

ANTHONY STOCKTON BSC. MSC

Forensic Scientist specialising in handwriting and questioned documents, and one of the worlds leading experts in this field.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Handwriting examinations
- Signature authenticity
- Forgery
- Disputed documents
- Altered documents
- Printed documents
- Experienced expert witness.

CAREER SUMMARY

Government Chemist

Anthony was trained at the Laboratory of the Government Chemist in London in 1989, specialising in the scientific examination of handwriting, signatures and disputed documents.

UK Home Office

In 1992, Anthony was employed by the Home Office Forensic Science Service (FSS) and was the National Scientific Lead until its closure by the UK Government in March 2012.

European Network of Forensic Science Institutes (ENFSI)

Anthony was Chairman of the working group for handwriting examiners.

Stockton Pugh

Anthony is now an independent Forensic Scientist as part of Stockton Pugh. He is a member of the UK Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences and remains one of Europe's leading and most respected experts in this field.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Anthony has examined thousands of documents and dealt with many legal cases both simple and complex. He is a senior court reporting scientist and has given expert witness evidence on many occasions. He carries out work for prosecution authorities, including police forces, The Crown Prosecution Service and Government departments.

Anthony is an experienced expert witness in civil litigation casework in the UK and overseas and has produced numerous reports compliant with civil rules procedures. He also acts as a single joint expert.

CV HIGHLIGHTS

- Leading forensic scientist with over 30 years' experience.
- National Scientific Lead / Principal Scientist in the Home Office Forensic Science Service (2005-2012).

- Chairman of the working group for handwriting examiners within the European Network of Forensic Science Institutes (ENFSI) (2008-2011).
- Highly respected Forensic Scientist and expert in all aspects of document examinations including signature comparison, handwriting analysis and the forensic examination of questioned or disputed documents.
- Highly experienced in offering critical evidence in some of the UK's most high profile and complex legal cases.
- Vastly experienced senior court reporting scientist having presented evidence on numerous occasions.
- Highly skilled in the utilisation of detailed observational methods to analyse documents in order to determine authenticity and detect forgery.
- Provided speciality training to police forces, government departments and banks.
- Trained and professionally developed Forensic Scientists in the UK and overseas.
- Work has included projects in the Middle East, The Netherlands, Trinidad and Tobago, Hungary, China and for the Thai Embassy.
- Handwriting expert to The High Court in Hong Kong.
- Qualified and highly trained auditor for the implementation of ISO 17025 standards in Questioned Document Examinations and Handwriting.

COMMENDATIONS

Commended by West Yorkshire Police Homicide and the Major Enquiry Team.
Contributed to multiple publications and academia (see Appendix).

AN EXPERT WITNESS

Anthony has worked on many high-profile cases, including murders, kidnappings, rapes, counter-terrorism, serious fraud, money laundering, drugs, organised crime, witness intimidation and civil litigation.

Anthony specialises in Civil Litigation casework involving signature authenticity, providing evidence to the High Court in London on a regular basis, and to Courts and Tribunals overseas. These have included the International Chamber of Commerce, The International Court of Arbitration and The Dubai International Financial Court. He has recently been appointed as a handwriting expert to The High Court in Hong Kong.

Anthony gave evidence at the murder trial of missing person Janet Brown in the Crown Court at Newcastle where handwriting evidence was crucial to the successful prosecution of the case. He also recently gave evidence to the Court in the Turks and Caicos Islands in the anti-corruption trial of the former Chief Minister.

Anthony is employed to undertake confidential work within the UK's Home Office. He is Home Office security cleared to SC level which allows him access to classified files and information.

As part of his duties, Anthony also undertakes work on a pro-bono basis, providing his professional services to those that need it.

Appendix:

- Case assessment and Interpretation in Document Examination – The American Society of Questioned Documents Examiners (ASQDE). USA, 2001.
- Quality assurance testing - International Conference for Handwriting experts ENFHEX in Budapest, 2005.
- Handwriting of Twins - International conference, Turkey, 2003
- Examination of Laser printed and Photocopied documents – International meeting of police and government experts. 1994.
- Sampling in forensic science – produced for the quality and competency liaison group within ENFSI.
- Accreditation: What does it mean for the Document Examiner – International Conference, ASQDE, USA, 2007.