisiana, Florida, Arkansas, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Superior Court in Mitchell County Georgia, Maricopa and Pima Counties, Arizona, and Monmouth County, New Jersey and Supreme Court in Buffalo, New York. I have testified in Canada: Ontario, Toronto, Brampton, British Columbia, Newfoundland, Queen's Bench, Nova Scotia, and the Court of Quebec (District of Bedford Cowansville). I have also provided forensic examination services for the City of Toronto, Office of the Auditor General, Province of Saskatchewan, Ministry of Social services, the Law Society of Ontario, City of Vancouver Legal Services, Manitoba Public Insurance and Royal Canadian Mounted Police. My reports have been entered into courts in Jamaica, Turks and Caicos, Poland, Pakistan, India, Qatar, and Tanzania.

I started studying in the field of Forensic Document Examination in 2006 by completing a two-year certification training and have continued education through the present time by proof of completed certificates. I currently have continuing education and study with the International Association of Document Examiners (IADE). I have passed proficiency testing and currently take a required proficiency exam each year. I have testified in Daubert Motions and the testimony was ruled favorably by the Judges. I work 50-60+ hours weekly as a forensic document examiner. I am not an advocate of the person who uses my services; I speak for the document. My opinions are formed through a careful examination of the documents with a determined caution that bias is not a contributing factor to the opinion.

Forensic Examination Provided For:

Disputed documents or signatures including wills, checks, contracts, deeds, account ledgers, medical records, and autograph authentication. Investigation and analysis including questioned signatures, suspect documents, forgeries, identity theft, anonymous letters, alterations, obliterations, erasures, typewritten documents, altered medical records, graffiti, handwritten numbers, and computerized and handwritten documents and differences found in handwriting that can point to changes in the interaction of the brain, muscles, and nerves. It is taught that anything that affects the brain, muscles, and nerves will affect handwriting.

Education and Continuing Education:

- International School of Forensic Document Examination, Dallas, TX: Forensic Document Examination 2 years of training 2006-2008 – Certificate of completion available.
- American Institute of Applied Science – 2007 – North Carolina Community College accredited by Accrediting Commission, Washington, D.C.–27.4 study hours – Certificate of completion available.

- Fundamentals of Forensic Questioned Documents of The Continuing and Professional Education Program of West Virginia University – 2016 – Certificate of completion available
- Continuing studies with Katherine Koppenhaver, President of International Association of Document Examiners
- September 8, 2017 – International Association of Document Examiners - successfully completed testing by proctor in the field of Document Examination and entitled to use the designation of Certified Questioned Document Examiner. Certificate available.
- August 22, 2018 – Expert Witness Exchange/Courtroom Bootcamp LLC – Storytelling for the Expert Witness – The Eight Fundamentals of Breakthrough Communication – 1-hour webinar
- August 24-25, 2018 – International Association of Document Examiners – Web Seminar – 12 hours
- August 29, 2018 – Expert Witness Exchange/Courtroom Bootcamp LLC – Storytelling for the Expert Witness – Transforming Expert Opinions into a Compelling Story – 1-hour webinar
- 2019: Continuing education classes with Katherine Koppenhaver and other requirements to remain a member in good standing with International Association of Document Examiners (IADE).
- 2020: Continuing education classes provided by the International Association of Document Examiners.
- 2021: Continuing education classes provided by the International Association of Document Examiners.
- 2022: Continuing education classes provided by the International Association of Document Examiners.
- 2023: Continuing education classes provided by the International Association of Document Examiners.
- 2023: Law Enforcement & Emergency Services Video Association International, Inc (LEVA): Courtroom Testimony for Expert Witnesses; Jonathan Hak - January 9-11, 24 hours

Further Qualifications:

I have reviewed over 43,890 signatures and handwritings, examined case documents, and rendered opinions on more than 1463 cases throughout the United States and Internationally.

Laboratory Equipment used for examination:

Numerous magnifying devices including 30x, 20x and 10x loupes, light box, protractor, calipers, metric measuring devices, slope protractor, digital photography equipment, Zarbeco MiScope MP2EF-IR-Dual Zarbeco MiScope, MP3 with UV/IR Lighting, Zarbeco MiScope-MP4k w/UV/IR, AmScope Stereo Microscope SM-3T-B, Hewlett-Packard Computer, a high-resolution Epson printer, scanner, copier, and transparencies.

Specific Areas of Training:

Handwriting Identification and Discrimination / Signature Comparison
 Techniques for Distinguishing Forged Signatures
 Disguised Handwriting
 Altered Numbers
 Anonymous Writing
 Laboratory Procedures
 Forensic Microscopy and Forensic Photography
 Identifying Printing Methods
 Papers and Watermarks
 Factors that Affect Writing
 Demonstrative Evidence Training

Demonstrative Evidence in the High-Tech World
Forgery Detection Techniques
Detection of Forged Checks
Document Image Enhancement
Graphic Basis for Handwriting Comparison
Ethics in Business and the Legal System
Mock Courtroom Trials

Library:

Numerous forensic document examination titles and other handwriting reference materials. I also have access to other forensic document examiner's libraries.

Conferences/Training Attended

- 20 hours: School of Forensic Document Examination Training Conference, Dallas, TX, 2007
- 20 hours: Advanced Handwriting Training Conference, Dallas, TX, 2007
- 8 hours: White Collar Crime Summit with Frank Abagnale as guest speaker, 2009
- June 2010 8 hours of study with C. L. Baggett, Dallas, Texas
- March 2013 8 hours of study with C. L. Baggett, Dallas, Texas
- November 2013 8 hours of study with C. L. Baggett, Dallas, Texas
- May 2014 8 hours of study with C.L. Baggett, Dallas, Texas
- September 2015 12 hours of study with C.L. Baggett, Dallas, Texas
- March 2016 12 hours of apprenticeship with C.L. Baggett, Dallas, Texas
- August 2016 2 hours of training using Power Point with International Association of Document Examiners (IADE)
- Continuing education training with Katherine Koppenhaver, President of International Association of Document Examiners, 2016 – to current date
- March 8, 2017 – IADE – Zoom class instructor – peer review on a case
- September 6-9, 2017 – IADE Interactive Seminar & Workshop – 24.5 hours
- 2018 – Continuing training with Katherine Koppenhaver, President of International Association of Document Examiners
- August 24 and 25, 2018 – IADE – Fourth Annual Interactive Seminar – 17 hours
- October 19, 2018 – Scientific Association of Forensic Examiners (SAFE) – Conference 5.5 hours
- 2019: Continuing education with Katherine Koppenhaver
- 2020: Continuing education with Katherine Koppenhaver
- 2020: IADE Sixth Annual Interactive Seminar September 21-23; 12 hours
- 2021: Continuing education with Katherine Koppenhaver
- 2021: IADE Interactive Seminar and Workshop September 13-15; 12 hours
- 2022: IADE Interactive Seminar and Workshop October 10-12; 12 hours
- 2023: Courtroom Testimony for Expert Witnesses Training – Jonathan Hak – January 9-11, 2023.
- 2023: Holographic Wills – IADE Zoom – January 19, 2023.
- 2023: IADE Interactive Seminar and Workshop September 18-20; 21 hours

Presentations:

- 2008 to Current: Social, Civic Club and organization speaker regarding Handwriting
- 2009 Seminar speaker regarding Handwriting for the Oklahoma Private Investigators Association
- 2014 Assisting students in high school with term papers regarding forensic document examination.

- 2015 State of Oklahoma/Child Support Administrative Assistant Summit Speaker
- 2016 Assisting students in high school with term papers regarding forensic document examination.
- 2017 Presented case in Zoom class to other document examiners.
- 2021 March 18, 2021-Zoom Class Presenter-Analyzing Staple Holes in Original Documents
- 2021 October 22, 2021 – Zoom Class Presenter – Handwriting Basics 101 and Request or Formal Writing for Enid OK Sheriff’s Office.
- 2022 April 9, 2022 – Zoom – Sisters in Crime – Handwriting Basics 101
- 2022 May 20, 2022 – British Broadcasting Corporation – Interview regarding suicide note of Michael de Guzman.

Publications and Original Articles:

- February 2013 *Handwriting Analysis* for Handwriting University
- X-ProLegal 2014 *FDE Explanation*
- LinkedIn, Individuality in Handwriting and Opinions in Court
- International Association of Document Examiners Under the Microscope newsletter Spring 2017, Volume 3 No. 1: Legal Defense Against Internet Defamation
- International Association of Document Examiners Under the Microscope 2019 Volume 5 No. 1: Is Forgery Without Ramification
- International Association of Document Examiners Under the Microscope 2020 Volume 6 No. 2: Basic Principles
- International Association of Document Examiners Under the Microscope 2021 Volume 7 No. 2: Hypothesis v Hypothetical and Scientific Method

Special Projects Participation:

- In 2022, I was one of three forensic document examiners that participated in Election Systems Integrity Institute that included a study between novices and trained forensic document examiners.
- In 2023, I and another document examiner, Diana Mears, assisted in the interpretation of documents involving the original deeds of St. Johns the Baptist Gildehaus Catholic Church in Franklin County, Missouri.

Professional Affiliations:

International Association of Document Examiners (IADE)
Handwriting Experts LLC

Updated January 13, 2024