



Under the Microscope

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Hello Summer!

Greetings Fellow IADE Members,

Please allow me to introduce myself, my name is Jeff Chadney, and I am Chairman of our association's By-Laws Committee. I am a Certified Questioned Document Examiner, and I have been a member of IADE since 2017. I reside and work in Beaumont, Texas and have been a resident of Texas for over forty years.

I have been married for over forty years, have three children and four grandsons with another grandson due in November. I enjoy vacationing with my wife in the Caribbean, hiking, and RV camping.

Presently, I am employed as a Major of Law Enforcement for Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and have been in law enforcement for over forty-one years. I am certified as a Major Crimes Investigator, Certified Hostage Negotiator, and former team leader on the SWAT Team. My agency is mid-size (450 sworn deputies and correction officers), and my duties are to supervise Patrol, Criminal Investigation, Narcotics, Mental Health, Fugitive Warrant Units, Livestock Unit, and a full time Aviation and Marine Unit. Our agency has the responsibility of a section of IH-10, the third largest port in the United States and the inter-coastal waterways leading from the Gulf of Mexico, as well as 958 square miles of jurisdiction.

I have a strong background in financial crimes and use my document examiner skills on forgery investigations for this agency and consult other agencies in the area. There are few trained, certified document examiners in law enforcement, and most agencies do not allocate funding to outsource or utilize private services for document examination.

Being close to the retirement window, I opened a Private Investigation Service several years ago and one of the services I offer is Questioned Document Examination. I doubt if my work ethic will allow me to sit at home during retirement, so I intend to put my investigation and document skills to work on a part time contractual basis.

I look forward to meeting each one of you at upcoming conferences and if I can be of assistance, please feel free to reach out to me (www.eyefortruth.com).



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2023 IADE SEMINAR

NINTH ANNUAL INTERACTIVE SEMINAR

SEPTEMBER 18 – 20, 2023

HILTON GARDEN INN OCEANFRONT
COCOA BEACH, FLORIDA

Don't Miss This!

Finally after three years we're going to be back – live, in-person! For the first time since the pandemic send all of us into hiding, we're taking that giant leap.

We've listened to you – our members. Everyone was surveyed last year, and most who responded said they were ready to have another Live seminar and workshop. We're so excited to get to meet new members, reunite with old ones, and enjoy learning more about what we do best – all while having a ball in sunny Cocoa Beach, Florida!

Those who cannot attend in person this year will still be able to join us on Zoom. You don't want to miss this great lineup. We will have some great case studies, some workshops on Guided Hand Signatures, Cross Examination, Digital Documents, and we've even got a Moot Court - plus much more!



Registration includes daily continental breakfast & lunch, and dinner on Wednesday!

To Register, Go to:

<https://www.iade.us/iade-seminars/2023-cocoa-beach-florida.htm>

Click the Seminar Registration button to download the REGISTRATION FORM and follow the directions to complete the registration and submit payment.

To get our special rate on your hotel room, make your hotel reservation with the Hilton Garden Inn, Cocoa Beach, FL before August the 15th.

- If you will be flying into Orlando, make your arrangements through one of the following transportation companies that service Cocoa Beach from the Orlando International Airport:
 1. Beach Line Transportation 321-453-9660
 2. Cocoa Beach Shuttle 321-631-4144

Time is flying, so get registered, get reserved, make arrangements and start packing. We hope to see you there. It's gonna be a blast!

15 Things To Do in Cocoa Beach

Cocoa Beach Pier

Lori Wilson Park

Liberty Bell Museum

The Florida Surf Museum

Manatee Sanctuary Park

Historic Cocoa Village

Maritime Hammock Preserve

Manatee Sanctuary Park

Exploration Tower at Cape Canaveral

Kayak the Thousand Islands

Kennedy Space Center

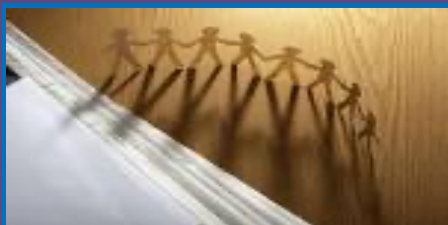
Ron Jon Surf Shop

Riverfront Park

The Dinosaur Store

Brevard Zoo





Membership

2023 Information

(Jan 1, 2023 through Dec 31, 2023)

Application Fee \$25.00

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

Lab \$100.00 First
Individual
\$50.00 Additional
Individuals

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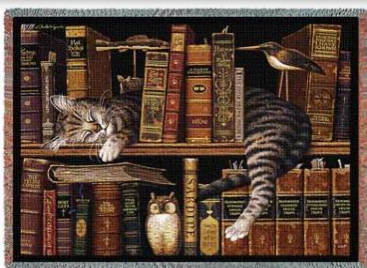
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The International Association of Document Examiners (IADE) was incorporated on January 7, 2015, in Maryland.

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.



The Book Shelf

FAMOUS FORGER BOOKS

By Kathie Koppenhaver

All of the document examiner's professional reading material doesn't have to be books on document examination or technical journals. There are some excellent non-fictional books on the market on subjects relating to famous forgery cases in which document examination played an important part. Since these are well-known stories, it may be helpful to become acquainted with them and see how the forgers fooled the public for a short period of time.

Charles Hamilton's *Great Forgers and Famous Fakes, The Manuscript Forgers of America and How They Duped the Experts*, has been revised and enlarged in the 2nd Edition. Charles Hamilton was a well-known autograph dealer who wrote numerous books on autographs of the rich and famous. Most of these are now out of print. *Great Forgers and Famous Fakes* is the most valuable of Hamilton's books for document examiners because of his chapter in forgery detection on historical documents. Charles Hamilton was one of the experts who declared that the Hitler Diaries were fakes.

The forgery of the Hitler Diaries is told in *Selling Hitler* by Robert Harris. Stern Publishers thought that they had the find of the century when Gerd Heidemann met Konrad Kujau who told the reporter of the finding of the diaries. Harris' book considered the diaries to be genuine. He allowed Kenneth Rendell the opportunity to publish a chapter in the end of the book describing why the diaries were not genuine. Charles Hamilton wrote *The Hitler Diaries* explaining why they were not genuine. Once the original diaries were examined by the experts, their fraudulent nature became evident.

Clifford Irving fooled leading document examiners with his forgeries of Howard Hughes' autobiography. He claimed to be authorized by Hughes to produce his autobiography and produced letters allegedly from Howard Hughes supporting his claim. He duped McGraw into giving him \$750,000 for publication rights. *Hoax, The Inside Story of the Howard Hughes - Clifford Irving Affair*, by Stephen Fay, Lewis Chester, and Magnus Linklater describes the events culminating with Hughes' renunciation of Clifford Irving's claims and Irving's subsequent arrest and trial. Clifford Irving has written *Hoax, What Really Happened* which is available in paperback. He writes that he had intended to return the money to his publisher but he was found guilty and spent time in jail. His wife also was arrested and found guilty of forging Howard Hughes' endorsement on checks from McGraw.

The modern scandal of Mark Hoffmann's forging of Mormon historical documents and murdering two people to divert attention away from his activities has been told in several recent books. Steven Naifeh and Gregory White Smith wrote *The Mormon Murders. A Gathering of Saints* is penned by Robert Lindsay, while Linda Sillitoe and Allen Roberts published *Salamander*. Tests of the documents and examination by handwriting examiners proved the spurious nature of Mark Hoffman's creations. *The Poet and The Murderer, A True Story of Literary Crime and the Art of Forgery* by Simon Worrall tells the story of an Emily Dickinson poem forged by Mark Hoffmann. Worrall's extensive research provides the reader with much accurate information. I was one of the document examiners that he consulted. This book is highly recommended because it is so informative and entertaining.

All of these books were found on Amazon except *Hoax, What Really Happened* by Clifford Irving.

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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HIGH TECH SOLUTIONS

By Monique Rosser

AGPtek A3 Light Box, LED Tracing Light Pad

This LED tracing light pad is a super tool that you can take with you everywhere. It's very thin and weighs about three pounds, so it fits easily in a carry-on bag or tote. Powered by USB, you can charge it just about anywhere with the cable & adapter that comes with it.



From the touch screen you can turn it on and off or adjust the brightness to one of the three settings. Great for identifying handwriting characteristics or tracing over samples for comparison, it's must-have for document examination anywhere. I paid \$59.99 on Amazon.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Congratulations to Eue Tam Kay, who has been appointed Continued Education Chair for Eastern International Members!

IADE is now providing Eastern Hemisphere Continuing Education Classes hosted by Eue Tam Kay (May)

This is a visionary initiative of our President, Kathy Carlson, aiming to foster sharing inclusively among all members of our esteemed organization. We are thrilled to have this opportunity to further enrich our expertise, and this is a valuable platform to learn from each other's experience and explore intriguing case studies.

THE NEXT CE CLASS WILL BE AUGUST 24TH

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

What is your standard method of operation?

A standard method of operation is a set of procedures that a document examiner should follow in the examination of documents.

This standard method of operation should include a review of questioned documents to determine if the documents are suitable for the type of examination requested. For example, does a signature contain a sufficient number of handwriting characteristics to be able to make an identification or elimination. Is the document legible? Were all the questioned signatures written by the same person?

These same steps should be completed with the exemplars to verify that they are suitable for comparison and were all written by one writer.

Once you have determined that the signatures are suitable for comparison, you can actually begin your comparison. Compare the questioned and known signatures for similarities and differences. Additional steps can be added as needed.

Cocoa Beach Trivia:

What sitcom from the 1960's – 1970's starring Barbara Eden takes place in Cocoa Beach, Florida?

See answer on page 6

Tips and Tactics

Having these at your fingertips is a good rule of thumb!

- Document examiners are retained, not hired.
- Take measurements and conduct tests.
- Mark first-generation photocopies with colored ink so that they can be easily identified.
- To "read" under white-out, spray the paper with trichloroethane, a cleaning fluid available in hardware stores. It is primarily used as a cleaning fluid. It will not harm paper or leave a stain when dry.
- Smile when you pick up the phone. People will "hear" the smile in your voice.

Q & A

LAST ISSUE'S ANSWER:

Q: What is the *Early* Registration Special Prices Deadline for the 9th Annual IADE Interactive Seminar?

A: It WAS July 18th, but IADE members can now get that same great price any time! But don't wait too long because the deadline to get the special IADE room rate at the Hilton is August 15th.

THIS ISSUE'S QUESTION:

As an expert witness are you engaged to provide expert insight and opinions to support your client's case during testimony?

Answer will be in the next issue.



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Thank You!

Thank you, Jeff Chadney for that wonderful greeting. What a great introduction!

Thank you, Eileen Page & Robert Farr for all your hard work and commitment as Membership Co-Chairs. That really takes dedication!

I Dream of Jeannie, starring Barbara Eden as a beautiful, 2,000 year old genie & Larry Hagman as an astronaut aired 139 episodes on NBC and ran from September, 1965 to May, 1970

Welcome New Members from Around the World

Idir Ariela Oz from Israel
Travis King from Medford Oregon
Hasyim Al Habshi from Indonesia
Syibly Mulachele from Indonesia
Dr. Linthini Gannetion from Malaysia

WITNESS TIPS

When asked,

“What is your percentage level of confidence in your opinion?”

Document examiners do not express opinions in percentages.

The ASTM recommended language for stating opinions uses identification – highly probable – probably – indications – no conclusion – indications did not – probably did not – highly probable did not – elimination.

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 October 15th