



Under the Microscope

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Holiday Greetings!

from
our founder, Kathie Koppenhaver

I want to thank all the members for being serious about the field of document examination by actively participating in continued education and volunteering to provide these services to all our members through the various activities and publications. We are truly an international organization, and we have members from Armenia, Greece, Malaysia, New Zealand, South Africa, and Trinidad and Tobago. We have many members from various states in the United States of America as well.

I began this organization in 2015 because I saw a need to provide education to those who wanted to learn more about the field. It is great that all the members are active in the field of document examination. I challenge each of you to find other document examiners who would benefit from joining our organization. Our goal is not to have the largest organization but the one where all our members are active participants in the many offerings that we provide.

My Monday night class has a large list of people who are interested in document examination. Many of these are not currently members in our organization but prospective members.

Bruce Redding donated all his questioned document books to our organization since he has retired. I have the books so that if anyone is interested in reading any of the books, contact me at fordocexam@comcast.net and I will send the book to you. You only have to return it to me at the address provided. Document examination books are expensive, so I recommend that you all take advantage of the lending library.

We are the only document examiner's organization open to people for the purpose of providing training and we do not require any candidates for membership to take a test before being able to join. This makes us unique. I know of no other organization who provides these services to their members. We have retired members who no longer pay dues and are able to participate in any activities. We have honorary members who provide services to document examiners.

I am so proud of our organization, and I want to take this time to wish all of you a very Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kathie Koppenhaver



HIGH TECH SOLUTIONS

Uniqu Lighting Kit (Yes, that is the correct spelling!)

By Valerie Weil

I saw an advertisement of this and thought it would be perfect for many of our document examiners.

If you are using your cell phone to capture document images these days, this portable device offers you a better way to obtain the sharp images you need, with better lighting and a hands-free picture taking ability.

The device is called “**Uniqu Lighting Kit**” (no “e” on that first word, that’s their name brand.) It’s a simple extension device that holds your cell phone for taking images hands free (no shaky or blurry images) and provides 7 levels of overhead lighting for the sharpest photograph images you can capture with your phone.

It folds into its own base (8.27" x 3.15" x 2.48"), so it is completely portable. It can fit into your briefcase or purse. It comes with a Micro USB Charging cord (which can fit into your computer), or it can send images through bluetooth. And it accommodates nearly all smart phones (both apple and android) today. If you need to use an iPad instead of a cell phone, they also offer one of those stands on their website.

This device has a remote control to power on the lights, power up the lights (there are seven levels of lighting to help avoid unwanted shadows or uneven lighting). You can even use this remote to take the image onto your cell phone without you having to touch the phone. So, it’s a hands-free snapshot for better clarity.

This lighting and stand equipment have an extension arm that can elevate your cell phone up to 38.9" over your document to ensure you capture the entire page, or as close as 7" above it. You can use the arm for overhead image taking. And, its head can rotate 360 degrees - which is perfect if you are looking to do side angle images.

Regularly priced at \$97.99, this device was and maybe still is on sale for **\$82.99** For more information or to purchase, please visit their online store at: <https://uniqu.store/>

Note: that website is not a dot com address – it’s “dot store”!



Membership

2022 Information

(Jan1, 2022 through Dec 31, 2022)

Application Fee \$25.00

Dues \$100.00 Individual
(Annual, Pro-rated)

Lab \$100.00 First Individual
\$50.00 Additional Individuals

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The International Association of Document Examiners (IADE) was incorporated on January 7, 2015, in Maryland.

Kathie Koppenhaver is the resident agent of the organization. Kathy Carlson is the President, Beverley East is Vice President, Beth Chrisman is Secretary, and William Smith is Treasurer.



Have you discovered a book or tool that you found to be helpful for the trade and would like to share it with us? Send your book or equipment review to Monique Rosser via email: monique@amtpolitics.com. We would love to add it to the newsletter – and to our library!

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CONTINUING EDUCATION

Quarterly CE classes will resume January 19th. The first class of 2023 will be on Holographic Wills and how rules change from state to state. Kathy Carlson has requested that everyone research their state's rules for Holographic Wills and plan to tell the class what they are, which will be part of the discussion.

Kathy will share a case she recently had on a Holographic Will in Colorado and has asked if another member from a different state can share a similar case along with her. If anyone has had a case involving a Holographic Will, please email Kathy at: kscarlson1954@gmail.com

The 2023 CE Class Schedule:

January 19

April 20

July 20

October 19



PROFICIENCY TEST

Time is Running Out!

Proficiency tests are due JANUARY 15, 2023!



Tests were sent out via email September 26th.

There are two parts again this year. Part A is the state name of Virginia and follows the same process as last year by matching nineteen pairs and identifying one that has no match. Part B is a Q1 writing to compare to a K1, K2, K3, K4, and K5 and render opinion on who authored.

If you saved your test from last year, it should have your member number. If you are new or don't know your member number, or if for some reason you did not receive the test and answer sheet, please contact Brenda Petty at:

580-467-4786 or petty_b@sbcglobal.net

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2023 IADE SEMINAR

This year's webinar was such a success, we can't wait for the next one! And, it's going to be in person AND via Zoom! Mark you calendar: September 18th, 19th, and 20th

The IADE 9th Annual Interactive Seminar/Webinar Workshop will be streaming online and live in person from Cocoa Beach, Florida!

If you would like to present, please contact Bill Smith at wbsmithfl@gmail.com or Kathy Carlson at kscarlson1954@gmail.com

Presenters will also have the option of being live, in-person or via Zoom

You do not want to miss this one! More details coming soon...



Q & A

LAST ISSUE'S ANSWER:

Q: What was the primary writing authentication mechanism invented by the Sumerians and used until recent times?

A: Seals

THIS ISSUE'S QUESTION:

Q: What is the most important credential for a document examiner?

Answer will be in the next issue.



Thank You!

Thank you, **Kathie Koppenhaver** for your encouraging words and warm wishes. Seeing you back in the saddle and healthy as can be is truly inspiring!

Thank you, **Valerie Weil** for your great gadget recommendation. It looks like the perfect accessory for those of us who are always on the go.

Thank you, **Kathy Carlson** for your endless commitment to the Continuing Education Program. That is a huge undertaking and one of such great value.

Thank you, **Brenda Petty** for your dedication and hard work on the Proficiency Test. So much goes into creating that as well as keeping us all on track to finish.

Thank you, **Bill Smith** for keeping our website up to date and making sure we all have the information we need – plus everything else you do – you’re very much the thread holding this all together!

Looking Forward...



Going into the new year with optimism - wishing everyone a brand new, super clean bill of health; a fresh start for all we do and everything around us; new, positive energy to be shared; and more real involvement and participation in this wonderful organization we have that is so beneficial to all of us. Let’s build each other up in every possible way, put the past few, dark years behind us and open the doors to a glistening year ahead.

Cheers!

We would love to hear from YOU!

If you have an article or a case study or any related information you would like to share, please contact Monique Rosser. We would love to hear from everybody.

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Next deadline is March 15th