

S . A . S L Y T E R , L L C
FORENSIC DOCUMENT EXAMINATION

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Curriculum Vitae

Overview

- More than thirty-five years experience in full-time, private practice
- Certified through accredited/validated written examinations
- Experienced witness in State and Federal courts
 - Civil cases - working with both plaintiff and defense counsel
 - Criminal cases - working with both prosecution and defense counsel
- Author/Editor
- Lecturer
- Skilled in non-destructive laboratory techniques

Experience and Certifications

Recognized as an expert in the areas of signature authenticity; forgery identification; disguised writings; indented writings; typewriter identification; anonymous letters; graffiti, age of documents and/or writings; alterations to documents and obliterated writings.

Certified by the ***Board of Forensic Document Examiners*** in 2003. (www.bfde.org)
BFDE offered the first certification test for Forensic Document Examiners to be designed and validated by a professional testing company. I participated on the committee to assist in the development of this test. Continuing education credits are required to maintain BFDE certification. The BFDE Certification Program is accredited by the Forensic Specialties Accreditation Board (FSAB) www.thefsab.org.

Certified by the ***Association of Forensic Document Examiners*** in 1991. (www.afde.org). Certification included passing stringent written and oral examination; Preparation of a test case and testimony in a mock trial before a test jury; demonstrating mastery of laboratory systems; review of case files by a panel of attorneys and judges; and proof of professional experience. Continuing education credits are required to maintain AFDE certification. Since 1975 I have completed more than 500 hours of continuing education training.

- I trained under the direction and guidance of three Certified Examiners who were engaged in full-time, private practices. My training began in 1970 and required nearly four years to complete.
- I was first recognized by the courts as a qualified expert in 1973.
- I was certified by written testing, oral examination and review of my files by the ***Independent Association of Questioned Document Examiners*** in 1984. I later served one term on the Board of Directors of IAQDE.
- I was certified by the ***Association of Forensic Document Examiners*** in 1991. I have served two terms as Treasurer, one term as President and one term on the Board of Directors of AFDE.
- I am currently serving as Vice-President of the ***Board of Forensic Document Examiners*** (www.bfde.org).
- I have made more than 150 appearances in State and Federal courts.
- I have demonstrated mastery of nondestructive laboratory techniques. I maintain a well-equipped document and photographic facility, including portable examination systems.

Publications

- ***Forensic Signature Examination*** by Steven A. Slyter, Charles C. Thomas Publishing, Springfield, IL. 1995.
- ***The Effects of Alterations to Documents***, chapter by Steven A. Slyter, *Am Jur Proof of Facts*, Volume 29, Third Series. Lawyers Cooperative Publishing, Rochester, NY. 1995.
- ***A Simplified L. I. D. Design*** (Volume V, Fall 1992), ***Copy Photography for Document Examiners*** Volume II, Fall 1988), ***AFDE's Apprenticeship Program*** (Volume V, Fall 1992), articles by Steven A. Slyter published in *The Journal of Forensic Document Examination*, Association of Forensic Document Examiners. (This Journal is now available on West Law.)
- ***Looking Beyond the Visible*** (July 1988), ***Working with Questioned Document Examiners*** (August 1987), articles by Steven A. Slyter published by Studio Photography Magazine.
- For three and one-half years (in the early 1990's) I was Technical Editor of ***The Journal of Forensic Document Examination***. I participated in the review and editing of the articles published at that time.