

Legal Graphology (Legal Handwriting Expert)

One of the issues stemming from trying to define “Legal Graphology” is the misconception many have regarding the field of “traditional” Graphology – A field in which the writer’s temperament and personality are analyzed. In contrast, the field of Legal Graphology (Handwriting Recognition) – one in which an expert compares and contrasts known handwritten examples used to identify, include or omit a particular writer and then comment on the findings in court. The latter makes no room for the writer’s personality and only allows for inclusion/omission of a particular writer.

In other words: Legal Graphology is not influenced by the writer’s personality. A Legal Graphologist is only interested in the identification and inclusion/omission of a person as a possible writer of a known handwriting sample.

At this point in time there are no studies for the field of document inspection and in particular handwriting recognition, and the only way to gain real-world expertise is to apprentice and gain on-the-job experience.

This apprenticeship period, one in which the individual gains the knowledge needed to attain a degree of expertise sufficient enough to be called an “Expert Witness” by the courts may last a period of four years or more and often lasts even longer.

