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## PERSONAL PROFILE:

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- Specialization: Forensic Document, Handwriting and Signature Examination

## EDUCATION:

- Certified Forensic Document Examiner: 1 year - theoretical and practical (35 cases) training under Mr. V. C. Misra
  - Certified Forensic Document Examiner: 2 years course - International School of Forensic Document Examination - live class room training, practical cases and real-life cases
  - Certificate in Questioned Documents and Fingerprints Analysis: 6 months - Punjabi University
  - MS Forensic Science and Criminal Justice (University of Leicester, U.K.)
  - Certificate in Forensic Document Examination: 2 years weekly class by Katherine Koppenhaver
  - Certificate in Forensic Science (St. Xaviers, Mumbai), LL.B. (Government Law College, MU), M. Com, B.Sc Psychology, Certificate in Forensic Linguistics (NFSU), Certified Forensic Fingerprint Examiner (6 months training under Mr. V. C. Misra)
- (s. 39(1) of the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023, stipulates "specialized" knowledge, training, experience or skill, and, AAFS/SWGDOC stipulates equivalent to 2 years of training in FDE)

## 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 India and Internationally for renowned Advocates, Corporates, PSUs, Police, Defence Ordnance and Official Liquidator. Working / Worked for 25+ Banks and Financial Institutions.
- 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.
- Conducted Trainings including for Forensic Accounting Certificate Course of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and Maharashtra Police Academy. Supplied copyrighted checklist 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 Parikh matter (co-accused)

## AFFILIATIONS AND ACCREDITATIONS:

- International Association of Document Examiners – Certified Member (CQDE) (IADE-553)
- Scientific Association of Forensic Examiners – Certified Member (CFDE)  
(IADE and SAFE certification require rigorous verification and regular proficiency testing)
- 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
- Appearance as Expert Witness u/s 39(1) of BSA, 2023 in FDE, forensic consultancy and cross examination of opposite expert in FDE and other forensic branches
- 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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