

QUALIFICATIONS OF JOHN PAUL OSBORN

John Paul Osborn is a Forensic Document Examiner and maintains offices in Middlesex, New Jersey. He has been qualified as an expert and has testified on the subject of disputed documents on numerous occasions in civil and criminal courts, and before various arbitration associations.



He has studied the leading books on the subject, collected reference materials, conducted experiments and has worked on a full time basis in the field since 1982. This includes the examination of signatures, handwriting, hand printing, machine printing, graffiti, inks, paper, writing instruments, photocopies, as well as many other problems related to documents. His office maintains files of national systems of handwriting as well as many foreign systems, maintains records of typewriters, printers and type fonts. His office maintains a library of reference material, including current articles and publications on the subject, and has access to thousands of other research articles and texts maintained by professional groups in the field.

He was trained under the supervision of his late father, Paul A. Osborn, as a member of the office founded by his great grandfather, Albert S. Osborn, around 1910. He holds a bachelor's degree from Susquehanna University in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Osborn is currently a member of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners (a former Director, former Treasurer and current Secretary of that organization), the Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists the New Jersey Association for Forensic Scientists and the American Society for Testing and Materials. He served as a member of the FBI/National Institute of Justice sponsored Scientific Working Group for Document Examination subcommittee for protocol development in the field, serving as interim Chairman in 1999. Mr. Osborn is certified by the American Board of Forensic Document Examiners.

He maintains all of the necessary equipment and instruments used in this work, including different types of magnification devices, microscopes, type measuring plates, lighting instruments, projectors, electrostatic detection apparatus, video spectral examination equipment, a variety of photographic devices, as well as other instruments.

Mr. Osborn has been retained by the United States Attorney's Office in the District of NJ and the Eastern & Southern Districts of NY, District Attorneys' Offices in New York State, the state Attorney General's Offices in both New Jersey and New York, a number of large corporations, brokerage houses, commodity exchanges, insurance companies and well recognized law firms. He also has been retained in matters for the Legal Aid Society of New York, St. John's University School of Law Elder Law Clinic, Georgetown University Center for Applied Legal Studies and other non-profit legal service groups and agencies, as well as in cases for criminal defendants funded through CJA in federal courts.

Mr. Osborn's work has been published in the Journal of Forensic Sciences and he was Editor of the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners Newsletter from 1991 through 1997. He has given presentations before bar associations, as well as fraud investigators, insurance and banking groups.