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PERSONAL PROFILE:

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- Specialization: Forensic Document, Handwriting and Signature Examination

EDUCATION:

- Certified Forensic Document Examiner: Training under Dr. V. C. Misra of 1 year tenure – theoretical, practical (35 cases) and court appearance
- Certified Forensic Fingerprinting Examiner: Training under Dr. V. C. Misra of 6 months
- Certified Forensic Document Examiner: International School of Forensic Document Examination – 2 years tenure – live class room training, practical cases and real-life cases
- Certificate in Questioned Documents and Fingerprints Analysis (Punjabi University)
- MS Forensic Science & Criminal Justice (Year 1) (University of Leicester, U.K.), Certificate in Forensic Science (St. Xaviers, Mumbai), LL.B. (Government Law College / MU), M. Com, B.Sc Psychology, Certificate in Forensic Linguistics (NFSU)
(s. 45 of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 requires “specialized” knowledge, training, experience or skill, and, ASTM/AAFS/SWGDOC stipulates equivalent to 2 years of training specially in the field of forensic document examination)

EXPERIENCE:

- Working Independently since October 2009 - Worked on over 1500 cases and appeared as a witness before Courts / Police / Department / Arbitrators in around 100 cases
- Worked in Maharashtra, Goa, Gujarat and Internationally for well known Corporates, Advocates, Public Sector Undertakings, Police, Defence Ordnance & Official Liquidator
- Submitted opinions before various Courts including Bombay High Court as a witness of party or upon direct appointment by Courts. Submitted opinions against opposite experts.
- Working / Worked for more than 25 Banks and Financial Institutions
- Conducted Various Trainings including for Forensic Accounting Certificate Course of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and Maharashtra Police Academy. Supplied copyrighted check-list for a national level bank at its 700+ branches
- Appeared with favourable order as expert witness in Telgi matter (co-accused) and consulted for cross examination in Ketan Parekh matter (co-accused)
- Successfully participated in proficiency testings

AFFILIATIONS AND ACCREDITATIONS:

- International Association of Document Examiners – Certified Member (CQDE) – (IADE-553)
- Scientific Association of Forensic Examiners – Certified Member (CFDE)
- International Association of Scientists and Researchers – Life Member (LM-IASR-0079)
- Indian Science Congress Association – Lifetime Member – (L44632)

WORK SCOPE:

- Document, Handwriting & Signature Examination for Court, Corporate and Personal use
- Independent Expert Opinion u/s 45 of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 and appearance as expert witness. Consultancy and cross examination of other expert opinions.
- Comparison of disputed/questioned handwriting/signatures with specimen/known/admitted handwriting/signatures
- Corporate Frauds, Anonymous letters, Disguised Writings, Suspect identification
- Comprehensive Document Examination - relative age of ink, paper and binding by non-destructive methods for overall genuineness/naturalness and addition/alteration to test purported origin/contentions of parties

Thanks and regards

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