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I am a forensic scientist specialising in the examination of documents and handwriting. My experience in the role is wide and deep. As a graduate scientist I joined the profession in 1972 and have since examined tens of thousands of documents in over 1600 cases. I have given evidence in court in person on over 200 occasions. I joined the Questioned Documents Section of the Metropolitan Police Forensic Science Laboratory in 1972 having graduated with a BSc (Hons) in chemistry from the University of East Anglia. I progressed through three promotions before leaving what was by then the London Laboratory of FSS Ltd in July 2010. I now work as a private consultant in forensic document examination.

I examine documents so as to discover information of relevance to the inquiry. This involves, variously, the examination and comparison of handwriting, of signatures, of typewriting, of printed and photocopied material, the detection of alterations, the detection of indented impressions and so on: the full range of document examinations apart from the botanical analysis of paper. I prepare written reports and statements of my findings and give expert evidence in court. My work is based in the south-east of England but I accept cases from across the UK and from abroad. In addition to courts in the south-east of England I have attended as an expert witness courts in York, Newcastle, Manchester, Leicester, Birmingham, Dublin, Belfast, Cyprus, Bermuda, Hong Kong and Malta. Each case is important to me; the prosecution of Jeffrey Archer and the inquest into the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, are examples of my work that, in addition, had a high public profile. Earlier in my career most of my work was in criminal investigations but now most of my work is in civil cases in which I have been instructed by leading law firms, insurance investigators, banks and building societies. In one civil case I identified as counterfeits warehouse receipts for strategic metals with a face value of \$30 million.

I was registered as a document examiner with the Council for the Registration of Forensic Practitioners during the existence of that organisation (2001-2009); I am a member of the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners and of the UK Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences.