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Professional Profile

I have over 35 years of experience as a forensic document examiner gained within the Metropolitan Police Forensic Science Laboratory and the Forensic Science Service. Since 2010 I have worked as an independent consultant.

I have dealt with the full range of questioned document casework including Terrorism other matters involving National Security, Serious and Organised Crime cases including large scale fraud and counterfeiting and investigations into police misconduct. Whilst employed I was a quality assurance checker of the work carried out by colleagues. I was also the Team Leader of the questioned documents team in the Forensic Science Service London Laboratory.

I have successfully trained other forensic document examiners. I have also provided training to Police Officers and other users of questioned documents work. I have delivered academic courses in handwriting and signature examination.

Since starting work as a forensic document examiner I have worked on many hundreds of cases and have presented evidence in Court, either in the form of written statements or in person giving oral evidence, on many occasions.

I am a trained technical assessor for conducting assessments of questioned documents sections for conformity with ISO/IEC 17025:2005. I have carried out a number of such assessments.

Academic Qualifications

Graduate Qualification

M.A. (Oxford University), 24 May 1980

D.Phil. (Oxford University), 21 May 1983

Forensic Science Career

Key Achievements and Contributions

- Examined documents for the investigation by the House of Commons Committee on Standards and Privileges into the “Complaints from Mr Mohammed Al Fayed, *The Guardian* and others against 25 Members and former Members”, 1997 – 98.
- Provided evidence on the Arabic writings for the trial of those accused of bombing PanAm Flight 103 (the Lockerbie bombing).
- Invited speaker at Forensic Science Conference in Abu Dhabi, 2011

Awards and Commendations

- Metropolitan Police Counter Terrorism Command Commendation (2008) for work on an enquiry into a breach of the Official Secrets Act 1989.
- Metropolitan Police Counter Terrorism Command Commendation (2013) for work on Operation Overt (the attempt to bomb trans-Atlantic flights)

Any other relevant information

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