

# **CURT BAGGETT**

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Curt Baggett is a leading handwriting expert in the United States. He is also a skilled authority in document examination and as an expert witness and he has completed over 6,000 cases. Mr. Baggett has examined documents and/or testified in court cases as a handwriting expert in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., the Bahamas, Brazil, Canada, Chile, England, Ireland, Mexico, Pakistan, Puerto Rico, Thailand and New Zealand, Korea, China, Australia and Denmark.

The U.S. Department of Justice, the State of Arizona, State of Arkansas, the State of California, Louisiana Public Defender Board, and the State of Texas have retained him. Mr. Baggett has appeared as a handwriting expert on WOLF-BLITZER-CNN; CHARLES GIBSON-ABC, INSIDE EDITION, CBS Network Radio, CBS, CNBC, CNN, FOX, JUDGE ALEX, TEXAS JUSTICE and GOOD MORNING TEXAS and was a consultant as a forensic document examiner for a number one television show, "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation". Mr. Baggett is the co-author of "The Handwriting Certification Home Study Course" and "How To Spot a Forgery" and has been a guest on various other television and radio programs discussing handwriting and forensic document examination.

Mr. Baggett once held the position as Dean of the School of Forensic Document Examination at Handwriting University. In addition to lecturing and teaching document examination, Mr. Baggett has analyzed handwriting for over 40 years. He has been qualified as an expert witness in Justice of the Peace, Municipal, District, State, U.S. District, and Federal Bankruptcy Courts, Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court, High Court of Tynwald British Isles and the Provincial Courts of Canada.

His education and training in document examination and psychology include: U.S. Army, Military Police Officer's School; B.A. and M.Ed., McNeese State University, Lake Charles, Louisiana; and post-graduate studies at the University of Houston, Houston, Texas.

Curt Baggett's library is extensive and includes literature on questioned document examination, forensic handwriting analysis, behavior profiling, and statement analysis.

Laboratory equipment used for examination consists of a Stereo Star Zoom American Optical 7x – 30x twin microscope; Micronta illuminated 30x microscope; stereo microscope S/ST series; universal DigiScoping adapter; numerous magnifying devices; protractor and metric measuring devices; Pentax ME camera; Pentax macro 1.4, 50mm flat copy lens; overhead projector; light table, and transparencies.

### **Curt Baggett's Education and Training in Handwriting and Document Examination Include:**

An in person two-year apprenticeship with Dr. Ray Walker as a handwriting expert and questioned document examiner. Dr. Walker's qualifications have been affirmed in the Court of Appeals, Fifth District of Texas at Dallas, and had historical rulings in his favor. A leading authority in the field of handwriting analysis and document examination, Dr. Walker is the author of The Questioned Document Examiner and the Justice System.

The American Bureau of Document Examiners certifies Mr. Baggett. He also has a certificate of completion from the American Institute of Applied Science.

**Lectures, Conferences, and Classes Attended:**

- 2004 School of Forensic Document Examination's Annual Conference, Dallas, Texas  
Attended classes taught by Reed Hayes, QDE, Katherine Koppenhaver, QDE, Bill Koppenhaver, QDE
- 2004 School of Forensic Document Examination's Teleclass Curriculum  
Examination of Anonymous Writing by Reed Hayes, QDE  
Document Examination Terminology by Don Lehew, QDE  
Notary Public by Don Lehew, QDE  
Advanced Forgery Identification by Don Lehew, QDE  
Instructor
- 2005 School of Forensic Document Examination's Annual Conference, Dallas, Texas  
Attended the following lectures, in addition to general sessions:  
Tremors and line Quality taught by Reed Hayes, QDE  
Demonstrative Evidence taught by Katherine Koppenhaver, QDE, Bill Koppenhaver, QDE  
Photography through microscopes by David Babb, QDE  
Paper and Watermarks by John McGuire, QDE  
Lecturer
- 2005 School of Forensic Document Examination's Teleclasses  
Natural Variation taught by Reed Hayes, QDE  
The Discrimination of Handwriting by Don Lehew, QDE  
Procedures for Examining Signatures by Don Lehew, QDE  
Courtroom Procedures and Roles by Don Lehew, QDE  
Instructor
- 2006 School of Forensic Document Examination's Annual Conference, Dallas, Texas  
Attended the following lectures, in addition to general sessions:  
Deposition and Cross Examinations by Dr. Richard Frazier, QDE  
Medical Problems Affecting handwriting by Dr. Richard Frazier, QDE  
Legal Issues for Document Examiners by Dr. Richard Frazier, QDE  
Deposition and Cross Examinations by Dr. Richard Frazier, QDE  
Health Factors Affecting Handwriting by Dr. Joe Alexander, QDE  
Prescription Forgery and Medical Crimes by Diane King, Lecturer
- 2007 Handwriting University Annual Conference, Dallas, Texas  
Trainer and Instructor
- 2007 School of Forensic Document Examination's Teleclasses  
Instructor - Handwriting Basics and Exemplars  
Instructor - Multiple Classes on Case Studies and Examinations
- 2008 Handwriting University Annual Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada  
Trainer and Instructor
- 2009 School of Forensic Document Examination's Live Teleclasses  
Attended a variety of classes taught by Robert Baier, QDE, Police Instructor
- 2009 Handwriting University Annual Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada  
Critical Incident Stress: Statement Analysis and Interview v. Interrogation by Faith Wood

Forensic Document Examination Application by Robert Baier, QDE, Police Instructor  
Trainer and Instructor for Introduction to Forensic Document Examination

2010 Handwriting University Annual Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada

Advanced Statement Analysis by Faith Wood

Identity Theft and Prevention by Robert Baier, QDE, Police Instructor

Trainer and Instructor for Introduction to Forensic Document Examination

2010 Speaker – “Introduction to the Science of Handwriting and Forensic Document Examination”, Clear  
Lake High School

2011 Lecturer and Instructor, “How to Spot a Forgery”, Denver Elections Division, Denver, Colorado

2012 Lecturer and Instructor, “How to Spot a Forgery”, Denver Elections Division, Denver, Colorado

2012 Speaker – “How to Avoid a Forgery”, Military Order of Purple Hearts Annual Meeting, Dallas,  
Texas

2013 Speaker – “Introduction to the Science of Handwriting and Forensic Document Examination”;  
Appointment as Guest Lecturer and Consultant by Stefanie Page, Instructor, Forensic Science  
Department, Jesuit College Preparatory School of Dallas

2013 Speaker – “Introduction to the Science of Handwriting and Forensic Document Examination”, Irma  
Lerma Rangel Young Women’s Leadership School, Dallas, Texas

2016 Speaker – Handwriting University International Handwriting Conference in Las Vegas, NV (Sept.)

2018 Instructor via written presentation at the 18<sup>th</sup> Wroclaw Symposium of Questioned Document  
Examination at University of Wroclaw in Poland June 6-8, 2018

### **Past and Present Memberships**

American College of Forensic Examiners International

American Legion

Center of Forensic Profiling

Forensic Expert Witness Association

IMS Expert Services

Military Order of World Wars

National Questioned Document Association

Sheriff’s Association of Texas

Texas Police Association

Veterans of Foreign Wars

World Federation of Handwriting Experts

National Association of Distinguished Professionals

SEAK-Expert Witness Resources

### **Published Articles and Books**

Ethics for Experts

Handwriting Certification Course

How to Help Attorneys With Your Case

How to Spot a Forgery

Taking the Witness Stand