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I am, Nanette M. Barto, a court qualified Forensic Document Examiner. Beginning my career in 2007, I have examined over 810 document examination cases involving 1800 questioned documents which required testimony in more than 60 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 such as anonymous emails, blogs, texts, social media or printed memoranda, altered medical records, graffiti, handwritten numbers, profile authorship, and computerized or 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 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
- International Association of Document Examiners – 2019

Continuing Education:

- SAFE – Scientific Association of Forensic Examiners: 2016 SAFE Annual Conference – July 29th, 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

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- 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
 - 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. Carolyne 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.

- International Association of Document Examiners: 2019 Forensic Conference Jamaica
September 12, 2019:
 - Robert Farr – Points of Truth
 - Brigadier General Becky Halstead – Steadfast Leadership
 - Patricia Siegel – The Psychological Influence on Handwriting
 - Bob Baier – Close a Case a learning Experience
 - Katherine Koppenhaver – Handling Questions in Cross Examination when challenged for not belonging to specific organizations
 - Kathy Carlson – Poster Session – hands on examinations
- International Association of Document Examiners: 2019 Forensic Conference Jamaica
September, 13, 2019:
 - Warren Williams – Experts and Oversight Bodies Nexus
 - David Witzke – A Digital Overlook at Questioned Documents
 - Sharon Hampton – Defining and Finding False Knowns within a Document Examination
 - Beth Chrisman – Cognitive Bias and Document Examiners
 - Panel Discussion – Beth, Cathy and Kathie
- International Association of Document Examiners: 2019 Forensic Conference Jamaica
September 14, 2019:
 - Diana Mears – Simplified and Complex Signatures
 - Justice David Batts – The Forensic Scientific and Judicial Expectation
 - Caroline P. Hay QC Attorney at Law – The Handwriting Expert – the Prosecutor’s Perspective
 - Neco Pagon and Kalisia Miller – Moot Court
- American Society of Industrial Security 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
- Better Business Bureau: Sacramento, CA
 - R. Scott Alvord, MBA-MCA, BSCS – Locking the Cookie Jar, Data Breach and Identity Protection. December 2018
- Katherine Koppenhaver – Online weekly classes in basic forensic document examination techniques and training – 2019 to present
- International Association of Document Examiners – Online quarterly classes, online monthly classes – 2019 to present

- International Association of Document Examiners – Online International Conference September 21, 22, and 23, 2020:
 - Beverly East, MGA, CDE, CAM, DPGA, - Rebuttal to Rhetoric
 - Janae Long – Federal Rules of Civil Procedure-Rule 26: How it Affects Our Reports
 - Roxanne Brand – Disguised Writing – A Case Study
 - Heidi Harralson – Elderly Handwriting & Motor Disorders
 - Spiwe L. Jefferson, Esq. – 5 Things Experts Should Know
 - Sharon Rose Hampton, CQDE – Looking Past the Obvious – A Case Study
 - Bryan Sydnor – InfraRed & Ultraviolet Lighting & Mi-Scope
 - Doug Kieseewetter – A Successful Organization and Business

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.
- Fraud & Forgery – Presentation given 5-1-19 to BBB accredited members.
- Alzheimer’s a.k.a. Dementia & Handwriting – Presentation given 5-16-19 to IADE society for forensic document examiners.

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

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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.

Guest Speaker:

- 2019 – Better Business Bureau (BBB) – Forgery & Fraud
- 2019 – International Association of Document Examiners (IADE) – Alzheimer’s a.k.a. Dementia & Handwriting
- 2018 – Rotary Club of Laguna Sunrise – Forgery Methods
- 2017 – Scientific Association of Forensic Examiners (SAFE) – Manipulated Handwriting and the Client that Doesn’t Want You to Figure it Out.
- 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:

- 2019 – International Association of Document Examiners - IADE
- 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:

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. Utley

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.

2-7-19 – Office of Dutra and Oates, Gold Rush, CA – Re: Givens v. Banner Bank

4-4-19 – Aiken and Welch Court Reporters, Oakland, CA – Emmerson v. Zion

10-16-19 – Belden Blaine Raytis, LLP, Bakersfield, CA – Powell v. Sturgeon

1-17-20 – Carol Nygard & Associates, Inc., Sacramento, CA – Bhatti v. Gill

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Court Testimony:

Superior Court of California, County of Alameda
1221 Oak St., Dept. 24, 3rd 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 9th 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 3rd 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 5th, 2015

Superior Court of California, County of Sonoma
 3055 Cleveland Ave., Dept. 22, 2nd Flr
 Santa Rosa, CA 95403
 Judge James G Bertoli
Rose Ann L. Nolasco vs. Brian Veluz-Nepomuceno
 Family Law
 January 8th, 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 26th, 2015

Superior Court of California, County of Sonoma
 3055 Cleveland Ave., Dept. 18, 1st 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 15th, 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 17th, 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 3rd, 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 3rd, 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 19th, 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 15th, 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 16th, 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 8th, 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 11th, 2016

Superior Court of California, County of Yuba
215 5th St.

Marysville, California 95901

Judge Wirtochafter

Estate of Angela Rose Risetto

Probate Law

January 25th, 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 2nd, 2017

Superior Court of California, County of Alameda
24405 Amador Street

Hayward, CA 94544

Judge Alice Vilardi

Hasolkar v. Pandit

Family Law

May 19th, 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 22nd, 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 18th, 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 10th, 2018

Superior Court of California, County of Alameda
 24405 Amador Street
 Hayward, CA 94544
 Judge Stephen M. Pulido (Jury Trial)
Emmerson v. Zion
 Civil Law
 April 30th, 2019

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
 720 Ninth Street
 Sacramento, CA 95814
 Judge Richard K. Sueyoshi
Anwar & Munazza v. Arsalan
 Civil Law
 July 17th, 2019

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 Alameda
 1221 Oak St.
 Oakland, CA 94612
 Judge Evelio Grillo
Russo Sr. v. Russo Jr.
 Civil Law
 December 9, 2019

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 Alameda
 2120 Martin Luther King Way
 Berkley, CA 94707
 Judge Ruben Sundeen
Bessix Vs. Clark
 Probate Law
 September 23rd, 2019

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

Superior Court of California, County of Yolo
 1000 Main Street
 Woodland, CA 95695
 Judge Samuel T. McAdam
Iqbal v. Iqbal
 Probate Law
 January 16, 2020

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.”