

# **Jane A. Lewis**

## **Forensic Document Examiner**

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### **EDUCATION**

Graduate        The George Washington University  
                      Washington, D. C.  
                      Master of Forensic Sciences, 1985

Undergraduate Marquette University  
                      Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
                      Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene, 1977

### **CERTIFICATION**

American Board of Forensic Document Examiners-Diplomate

### **PROFESSION EXPERIENCE**

February 2001-  
Present        **Forensic Document Examiner, Private Practice, Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

November 1988-  
December 2011  
**Forensic Document Examiner, Unit Head, Questioned Document Unit, WI State Crime Laboratory, Milwaukee**  
Conduct examinations and write reports for cases involving questioned handwriting, hand printing, commercial printing, typewriting, office machine copies, paper, paper components, and inks. Perform analysis of documents using technical equipment and classifying techniques. Perform analysis of inks using thin-layer chromatography. Prepare court testimony and exhibits for courtroom presentation. Participated in questioned document training program. Testify as an expert witness.

September 1987-  
October 1988  
**Document Examiner, United States Secret Service, Forensic Services Division, Washington, D. C.**

Conducted examinations for cases involving counterfeit currency and indented writings. Examined questioned handwriting, hand printing, typewriting and commercial printing. Examined altered and counterfeit credit cards. Conducted credit card research. Participated in questioned document training program.

September 1985-  
September 1987

**Document Analyst, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C.**

Conducted comparative examinations of questioned handwriting, commercial printing, and typewriting. Performed analysis of documents using technical equipment and classifying techniques. Identified indented writing, prepared exhibits for courtroom presentation, and ensured care and control of evidence. Completed FBI document analyst training program.

January 1985-  
June 1985

**Intern, United States Secret Service, Forensic Services Division, Washington, D.C.**

Participated in instrumental analysis of questioned documents, handwriting examinations counterfeit currency and credit card examination, and forensic photography.

## **TRAINING SEMINARS IN QUESTIONED DOCUMENTS**

Federal Bureau of Investigation – Quantico, VA  
Rochester Institute of Technology – Rochester, NY  
United States Secret Service Federal Law Enforcement Training Center – Glynnco, GA  
American Academy of Forensic Sciences  
American Society of Questioned Document Examiners  
Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists

## **SCIENTIFIC PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS**

American Academy of Forensic Sciences 1991, “Thin-Layer Chromatography of Writing Inks—Quality Control”

Milwaukee Medical Examiners Forensic Science Seminar 1994, “The Examination of Questioned Documents”

American Academy of Forensic Sciences 1997, “Characteristics of Inkjet Printed Documents”

American Society of Questioned Document Examiners 1997, “Cross Examination Questions Post-Daubert”

Marquette University Introduction to Forensic Science course guest lecturer March, 1999-2012.

American Society of Questioned Document Examiners 2000, “Petroleum Ether Immersion-A Technique to Visualize and Photograph Correction Fluid Obliterations”

American Society of Questioned Document Examiners 2002, “Striation Patterns in New and Used Ball Point Pens”

American Society of Questioned Document Examiners 2005, “Indentation Examination Enhancement”

American Society of Questioned Document Examiners 2008, “Fax Font Project V TTI Database Update 2008”

Midwest Forensic Resource Center Questioned Document Symposium, September, 2008, Ankeny, Iowa, “Peer Review” presentation

American Academy of Forensic Sciences Annual Scientific Session in Denver, Colorado, presentation to the Young Forensic Scientist Forum, “Questioned Documents at a Glance, Eleven Questions About Questioned Documents”, February 17, 2009

American Academy of Forensic Sciences Annual Scientific Session in Seattle, Washington, presentation “Error Rates – Limitations and Realities” February 25, 2010

American Society of Questioned Document Examiners Annual Meeting in Victoria, BC, September 1, 2010, Presentation, “Error Rates – Limitations and Realities.”

American Academy of Forensic Sciences Annual Scientific Session in Chicago, Illinois. Presentations, “Questioned Documents” to the Interdisciplinary Session and to the Student Academy on February 22, 2011.

American Academy of Forensic Sciences Annual Scientific Session in Atlanta, Georgia. Presentation, “Current Bank Check Scanning Practices,” on February 23, 2012.

Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists Annual Meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Co-Presenter of Workshop, “Challenging Signatures” on September 26, 2012.

Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists Annual Meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Presentation, “Current Bank Check Scanning Practices,” on September 27, 2012.

Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists Annual Meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Attended workshops: “Scientific Writing for Dummies...and Smarties Too! Increasing Your Chances for Success” (September 24, 2012), “Write-On 2.0 – Handwriting Comparison Software” (September 25, 2012), and “The Forensic Examination of Facsimile Copies, Transmission Reports, and Activity Journals” (September 26, 2012).

## **PUBLICATIONS**

“Thin-Layer Chromatography of Writing Inks-Quality Control Considerations” Journal of Forensic Sciences, 1996, 41(5): 874-877.

"Striation Patterns in New and Used Ballpoint Pens" Journal of the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners, 2003, Vol. 6, No.2, pp.67-71.

“Indentation Examination Enhancement” Journal of the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners, 2005, Vol. 8, No. 2, pp. 65-69.

Forensic Science: Current Issues, Future Directions, Douglas H. Ubelaker Editor, Wiley-Blackwell, 2012, Chapter 9, “Forensic Document Examination”, co-author, pp. 224-251.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Academy of Forensic Sciences-Questioned Document Section – Section Secretary 2006-2008, Section Chair 2008-2010, Director representing the Questioned Document Section 2012-2015, fellow

American Board of Forensic Document Examiners – Diplomate, Director 1997-2000

American Society of Questioned Document Examiners – member and assistant editor of the Journal of the ASQDE

Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists – member

American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) – Forensic Science Section member

## **COURT QUALIFICATIONS**

The State of Wisconsin Courts in the following counties:

Manitowoc

Ozaukee

Waukesha

Racine

Door

Fond du Lac

Milwaukee

Sheboygan

Walworth

Richland  
Brown  
Kenosha  
Dodge  
Jefferson  
Kewaunee  
Winnebago

The United States District Court Eastern District of Wisconsin in Milwaukee

Federal Court in Chicago, Illinois