

# **Bart Baggett**

## **Expert Document Examiner**

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Bart Baggett is a forensic document examiner and an experienced expert witness. He is a skilled authority in handwriting identification and has examined over 14,000 documents as part of over 880 cases. He is a court qualified expert witness in the field of questioned documents within the states of California, Texas, Alaska, Nevada, and Arizona. He has testified in both civil and criminal trials, jury and bench trials, and even in Federal Court. He has consulted on cases nationwide and from the nation's top media personalities, lawyers, and district attorneys.

Mr. Baggett is a frequent guest expert for CNN and has appeared on over 1500/Radio TV shows including Fox News Network, CBS The Today Show along side hosts such as Larry King, Ashleigh Banfield, Paula Zahn and Nancy Grace.

Mr. Baggett is an active member of the ACFEI (American College of Forensic Examiners Institute) and holds the prestigious status of Diplomate with that organization. He has also been a member of ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials) for the past decade.

Bart Baggett has worked on cases, lectured, and taught handwriting related classes for over 20 years in the United States, Singapore, and India.

Baggett has a B.A. from Pepperdine University. Mr. Baggett is the founder and President of the International School of Forensic Document Mr. Bart teaches classes and manages the current curriculum for The International School of Forensic Document Examination.

This school has a two year curriculum which has taught, mentored, and certified many working forensic document examiners in countries including Canada, USA, Turkey, India, & Australia. He still mentors and peer reviews other working forensic document examiners cases. In the last 15 years, Bart's books, courses, and DVDs have been published worldwide in China, India, Australia, England, and the United States.

Bart Baggett's extensive library contains a variety of literature regarding forensic handwriting analysis, questioned documents, psychology, and behavioral profiling.

The equipment in Mr. Baggett's document examination lab includes; a Macintosh Powerbook, a Macintosh Intel IMac, a Xerox Documate 3120 scanner, a Nikon D50 Digital Camera with AFS Nikor Lens (DX WWM ED a spherical Infinity -.28m/0.92.) One Amscope three lens mono microscope (40x to 400x), an Illuminated Stereo Microscope ST Series (20x- 40x lens), a protractor, metric measuring devices, USB; light table, transparencies, and numerous magnifying devices including a zPix 26x-130x Zoom Digital Microscope and traditional magnifying glasses.

**2004-2011 Mr. Baggett has taught the following classes to enrolled students at The International School of Forensic Document Examination:**

Preliminary Examinations and Document Preparation  
Forensic Laboratory and Special Instruments for Examination  
Handwriting Analysis vs. Document Examination in the US Legal System  
Marketing Basics for Document Examiners  
Alteration of Documents  
Individual Characteristics in Handwriting  
Factors That Effect Handwriting  
Letter Forms in Handwriting  
Websites Fundamentals for Working Document Examiners  
Exhibits and Demonstrative Evidence  
Print script, Numbers, and Alphabets  
Business Plans and Career Objectives for Document Examiners  
Anonymous Writing  
Forensic Ink Analysis and Destructive Laboratory Tests  
The Art of the Deposition and Court Testimony  
Mock Trials  
Bi-monthly student questions and case studies  
And many more...

**Bart Baggett's Education and Training in Handwriting & Document Examination:**

A two-year in-person apprenticeship with Dr. Ray Walker, a leading authority in the field of handwriting analysis and document examination. Walker authored "The Questioned Document Examiner and the Justice System" book.

A two-year in-person apprenticeship with Phyllis Mattingly, Malibu, California. Phyllis was one of Southern California and Colorado's highest profile document examiners. She was a member of NADE (National Association of Document Examiners) and had over 1000 cases throughout her 30-year career.

**Proficiency Testing**

**2012** Collaborative Testing Services, Inc.

**Lectures, Conferences, and Classes**

**2015** American College of Forensic Examiners Institute  
ACFEI Education Credit: Handwriting Examiners as Jury and Trial Consultants  
**February 10, 2015**

**2004** School of Forensic Document Examination's Annual Conference,  
Attended classes taught by Reed Hayes, Katherine Koppehaver, Bill  
Koppenhaver.  
**Dallas, Texas**

**2004** School of Forensic Document Examination's Teleclass Curriculum  
Examination of Anonymous Writing by Reed Hayes  
Document Examination Terminology by Don Lehew

Notary Public by Don Lehew  
Advanced Forgery Identification by Don Lehew

- 2005** School of Forensic Document Examination's Annual Conference,  
Attended the following lectures, in addition to general sessions:  
Tremors and Line Quality taught by Reed Hayes  
Demonstrative Evidence taught by Katherine Koppehaver, Bill Koppehaver.  
Photography through microscopes by David Babb  
Paper and Watermarks by John McGuire  
Basics of Forensic Photography by Charles Baggett  
**Dallas, Texas**
- 2005** School of Forensic Document Examination's Teleclass Curriculum  
Natural Variation taught by Reed Hayes  
The Discrimination of Handwriting by Don Lehew  
Procedures for Examining Signatures by Don Lehew  
Courtroom Procedures and Roles by Don Lehew
- 2006** School of Forensic Document Examination's Annual Conference  
Attended the following lectures, in addition to general sessions:  
Deposition and Cross Examinations by Dr. Richard Frazier  
Medical Problems Affecting Handwriting by Dr. Richard Frazier  
Legal Issues for Document Examiners by Dr. Richard Frazier  
Deposition and Cross Examinations Dr. Richard Frazier  
Health Factors Affecting Handwriting by Dr. Joe Alexander,  
Prescription Forgery and Medical Crimes by Diane King  
**Dallas, Texas**
- 2008** School of Forensic Document Examination's Live Teleclasses  
Attended a variety of classes taught by Robert Baier.
- 2009** School of Forensic Document Examination's Live Teleclasses  
Attended a variety of classes taught by Robert Baier.
- 2009** Attended ACFEI (American College of Forensic Examiners Institute) Annual  
Conference **Las Vegas, Nevada**
- 2015** Took course from ACFEI (American College of Forensic Examiners Institute)  
training Handwriting Examiners as Jury and Trial Consultants. Passed.
- 2016** Received the certificate of “Diplomat” status from Robert L. O’Block of the  
American College of Forensic Examiners Institute.

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