



Questioned Documents Section - 2015

J22 Document Examination For Non-Document Examiners

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After attending this presentation, attendees will be able to give presentations to non-document examiners that engage their attention by presenting an interesting selection of document examinations and by interjecting experiences and anecdotes of unusual and many-times entertaining situations which have occurred.

This presentation will impact the forensic science community by allowing the document examination community to inform the public, in an interesting manner, of analyses which are performed. This may also open the door to additional requests for document examination services.

Everyone has sat through their share of boring presentations. It's mind-numbing to be forced to listen to dry content that's delivered (or worse, read) at one, rather than discussed with one. Often, all this talking is in vain. Research has shown 91% of listeners at presentations admitted to daydreaming and an impressive 39% admitted to actually falling asleep at some point.

This presentation will demonstrate how to inform the audience that you encourage their questions, that you expect interaction, the types of questions you'll entertain, and when these questions should be presented. Also discussed will be when to present from the stage and when to intermingle with the audience as you present. During the presentation, discuss real-life situations surrounding document examinations. This would include circumstances which may have occurred prior to being retained, during the examination and testimony, and additional information that transpired after the matter was resolved. Some examples in this presentation consist of cases including Leona M. Helmsley, the Andy Warhol estate, and the "handwriting on the bathroom stall." These often-humorous anecdotes have previously entertained audiences.

Hopefully, at the conclusion of this presentation, attendees will be aware of tactics that not only inform their future audiences about document examiners' duties but are also entertaining, thus making their presentations memorable experiences.

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