

FORGERY AND QUESTIONED DOCUMENT COMPARISON TRAINING

This class is designed to equip the student with the knowledge and understanding of how to compare handwriting of a known writing to the handwriting on a questioned document.

The student will learn, in detail, how to use visual and measurement techniques when conducting comparisons. The students will learn definitions that will assist them in handwriting comparisons. The student will build their confidence by doing actual handwriting comparisons.

At the end of the training, the students will be able to form an opinion based on their knowledge and confidence to perform handwriting comparisons of known and questions documents. The student will be required to take a final exam to pass the 32 hour, which will consist of handwriting comparisons on 10 separate cases.

This class will not certify you to testify in criminal court cases.

Biography-Randy Nelson

Randy has been a Police Officer for approximately 26 years. He began his career with the Texas Tech Police Department in November 1982. He worked as a Patrol Officer, an Investigator, and as a Patrol Sergeant until December 1999.

Randy began working for the Lubbock County District Attorney's Office in January 2000. He began as the Warrant Officer, serving hot check warrants until September 2000. At that time, he was assigned to be the Assistant Administrator/Investigator for the Hot Check Office until October 2007 where he was assigned to be the Administrator/Investigator for the Hot Check Office.

Randy holds the Advanced and Master Texas Peace Office Certifications as well as the Instructors Certificate through the Texas Commission for Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education.

In Randy's current position with the Lubbock County District Attorney's Office, he attended and completed the "Forgery and Questioned Document" training that was held at Baylor Health Care System Department of Public Safety, located in Houston, Texas.

Since this training, Randy has compared at least 237 known handwritings to unknown writing for court cases. Due to these comparisons, he has testified in court on numerous occasions concerning his opinion on the handwriting comparisons. He has testified as an expert witness in the Lubbock County District Courts, County Courts, and Justice of the Peace Courts. "Handwriting comparison is something I do daily in my regular job", Randy states. Listed below or some of the types of cases that he has testified in as an expert witness:

- * Capital Murder
- * Forgery
- * Theft
- * Criminal Mischief
- * Drug Cases
- * Traffic violations
- * Civil Matters

I have compared unknown writing to known writing for other counties. Out of these, I have only testified in Porter County on a theft case. The other counties that I have done handwriting comparisons for are listed below:

- * Porter County
- * Randall County
- * Terry County
- * Hockley County
- * Yoakum County