

CURRICULUM VITAE

The Radley Forensic Document Laboratory is the longest established independent laboratory in the UK specialising in the forensic examination of documents. It was founded over 60 years ago and has always had an international reputation. The Laboratory has been consulted in over 14,800 cases, emanating from all over the world and has one of the most extensive reference libraries on forensic document examination in the UK. Ellen Radley is the principal, having taken over the Practice from her father, Robert Radley MSc. 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 also held the Forensic Science Society diploma in Document Examination and was the examiner for the diploma for 12 years.

Ellen holds the degree of Bachelor of Arts (Hons) and completed the Post Graduate Diploma in Law and the Legal Practice Course, both with Commendation, at the College of Law from 2000-2002. She qualified as a solicitor in 2004. During her legal career she worked for a Legal 500 firm and worked as a senior supervising solicitor. She obtained Higher Rights of Audience in 2009.

Ellen joined the Radley Forensic Document Laboratory in 2012. She completed her two year training apprenticeship on a one to one basis with Robert, adopting the training criteria as outlined by ASTM International and SWGDOC (the Scientific Working Group for Forensic Document Examination). She also attended the training workshop of the ASQDE (American Society of Questioned Document Examiners) in Canada.

Ellen specialises in civil matters before Courts and Tribunals both in the UK and internationally with particular experience in highly complex and high value cases.

Ellen's work in forensic document examination includes signature authentication, handwriting identification, ESDA (ElectroStatic Detection Apparatus), 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. She is experienced in the preparation of joint reports, appointments as a Single Joint Expert and instruction in the role of Expert Adviser.

Ellen is the author/co-author of the following papers presented to meetings of Forensic Document Examiners:

"Conclusion Terminology and Scales in the United Kingdom" (with Robert Radley and Dr Audrey Giles) Meeting of the ASQDE, Hawaii, USA, 2014

"A Study of Thermochromic Inks", Meeting of the ASQDE, Toronto, Canada, 2015

"My Text in Your Handwriting – Computer Synthesised Handwriting" (with Robert Radley) Meeting of the ASQDE, San Diego, USA, 2017

"A Short Term Dating Effect for Ballpoint Pen Inks", Meeting of the ASQDE, Utah, USA, 2018

"The Availability of the Calibri Type Font Prior to Its Commercial Release" (with Robert Radley) Meeting of the ASQDE, Utah, USA, 2018

She has contributed to a Law Society publication with respect to Forensic Document Examination and has delivered lectures on the subject to a number of leading firms of Solicitors as well as to various legal bodies and associations (including the Chancery Bar Association, ACTAPS, etc).

Ellen is a Member of the Academy of Experts and a Professional Member of the Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences.

Ellen is experienced in giving evidence before Courts and Tribunals in the UK and internationally. Further, she addressed Courts on hundreds of occasions during her career in law. The office is fully equipped to participate in remote Court/Arbitration hearings.

All work undertaken by the Laboratory is peer reviewed within the Practice to ensure accuracy and reliability.