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Expertise

Mike Wakshull is a civil and criminal court-qualified expert witness forensic document examiner. He partners with attorneys to dissect evidence, delivering honest, unbiased results in handwritten and computer-generated questioned documents. Wakshull applies an objective, verifiable scientific approach (a court requirement) using his scientific experience and training to examine questioned documents. He applies generally-accepted practices such as ASTM, ANSI/ASB, SWGDOC, and SAFE standards. He advises clients on the strength of their cases. He engages his well-equipped laboratory and large forensic reference library to deliver the best results. Wakshull is skilled at using stories, easy-to-understand language, and clear exhibits to explain complex evidence. His courtroom approach teaches and involves all the trial participants – judge, jury, and attorneys. He worked cases from 28 states, Canada, Bahrain, Malaysia, Mexico, and Hong Kong. He communicates with clients using video conferencing.

Summary of Qualifications

- Member of Los Angeles County Superior Court Judges Panel of Expert Witnesses
- Testified more than 150 times in civil and criminal trials, depositions, and arbitrations in state and federal court
- Examinations using newest VSC80, ESDA, computer software including Photoshop CC, Acrobat DC, etc.
- **Communicates results with clients remotely via internet video conferencing using a teaching approach**
- **Holds graduate school certificate in forensic document examination**
- Certified quality engineer (CQE), Project Management Professional (PMP) certification
- Applies experience in information science, quality engineering, and project management to cases
- Uses forensic detective and investigative techniques to gather and assess the details of a case
- Invited speaker at national/international forensic conferences on document examination research (2009-2023)
- Attends at least two document examiner and/or forensics conferences each year for continuing education

Examples of Document Examination Services Offered

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer-generated examinations & exhibits • Handwriting/Hand Printing examination • Altered documents and contracts • Altered computer-generated documents • Differentiation of ink & paper examination • Electronic documents 	Representative document types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deeds & Trusts & wills & contracts • Photocopies, PDF, email, digital scans • Notarized forms • Indented writing (second page indentations) • Threatening letters and graffiti
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Professional Organizations

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific Association of Forensic Examiners – VP • National Association of Document Examiners • Forensic Expert Witness Association (former) • Riverside County Bar Association 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • San Diego County Bar Association • Association of Certified Fraud Examiners • American Society for Quality, Senior Member • National Speakers Association
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Courses offered by Michael Wakshull for MCLE Credit – CA Bar Approved

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little Known Secrets About Handwriting Examination • Will Bias Cost You Your Next Case? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to Hire a Forensic Expert Witness • Little Known Secrets About Altered Documents
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Conference Participation and Education (partial list)

2021-2022	American Academy of Forensic Sciences Conference Questioned documents	26.5 hrs
2009-2023	National Assoc. of Document Examiners Conf. – speaker 2009 2010 2012 4238/2018	20 hrs
2014-2023	Scientific Association of Forensic Examiners Conference – speaker & conf. chair	20.5 hrs
2015	National Institute of Standards and Technology Conference – speaker	24.5 hrs
2015	Forensic Expert Witness Association Conference – speaker & conf. chair	14 hrs
2013, 15, 19	Forensic Expert Witness Association Conference	23.4 hrs
2012 - 23	Association of Forensic Document Examiners Conference 2013, 2018, 2019 speaker	20.5 hrs
2012	National Association of Document Examiners Conference – speaker & conf. chair	20.5 hrs
2012	Computer imaging for document examiners: George Reis	7.5 hrs
2011	Theory and skills using infrared (IR) and ultraviolet (UV): Emily Will	16 hrs
2010	Photoshop for document examiners: Gary Herbertson, former FBI QDE unit chief	12 hrs