

BODZIAK FORENSICS

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Curriculum Vitae for William J. Bodziak

Mr. Bodziak was born in Washington, D.C. where he received his early education. He holds a Bachelor of Arts (AB) degree in Biology from East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina and a Masters of Science in Forensic Science (M.S.F.S.) degree from the George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

In January of 1970, Mr. Bodziak was appointed a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Following Special Agent training at the FBI Academy, he served in an investigative capacity in the FBI offices in New Haven, Connecticut, Baltimore, Maryland, and Hyattsville, Maryland. From 1973 until the end of 1997 he was assigned to the FBI Laboratory in Washington, D.C. During his time at the FBI Laboratory, he conducted thousands of forensic examinations of questioned documents, footwear, barefoot, and tire tread impressions and contributed to numerous major investigations. He has testified as an expert witness in Federal, state and local courts throughout the United States. He has also given expert testimony in courts in Guam, Saipan, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, South Africa, Israel, and Canada. He has lectured and provided instruction on topics related to examinations of footwear and tire tread impression evidence to examiners of the FBI Laboratory, at classes at the FBI Academy, the FBI International Law Enforcement Academy in Budapest, Hungary, and at numerous classes, seminars and conferences throughout the United States, Europe, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, UK and Turkey.

Mr. Bodziak authored the world known texts, *Forensic Footwear Evidence* (2016); *Footwear Impression Evidence: Detection, Recovery and Examination* (2000); and *Tire Tread and Tire Track Evidence: Recovery and Forensic Examination* (2008). He has also authored chapters in other books as well as articles in professional journals in the areas of questioned documents and footwear and tire tread impression evidence. He was conferred status of a *Fellow* of the Questioned Document section of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences and has served as both Secretary and Chairman of that section. He is a former *Member* of the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners and former *Certified Diplomate* of the American Board of Forensic Document Examiners. He is a *Distinguished Member* of the International Association for Identification where he is a certified footwear examiner and has served as the Chairman of the Footwear and Tire Track section. He served on the Scientific Working Group for Shoeprint and Tire Track Evidence from 2004-2013. Mr. Bodziak currently operates Bodziak Forensics in Palm Coast, Florida and continues to provide forensic examination services and training and the area of Footwear and Tire Evidence.

Court Experience

Provided sworn testimony in over 500 occasions as an expert in criminal and civil cases including:

- Federal Courts
- State and Local Courts
- Military Court
- Foreign Courts

Organizational Affiliations

- American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS)
 - Fellow, Questioned Document Section (1980-2011)
 - Past Secretary and Chairman of the AAFS Questioned Document Section
- American Board of Forensic Document Examiners, Inc.
 - Certified Diplomate May 1994-2013
- American Society of Questioned Document Examiners
 - Member - August 1997 - 2009
- International Association for Identification (1988 to present)
 - Distinguished Member
 - Certified Footwear Examiner
 - Member of the Footwear and Tire Track Subcommittee
 - Past Chairman of Footwear and Tire Track Subcommittee
 - Previous member of Footwear Certification Committee
 - Member of the Journal of Forensic Identification Editorial Review Board
- Scientific Working Group for Footwear and Tire Track Evidence (SWGTTREAD) 2004-2013
- Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (1999-present)

FBI Training

- FBI Special Agent Training (1/70-4/70)
- Questioned Document, Footwear and Tire Impression Training at the FBI Laboratory, in Washington, D.C. (8/73-7/76)
- Forensic Photographic Techniques, FBI Academy (1/6-17/75)
- Collection and Preservation of Physical Evidence, FBI Academy (1981)
- General Police Instructors In-Service Class, FBI Academy (12/3/86)
- Typewriter Examination In-Service Training, FBI Academy (11/9-10/87)
- Medical-Legal Investigation Seminar, FBI Academy (12/16-1/91)
- The International Symposium on the Forensic Aspects of Footwear and Tire Tread Impression Evidence at the FBI Academy, Quantico, Virginia, June 27- July 1, 1994
- The International Symposium on the Forensic Aspects of Barefoot Evidence, FBI Academy, Quantico, Virginia, February 1998.

Awards

Recipient of the International Association for Identification's John A. Dondero Memorial Award in July 2006

Books Published

- Forensic Footwear Evidence***, CRC Press, Boca Raton, Florida (2016)
- Tire Tread and Tire Track Evidence: Recovery and Examination***, CRC Press (2008)
- Footwear Impression Evidence: Detection, Recovery and Examination***, CRC Press (2nd edition 2000)
- Footwear Impression Evidence***, Elsevier Sciences Publishing Company (1990)
- Forensic Evidence***, California District Attorney's Association, Sacramento California (1999):
Authored Chapter 9 on Footwear and Tire Tread Evidence

Encyclopedia of Forensic Sciences, Second Edition, pp. 1-7. Waltham: Academic Press (2013)
Authored unit (chapter) on Vehicle Tire Marks and Tire Track Measurement.

Forensic Science: An Introduction to Scientific and Investigative Techniques, CRC Press, Boca Raton, Florida (2014): Authored chapter on Footwear and Tire Impression Evidence

Articles Published

Bodziak, W.J. "Shoe and Tire Impression Evidence," *FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin* 53(7) 2-12, 1984.

Bodziak, W.J. "Manufacturing processes for athletic shoe outsoles and their significance in the examination of footwear impression evidence," *Journal of Forensic Sciences* 31(1):153-176, 1986.

Music, D., Bodziak, W.J. "A forensic evaluation of the air bubbles present in polyurethane shoe outsoles as applicable in footwear impression comparisons," *Journal of Forensic Science* 33(5):1185-1197, 1988.

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Bodziak, W.J. "Back to Basics" *Journal of Forensic Identification*, vol. 47, No. 3, May-June, 1997.

Bodziak, W.J. "Some methods for taking two-dimensional standards of tires," *Journal of Forensic Identification*, 46(6) pp 689-701, 1996.

Bodziak, W.J. "The Manufacture, Examination, and Identification of Die Cut Corrugated Boxes," *Journal of Forensic Sciences*, 41(6): 990-997, 1996.

Bodziak, W. J. "Edge Characteristics of Commercially Produced Paper Stock" *Journal of the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners*, vol. 1, number 1, pp 57-66, June 1998.

Bodziak, W. J., Hammer, L., "An Evaluation of Dental Stone, Traxtone, and Crime-Cast", *Journal of Forensic Identification*, 56(5), p769; 2006

Bodziak, W. J., Hammer, L., Johnson, G. M., Schenck, R., "Determining the Significance of Outsole Wear Characteristics During the Forensic Examination of Footwear Impression Evidence" *Journal of Forensic Identification* 252 / 62 (3), 2012

Bodziak, W. J., "Traditional conclusions in footwear examinations versus the use of the Bayesian approach and likelihood ratio: a review of a recent UK appellate court decision," *Law, Probability and Risk* (2012) 11, 279-287

Bodziak, W. J., "A Final Comment," *Law, Probability and Risk* (2012) 11: 363-364