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Expertise

Mike Wakshull is a civil and criminal court-qualified document examiner who delivers honest, unbiased results. He partners with attorneys to dissect the evidence presented in handwritten and computer-generated questioned documents. Wakshull applies an objective, verifiable approach (a court requirement) using his scientific training to examine questioned documents. Applies generally-accepted practices such as ASTM, 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 explaining complex evidence with clear exhibits, easy-to-understand language and descriptive pictures. His courtroom approach teaches and involves all the trial participants – judge, jury, and attorneys. He worked cases from 20 states and one Canadian province and Hong Kong; uses video conferencing to communicate with clients.

Summary of Qualifications

- Court-qualified in more than 60 civil and criminal trials with cases in state and federal court
- Performs examinations using current computer technology
- **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 investigative techniques to gather and assess the details of a case
- Invited speaker at national/international forensic conferences on document examination research (2009-2019)
- Attends at least two forensics conferences each year
- Member of Los Angeles County Superior Court Judges Panel of Expert Witnesses

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
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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 • Riverside County Bar Association 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • San Diego County Bar Association • Association of Certified Fraud Examiners • ASTM International • 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"> • Introduction to Forensic Handwriting Examination • Will Bias Cost You Your Next Case? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to Hire a Forensic Expert Witness • Introduction to Examination of Altered Documents
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Conference Participation and Education (partial list)

2009-2018	National Assoc. of Document Examiners Conf. – speaker 2009 2010 2012 2016-2018	20 hrs
2014-2019	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, 2019	Forensic Expert Witness Association Conference – 2015 speaker & conf. chair	23.4 hrs
2013, 2018	Association of Forensic Document Examiners Conference – speaker	20.5 hrs
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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
2008-2010	Graduate School Forensic Document Examination: East Tennessee State University	12 credit hrs



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