



**M. Diann Vail**  
**BA (Hons), Certified Graphoanalyst**  
**Certified Forensic Document Examiner**

**Court Qualifications: (Recent only)**

**Owen Sound**, 2016, Superior Court, for William Humphrey, Alliance Lawyers, for Berberich/Wand  
**St. Catherines**, 2015, Arbitration in Union Dispute  
**Hamilton**, 2015, Small Claims Court, Capuano (settled outside courtroom)  
**Toronto**, 2014, Superior Court, for Roman Baber, Taylor, Steinberg & Babar  
Professional Corporation, (settled outside courtroom)  
**London**, 2009, Superior Court, for defense Ron Ellis, prosecutor Laura Tuttle, Judge Templeton

Previously court qualified in Ontario, Quebec, and Nova Scotia courts

Note: the vast majority of cases are settled out of court once the report has been submitted.

**Academic Background:**

University of Western Ontario, B.A. (Hons), Anthropology  
International Graphoanalysis Society – Certified Graphoanalyst  
World Association of Document Examiners – Certified Forensic Document Examiner

**Professional Education:**

**International Graphoanalysis Society:**

Personality & character identification, ie – emotional structures and responses; learning methods and abilities; motivations; achievement potential; and unique personality traits.

**Training:** To study methods to determine writing authenticity and the above information.

On site at school in Chicago for specialized training in various areas of practice, and ongoing study of current document examination cases.

**World Association of Document Examiners:**

Learning through magnification and measurements, the intricate structures within handwriting, identifying traits, conscious vs sub-conscious strokes in writing, and verification of individuals via handwriting.

**Continuing Education:**

Attendance at provincial, national & international conferences of document examiners and handwriting analysts. On-going study of current question document cases.

**Experience:**

**Forensic document examiner:**

Identify authenticity of writing in documents, cheques, wills, letters, and various other forms of written communications. My document work began in the late 70's and today averages two to three cases per week. Most are settled out of court.

**Clients:**

Clients are primarily lawyers, investigators, banks, manufacturing companies, educational institutions, and a wide range of large and small businesses, both international and local.

*N.B. The International Graphoanalysis Society and The World Association of Document Examiners, have closed their doors. Graduates continue to meet for ongoing education in the field, with experts from other schools that train document examiners.*

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