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I am, Nanette M. Barto, a court qualified Forensic Document Examiner. Beginning my career in 2007, I have examined over 660 document examination cases involving over 1100 questioned documents which required testimony in more than 44 cases. I trained with the International School of Forensic Document Examination and have apprenticed under a leading court-qualified Forensic Document Expert.

**Forensic Examination Provided For:**

Disputed documents or signatures including, but not limited to: wills, checks, contracts, deeds, account ledgers, medical records, and autograph authentication. Investigation and analysis including: questioned signatures, suspect documents, forgeries, identity theft, anonymous letters, alterations, obliterations, erasures, typewritten documents, altered medical records, graffiti, handwritten numbers, and computerized and handwritten documents.

**Education:**

- American River College: Associate in Arts - Psychology, Graduation Date May 2012
- American River College: Associate in Arts – Legal Assisting, Graduation Date May 2011
- International School of Forensic Document Examination: Forensic Document Examination, Graduation Date July 2009
- Chamberlain Real Estate Licensing Course – 2005

**Specific Areas of Training:**

Handwriting Identification and Discrimination, Signature Comparison, Techniques for Distinguishing Forged Signatures, Disguised Handwriting, Altered Numbers, Anonymous Writing, Laboratory Procedures, Forensic Microscopy and Forensic Photography, Identifying

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Printing Methods, Papers and Watermarks, Factors that Affect Writing, Demonstrative Evidence Training, Demonstrative Evidence in the High-Tech World, Forgery Detection Techniques, Detection of Forged Checks, Document Image Enhancement, Graphic Basis for Handwriting Comparison, Ethics in Business and the Legal System, Mock Courtroom Trails

- 2-year on-the-job apprenticeship with Bart Baggett, a court qualified document examiner and the president of the International School of Forensic Document Examination, July 2007 – July 2009.

### **Apprenticeship Included:**

Gathering documents, setting up case files, scanning and photographing documents, assisting with on-site examinations, interacting as client liaison with attorneys and clients, accounting and billing, peer reviews, preparing court exhibits, directed and witnessed client hand written exemplars. I re-examined 60 cases consisting of 657 documents that were examined and compared during this time period.

Furthermore, I began taking active individual cases that were mentored and/or peer reviewed by a current document examiner within the school. During this timeframe as an apprentice, I completed approximately 100 cases in my own name under peer review aside from the 60 cases in education.

### **Competency Testing:**

- Collaborative Testing Services, Inc. – 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

### **Continuing Education:**

- SAFE – Scientific Association of Forensic Examiners: 2016 SAFE Annual Conference – July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016:
  - Larry Miller - OSAC Human Factors Committee and Photography for FDEs
  - Doug Carner - The Expert Witness- Ethics, Preparation, and Challenges
  - John C. Edwards, Esq. - Managing High Conflict Personalities
  - Dave Zweig - Examination of Ink and Photocopies using the microscope
  - Joe Barabe - Application of Microscopes for FDEs
  - Ann Mahony - Electronic Signatures - The future is upon us
- SAFE- Scientific Association of Forensic Examiners: 2016 SAFE Annual Conference - August 26, 2016:
  - Thomas Spahn - Privilege and Confidentiality

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- Josh King - Ways to become Comfortable with On-line feedback.
  - Carole Chawski - Application of Science to Forensic Document Examination
  - Jim Sevel- Computer Forensics Applied to Document Examiners
  - Erik Laykin - e-discovery
  - Dr. Tahnee Dewhurst - Expert vs. Lay Opinion
- SAFE – Scientific Association of Forensic Examiners: 2017 SAFE Annual Conference – August 4, 2017:
    - Anne Smith – Innovative, Easy Software and Time-Saving Techniques for Forensic Document Examinations
    - Sharon Nakich – Forensic Science Standards and OSAC – A Recent History
    - George Reis – Image Authentication of Digital Photographs and Scanned Images
    - Mike Wakshull – Examination of Electronic Documents for Document Examiners
    - Dr. Carolyn Bird – The Modular Forensic Handwriting Method
  - SAFE \_ Scientific Association of Forensic Examiners: 2017 SAFE Annual Conference – August 25, 2017.
    - Amy Oppenheimer, JD – Effects of Courtroom Bias
    - Andrew Kaplan, JD – Techniques to help your attorney prepare the expert for testimony to establish credibility
    - Doug Carner – Solving the Emelia Earhart Mystery
    - Scott Greene – ESI and its application to forensic experts
    - Shelia Lowe – Why Do We Need Our Own Standards
  - SAFE \_ Scientific Association of Forensic Examiners: 2018 SAFE Annual Conference – October 19, 2018.
    - Jim Bradford and Doug Cobb – The Hidden Secrets Within Paper – The paper converting process and what identifying process markings (forensic clues) that happen during that process.
    - Kristin Baldwin – Social Media for Expert Witnesses
    - Sean Pointst, Esq. and Harold Justman, Esq. – How to Keep Your Expert In and Their Expert Out.
- ASIS International: Sacramento, CA Chapter
    - Dr. Hickey- Psycho-Behavioral Analysis of Mentally ill and Mentally Disordered Offenders in Cases of Workplace Mass Violence. January 2017
    - FBI – Financial Fraud and Organized Crime. June 2018
    - Sacramento Sheriff’s Department – Identity Theft. November 2018

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- Better Business Bureau: Sacramento, CA
  - R. Scott Alvord, MBA-MCA, BSCS – Locking the Cookie Jar, Data Breach and Identity Protection. December 2018

**Published Works:**

- Longitudinal Research Study – Kim Galey Hosley – 24 years of an individual’s handwriting and the changes that occur through maturity.
- Longitudinal Research Study – Patricia Prewitt Moore – 27 years of an individual’s handwriting and the changes that occur through maturity.
- Authentication – Examination and Identification of a letter written by William R. Davie from 1787. Discusses the case that sets the Judicial Review Precedence.

**Further Qualifications:**

I am a Notary Public closing home loans and witnessing signatures since 2004. This has provided me with a reference base for how a person signs in all conditions including but not limited to: Illness and Disease; Blindness; Signature by Mark; hospital room signings of Wills, Testaments, Advanced Healthcare Directives, and Power of Attorney documents; and, Death Bed signatures. I was licensed from 2005 – 2009 in Real Estate procuring mortgages giving me firsthand knowledge of deeds, contracts, and loan documents.

**Laboratory Equipment:**

Ms. Barto’s laboratory is equipped to handle forensic handwriting analysis. Her laboratory consists of equipment used for examination, such as: Handheld digital microscopes with ranges of 4X – 10X, 3.7X – 54X, 60X – 250X, Miscope Megapixel 2/ 5X – 124X with extended view and filter wheel; HP x576dw high resolution flatbed scanner/copier/fax; light table; numerous magnifying apparatuses; Nikon COOLPIX 35mm digital camera; protractor and metric measuring devices; uv, black, and infrared lights; and supporting computer programs.

**Library:**

Library consists of numerous forensic document examination titles, other handwriting reference materials, legal assisting publications, psychology publications that assist in assessing neurological diseases or illnesses, and behavior profiling.

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- 2017 – SAFE – Scientific Association of Forensic Examiners – Published Standards in National Institute of Standards and Technology for Document Examiners
- 2011 – ITT Tech – Criminal Justice program – Forensics Class
- 2013 – 2014 Girls Scouts – Crime Scene Investigation Badge – Promoting interest in young girls in the trades of forensic sciences.
- 2011 and 2014 – ASIS International – Security Professionals Organization – Keep professionals in the field of security and safety up-to-date on latest techniques through informative speakers in specific areas of awareness.

**Associations:**

- 2017 – ASIS International – American Society of Industrial Security – Security and Protection
- 2016-2018 – Scientific Association of Forensic Examiners – SAFE
- 2014 – Better Business Bureau – Accredited by BBB Standards
- 2012-present – The Bar Association of San Francisco, Northern California, Register of Experts and Consultants – Directory Listing

Listed as an Expert Witness for: Sacramento County – Placer County – Fresno County – Plumas County, California, Public Defenders Office. Referred by: Public Defender, David Bonilla, Franz Criego, and Trisha Pal.

**Depositions:**

2-3-14 – Gordan and Rees, San Francisco, CA – Re: Centro Property Owner II, LLC v. Chang and Chuang

5-28-14 – Law Offices of Samuel G. Grader, San Francisco, CA – Re: Patricia Klipper v. Catherine Nelson and Glow Skin and Body Care

9-26-14 – Crabtree Schmidt, Modesto, CA – Re: The Estate of Lonnie Ashlock

9-24-15 – Botz Cody Law, Santa Rosa, CA – Re: The Estate of Jaqueline Pieri

12-16-16 – Law Office of David W. Tate, Sacramento, CA – Re: Jack Risetto v. Rebekah Carlson = Estate of Horace H. Elder, Jr. and Lena A. Elder Revocable Trust

2-7-18 – Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP, San Francisco, CA – Re: Amiri v. Groff

6-12-18 – Law Office of Jon Lieberg, Temecula, CA – Re: Carlson v. Uteley

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11-28-18 – Office of Eye for the Obvious, Citrus Heights, CA – Re: Beeler v. ATS Construction etal; - Video Deposition for Kentucky Court Case – Settled the following day.



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**Court Testimony:**

Superior Court of California, County of Alameda  
1221 Oak St., Dept. 24, 3<sup>rd</sup> Flr.  
Oakland, CA  
Judge Patrick Zika  
***Dismuke vs. Dismuke***  
Dkt# RG05228940  
February 10, 2009

Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento  
100 Bicentennial Drive  
Sacramento, Ca. 95826  
Judge Delbert W. Oros  
***Sone vs. Fisher***  
Dkt# 09SC00967  
March 26, 2009

Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento  
100 Bicentennial Drive  
Sacramento, Ca. 95826  
Judge John M. O'Donnell  
***Youa vs. Youa/Xiong/Child Action***  
Dkt#09SC05006  
December 18, 2009

Superior Court of California, County of Alameda  
24405 Amador St Dept 507, Flr. 2  
Hayward, Ca. 94544  
Judge Elizabeth Hendrickson  
***Hong vs. Wang***  
Dkt# FF07342127  
September 24, 2010

Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo  
400 County Center, Dept. 28  
Redwood City, Ca. 94063  
Judge George A. Miram  
***Dickson vs. Scagliola***  
Dkt#PRO120063  
October 26, 2010

Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento  
3341 Power Inn Road  
Sacramento, Ca. 95826  
Judge Gerrit W. Wood  
***Wenzell v. Wenzell***  
Dkt#34-2009-00057473  
January 13, 2011

Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo  
400 County Center, Dept.  
Redwood City, Ca. 94063  
Judge Stephanie Garratt  
***Leigh v. Lampert***  
TRO Hearing  
March 30, 2011

Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin  
222 East Weber Street  
Stockton, California 92114  
Judge Carter P. Holly  
***Bafaiz v. Morrison***  
Contract Case  
July 22, 2011

Superior Court of California, County of Merced  
2260 N Street  
Merced, CA 95340  
Judge Gerald W. Corman  
***Chaudhry v. Hossain***  
Dkt # FLM-47893  
Family Law - February 8, 2012

Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin  
222 East Weber Street  
Stockton, California 92114  
***People v. Serratos III***  
Criminal Case  
February 13, 2012

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Superior Court of California, County of Sonoma  
 3055 Cleveland Ave  
 Santa Rosa, CA 95401 Dept #19  
 Judge Arthur Wick  
**Niffenegger v. Long**  
 Dkt # SCV-249528  
 Criminal Case  
 February 27, 2012

Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara  
 191 N. First Street  
 San Jose, CA 95113  
 Judge William J. Monohan  
**Reynolds v. Lydecker**  
 Dkt # 1-10-CV-171079  
 Civil Law  
 June 26, 2012

Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento  
 720 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Sacramento, CA 95814  
**Albaz v. Saleh**  
 Unlawful Detainer  
 November 29, 2012

Superior Court of California, County of Contra Costa  
 725 Court Street  
 Martinez, CA 94553  
 Judge David B. Flinn  
**Scarano v. Bellmore**  
 No. P12-00905  
 Probate Law  
 February 27 & 28, 2013

Superior Court of California, County of Plumas  
 520 Main Street  
 Quincy, CA 95971  
 Arbitrator Christopher Burdick  
**County of Plumas, Employer, v. Ted Sieck, Employee**  
 C.S.M.C.S. Case #ARB-12-0173  
 May 15, 2013

Superior Court of California, County of Nevada  
 220 Church Street  
 Nevada City, CA 95959  
 Commissioner  
**Hassan v. Hassan**  
 Family Law  
 July 9, 2013

Superior Court of California, County of Solano  
 600 Union Avenue  
 Fairfield, CA 94533  
 Judge Harry S. Kinnicutt  
**Centro Property Owner II, LLC v. Chang**  
 Civil Law  
 February 19, 2014

Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco  
 400 MacAllister Street Dept. 201  
 San Francisco, CA 94102  
 Judge McBride  
**Murray Jr. v. Anoushiravan Massoumi**  
 Civil Law  
 September 29, 2014

Superior Court of California, County of San Bernadino  
 247 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Dept S48P  
 San Bernadino, CA 92415  
 Judge Tara Reilly  
**The Southorn 1995 Revocable Trust**  
 Probate Law  
 October 15, 2014

Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento  
 3341 Power Inn Road  
 Sacramento, Ca. 95826  
 Judge Steven M. Gerverfer  
**Sylvia E. Newberry Estate**  
 Probate Law  
 December 5, 2014 rebuttal December 12, 2014



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Superior Court of California, County of Stanislaus  
 1300 K Street  
 Modesto, CA 95354  
 Judge Timothy W. Salter  
**The Lonni Ashlock Estate**  
 Probate Law  
 February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Superior Court of California, County of Sonoma  
 3055 Cleveland Ave., Dept. 22, 2<sup>nd</sup> Flr  
 Santa Rosa, CA 95403  
 Judge James G Bertoli  
**Rose Ann L. Nolasco vs. Brian Veluz-Nepomuceno**  
 Family Law  
 January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Superior Court of California, County of Alameda  
 24405 Amador Street Dept. 507  
 Hayward, CA 94544  
 Judge Alison Tucher  
**Tim Huang vs. Sheng Shu**  
 Civil Law  
 May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Superior Court of California, County of Sonoma  
 3055 Cleveland Ave., Dept. 18, 1<sup>st</sup> Flr  
 Santa Rosa, CA 95403  
 Judge Rene Auguste Chouteau  
**Estate of Jacqueline L. Pieri**  
 Probate Law  
 February 17, 2016

Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara  
 301 Diana Avenue, Dept. 108  
 Morgan Hill, CA 95037  
 Judge Phillip H. Pennymaker  
**Tom Pham vs. Cynthia D. Trinh**  
 Family Law  
 October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Superior Court of California, County of Sutter  
 1175 Civic Center Blvd  
 Yuba City, CA 95993  
 Judge Christopher R. Chandler  
**Zenda vs. Shoker**  
 Civil Law  
 May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara  
 605 W. El Camino Real  
 Sunnyvale, CA 94086  
 Judge James Towery  
**Darlene Michaud vs. Bruce Michaud**  
 Family Law  
 November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015

Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara  
 161 North First St.  
 San Jose, CA 95113  
 Judge Patricia M. Lucas  
**Estate of Richmond Vu**  
 Probate Law  
 June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

Superior Court of California, County of Alameda  
 2120 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Dept. 201  
 Berkley, CA 94704  
 Judge Sandra K. Bean  
**Estate of Hazel Ashley**  
 Probate Law  
 November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Superior Court of California, County of Sutter  
 1175 Civic Center Blvd  
 Yuba City, CA 95993  
 Judge Perry Parker  
**Estate of John Arostegui**  
 Probate Law  
 June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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United States Department of Justice Executive  
Office for Immigration Review Immigration  
Court

100 Montgomery St, Suite 800 #17  
San Francisco, CA 94104

Judge Dalin R. Holyoak

**People vs. Yvette Valdez**

June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Evidence Stipulated to by  
Government Testimony not required

Superior Court of California, County of Alameda  
2120 Martin Luther King Jr Way  
Berkley, CA 94704

Judge Thomas M. Reardon

**Estate of Benny Jones, Jr.**

Probate Law

August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Superior Court of California, County of Marin  
3501 Civic Center Dr.  
San Rafael, CA 94903

Judge Verna A. Adams

**Melkonian V. Franecke**

Family Law

October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Superior Court of California, County of Yuba  
215 5<sup>th</sup> St.

Marysville, California 95901

Judge Wirtochafter

**Estate of Angela Rose Risetto**

Probate Law

January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Superior Court of California, County of  
Sacramento

3341 Power Inn Road

Sacramento, Ca. 95826

Judge John P. Winn

**Alshouli vs. Salameh**

Family Law

February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

Superior Court of California, County of Alameda  
24405 Amador Street

Hayward, CA 94544

Judge Alice Vilardi

**Hasolkar v. Pandit**

Family Law

May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Superior Court of California, County of San  
Mateo

400 County Center

Redwood City, CA 94063

Judge V. Raymond Swope

**Goldstein v. Macalik**

Civil Law

June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

Superior Court of California, County of  
Sacramento

3341 Power Inn Road

Sacramento, CA 95826

Judge Thomas E. Warriner

**Tidwell v. Washington**

Family Law

August 31, 2017

Superior Court of California, County of  
Sacramento

3341 Power Inn Road

Sacramento, CA 95826

Commissioner Peter J. McBrien

**Nevai v. Klemunes**

Family Law

September 6, 2017

Superior Court of California, County of Los  
Angeles

111 N. Hill Street

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Judge Clifford Klein

**Estate of Pauline Robinson-Penn**

Probate Law

May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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Superior Court of California, County of Alameda  
24405 Amador Street  
Hayward, CA 94544  
Commissioner Boydine Hall

***Crockett v. Crockett***

Family Law  
July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Superior Court of California, County of Riverside  
30755-G Auld Road  
Murrieta, CA 92563  
Judge Angel Bermudez

***Carlson v. Utley***

Civil Law  
July 17, 2018

Superior Court of California, County of  
Sacramento  
301 Bicentennial Circle  
Sacramento, CA 95827  
Judge R. Steven Lapham

***Elisco v. Shaver***

Small Claims Court – Injunction and Eviction  
July 31, 2018

Superior Court of California, County of Solano  
600 Union Avenue  
Fairfield, CA 94533  
Judge H. Ronald

***Williams v. Dudley***

Family Law  
August 20, 2018

Superior Court of California, County of San  
Francisco  
400 McAllister Street  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
Judge Gale Dekreon

***Devlin v. Eubank***

Civil Law  
November 20, 2018

**Scientific Association for Forensic Examiners Standards as published by NiST****Guide for Expressing and Reporting Opinions for Handwriting Examination****Terminology:**

**Recommended Terminology** – Document Examiners are encouraged to use the following terms when writing an opinion.

**Identification (the strongest opinion of identity)** – In this case, based on the evidence at hand, identification is made within a reasonable degree of professional certainty. Other than natural variation, which is expected, no unexplainable characteristics are observed. The known writing compares favorably to the questioned writing. The writing contains substantial similarities, no significant dissimilarities, and there are no limitations associated with quantity or quality of writing or documentation.

**Strong Probability Did Write** – There are substantial significant similarities in the range of writing and no significant dissimilarities. However, there may be limitations imposed, such as insufficient comparison characters and/or insufficient quantity of exemplars.

**Probably Did Write** – There are few significant similarities in the range of writing and no significant dissimilarities. There are limitations associated with the examination that preclude a stronger opinion. These limitations may include a lack of appropriate comparison material.

**Inconclusive** – The range of writing may contain similarities and/or dissimilarities, but they are insufficient to make a determination of authenticity. Additionally, limitations may be placed on the examination due to quality and/or quantity of comparison materials, or other constraints.

**Probably Did Not Write** – There are significant dissimilarities in the range of writing and no significant similarities. However, there may be limitations imposed, such as insufficient comparison characters and/or insufficient quantity of writing exemplars.

**Strong Probability Did Not Write** – There are substantial significant dissimilarities in the range of writing and no significant similarities. However, there may be limitations imposed, such as insufficient comparison characters and/or insufficient quantity of writing exemplars.

**Eliminations (the strongest opinion of rejection)** – Based on the evidence at hand, the examiner is absolutely certain that the writer of the known writing is not the writer of the questioned writing. The writing contains substantial dissimilarities, no significant similarities, and there are no limitations associated with quantity or quality of writing.

In *Daubert*, the U.S. Supreme Court made it clear that, “it would be unreasonable to conclude that the subject of scientific testimony must be known to a certainty; arguably there are no certainties in science. Science represents a process for proposing and refining theoretical explanations about the world that are subject to further testing and refinement. It is sufficient if the testimony can be supported by appropriate validation, I. EE., Good grounds based on what is known.”