

CURRICULUM VITAE

The Radley Forensic Document Laboratory is the longest established independent laboratory in the UK specialising in the forensic examination of handwriting and documents. It was founded over 60 years ago and has always had an international reputation. Robert Radley MSc was the principal for over 45 years. He has now retired and is not accepting any new instructions but remains a Consultant to the Practice. The Laboratory has been consulted in over 14,800 cases, with work emanating from all over the world.

Robert holds the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and Master of Science in Forensic Science. Prior to his retirement, Robert was a Chartered Chemist, Fellow of the Academy of Experts, Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry and a Fellow of the Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences. Robert is a lifetime member of the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners (by whom he was awarded the Albert Osborn Award of Excellence in 2020).

Robert was awarded the status of Registered Forensic Practitioner in 2004, re-awarded in 2008. He completed the Assessors Course for the Council of the Registration of Forensic Practitioners and was an examiner for the Forensic Science Society for 12 years with respect to their Diploma in Document Examination.

Robert has been instructed by a large number of solicitors in this country and abroad as well as all of the major clearing Banks in England and many other banks and solicitors worldwide. Other clients include insurance and finance companies, Local Government Authorities, Trading Standards Departments, the British Armed Forces, various Building Societies, The Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, the CPS and SFO, the US Department of Justice and a wide variety of private and public companies.

He has written numerous papers on a variety of aspects of questioned document examination and has presented these to scientific meetings which he regularly attended both in this country and abroad. He has been on the Editorial Board of the International Journal of Forensic Document Examiners.

Robert received instructions from all over the world, his work in forensic document examination included signature authentication, handwriting identification, ESDA (ElectroStatic Document Analysis), ESDA Sequencing, non-destructive ink analysis (infrared luminescence and reflectance, microscopy), identification of thermochromic inks, deciphering obliterations, alterations, erasures, printing defects, non-destructive paper examination (for identification and comparison), document manipulations, font identification (and dating of the same), photocopy identification, identification of mass alterations etc.

Robert has undertaken single joint expert training and regularly dealt with such cases.

He has given evidence on several hundred occasions in the courts throughout the UK, Republic of Ireland, Jersey, Cyprus, Germany, Switzerland, Australia, New Zealand, Brunei, Hong Kong, Singapore, Gibraltar, Malta, South Africa, Kenya, Canada, Trinidad and the British Virgin Islands.