

# SEIFER HANDWRITING CONSULTANTS

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- Expertise:** Forgery detection • Signature comparison • Disguised handwriting  
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- Experience:** Connecticut Lawyers Group, University of Rhode Island Crime Lab,  
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Narragansett, Warwick, Central Falls & Wakefield Police Departments  
Public Defender's Office, Naval Undersea Warfare US Navy
- Qualified:** Civil, Criminal, Federal and Superior Court, Grand Jury
- Scientific Research:** Neurophysiological investigation for medical doctors at UCLA  
Brown University and University of Chicago
- Publications:** *Lawyer's Weekly, RI Bar Journal, Psychiatric Clinics of North America, Cerebrum, Graphological Sciences.* Articles translated into ten languages.
- Lectures & Seminars:** United Nations, Cambridge University & Oxford University, England;  
University of British Columbia, Canada; Federal Reserve Bank, Boston,  
West Point Military Academy, Smithsonian Institute, Cranbrook Retreat.  
Also: Chicago, Santa Fe, LA, Washington, DC, Jerusalem, Zagreb.
- Featured in:** *The Washington Post, The Economist, RI Monthly, Narragansett Times, Cosmopolitan, New York Times, Scientific American*
- Training & Certification:** Five semesters of Graphology and Questioned Documents --  
Dan Anthony, QD Expert, New School University, NYC, NY
- Memberships:** American Society of Professional Graphologists (Board member 1988-04)  
American College of Forensic Examiners (Fellow, Board certified)  
National Society for Graphology
- Listings:** Marquis' Who's Who in America; Marquis' Who's Who in the World
- Editor:** *Journal of the American Society of Professional Graphologists* (1988-2001)
- Author:** *Definitive Book of Handwriting Analysis*, 320 pgs, illustrations, Career Press.
- Profile:** Marc J. Seifer: Ph.D. Saybrook Institute, M.A. University  
of Chicago, B.A. University of Rhode Island
- Adjunct Professor:** Courses include: Forensic Graphology @ Roger Williams University

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**COURT QUALIFIED**

Federal and State Courts, Civil, Bankruptcy and Criminal Court,  
State Superior Court, also Grand Jury experience.

Court experience qualified in:

Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, New York, Texas.  
Questioned Documents Expert Certified: New School For Social Research

**SAMPLING OF CLIENTS**

Laboratory of Criminological Sciences at University of Rhode Island; United Parcel Service;  
Shawmut Bank; Fleet National Bank; Chubb Group Insurance, Arbella Mutual Insurance  
Company, RI Board of Dentistry, Kent County Hospital, Warwick Police Department; Attorney  
General's Office, RI; Fraud Unit, Naval Undersea Warfare US Navy; The Lawyer's Group, CT.

National clients include attorneys from:

Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire, New York,  
New Jersey, Washington DC, Georgia, Florida, Texas, Wisconsin, California.

**TEACHER**

Forensic Graphology  
Roger Williams University

**EDITOR-IN-CHIEF**

*Journal of the American Society of Professional Graphologists* 1989-2001

**FELLOW**

American College of Forensic Examiners

**OPINIONS GIVEN ON**

Forged signatures, disputed wills, stolen credit cards, threatening & anonymous  
notes, bankruptcy, immigration & marriage certificates, medical records  
falsified insurance claims, real estate embezzlement, graffiti  
typewriter identification, fax machine identification  
machine copies versus originals, illegible writing  
disguised handwriting, domestic violence,  
multiple personality, property disputes

**OFFICE & LABORATORY EQUIPMENT**

RF Interscience Microscope, 6"X9" portable light box, Power Macintosh  
Computer, Epson Perfection 2450 Scanner for duplicating &  
enlarging, Pentax single lens camera, Sonagar close-up  
lenses, measuring devices and gauges, Bausch & Lomb  
magnifying glass, 5X aspheric loop and  
12X jeweler's loop, darkroom facilities

## TEXTBOOK

*Definitive Book of Handwriting Analysis: The Complete Guide to Interpreting Personalities, Detecting Forgeries and Revealing Brain Activity through the Science of Graphology.* The book has three sections: Part I: Behavioral Profiling; Part II: Neurophysiology of Handwriting; Part III: Questioned Documents. The main focus is the scientific examination of handwriting with direct application to questioned documents. For instance, the first section devotes 55 pages to the psychogram, which is a chart that measures 40 graphic variables on a 1-10 scale. This instrument thus has cross purposes. It can be used for behavioral profiling, scientific studies (because handwritings can now be converted to mathematical scores) and to questioned documents. Dr. Robert O'Block, founder of the American College of Forensic Examiners said of the book that it is "the best written on the subject in 10 years!"

## RESEARCH & EXPERIENCE

- 2014 Disguise in handwriting. Study of one individual attempting to sign the name of another individual while simultaneously trying to mask one's own style.
- 2013 Longitudinal study of the deteriorating signature of a man suffering from the rapid onset of a neuromuscular disease in the last year, months and weeks of his life.
- 2012 Longitudinal study of the handwriting and signatures of a man in his 90's showing cognitive impairment throughout the last weeks, including a disintegration of his signature on the last day of his life. Due to stylized changes of the capital letters, problems in the frontal lobes (e.g., lack of proper blood flow) was indicated.
- 2005 Stroke victims. Longitudinal studies of two individuals who suffered strokes. Almost a daily accounting in one instance of neurological changes and brain trauma as strokes continued.
- 2002 Handwriting and brain trauma. MRI studies of multiple sclerosis and coma victim working with Department of Neurology, School of Medicine, Brown University, Syed Risvi, M.D., specialist in multiple sclerosis and neuro-immunology, Rhode Island Hospital, and Lorcan O'Tuama, M.D. Chief of Neuroradiology, VA Medical Center.
- 2000-91 Fraud Unit, DHS and Food Stamps, Department of Attorney General's Office, RI Topology for fraud cases recently investigated include disguise in handwriting by change of slant, handedness, capital letters, use of print-script instead of cursive, scribbling of exemplars, reduction of size, reversion to Palmer. Over 1000 handwritings involved in study.

- 1994 The Lawyer's Group, Waterbury, CT. \$100,000,000 real estate scandal on Wall Street and in Connecticut involving numerous forgeries including free-hand forgeries, tracings and combinations thereof.
- 1993 British Institute of Graphology. Conscious, preconscious and unconscious determinants in handwriting. The least conscious aspects of a writing, such as beginning and ending strokes, use of diacritics, small interior loops, have implications for both branches of the field, for psychological assessment and separately for purposes of handwriting identification.
- 1992 Braintree Hospital, MA. Brain damage affects on handwriting in coma victim, head injury from car accidents. Handwriting samples analyzed before and after accident and during stages of recovery.
- 1984-88 University of California at Los Angeles. Neurophysiological investigation of the handwritings of split-brain (epileptic) patients for Warren TenHouten, Ph.D., and Joseph Bogen, MD. Separated these individuals from matches normal pairs on a blind basis by using an objective graphological scale.
- 1985 Saybrook Institute, San Francisco. Longitudinal study of 40 years of the handwriting of inventor Nikola Tesla. Discovered severe disruption of writing trail in 1906 samples which paired with possible nervous breakdown.
- 1981 National Society for Graphology, New York, NY. Questioned Documents Examination: Clifford Irving forgery and the Howard Hughes Mormon Will.
- 1972-73 Billings Hospital, University of Chicago. Muscle pathology and neurophysiological investigations of the handwritings of schizophrenics and normals for David Goode, MD, and Herbert Meltzer, MD. Successfully differentiated between two groups in blind study using objective handwriting measuring scale.

#### **SPECIALIZED TRAINING IN DOCUMENT EXAMINATION**

- 2/99 The Handwriting Expert and the Courtroom, Ruth Holmes, instructor, American Society of Professional Graphologists, New York, NY
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- 5/96 The Handwriting of Serial Killers. Patricia Siegel, M.A., instructor, Locust Valley, NY.
- 11/1991 Two-day Seminar, Questioned Documents Examination. The Institute of Graphological Sciences, TIGS Conference, Judith Housley instructor, Santa Fe, NM.
- 1974-75 Criminology Laboratory, University of Rhode Island. Questioned Documents Examiner for Dr. David DeFanti. Cases solved: bomb scare note, disguised handwriting of thief from fraternity (out of 45 possible handwritings), vandal's

handwriting left on blackboard, scandalous note in police department, various forgeries. (Over 100 hours training.)

1970-72 Post graduate work in all phases of handwriting investigation at the New School for Social Research, New York, NY. Mentor: Professor Daniel Anthony, nationally known expert. Topics include: Handwriting and brain organization, unconscious determinants, questioned documents, laboratory techniques for determining forgeries, use of high magnification, microscope, transmitted light, measurement of significant variables, e.g., size, slant, spacing, pressure, design, details of fundamental structure. (Textbooks, qualifying tests; Over 250 hours training. Five semesters. Letter of certified expertise on file.)

### **AFFILIATIONS**

American College of Forensic Examiners (Fellow, Board certified)  
American Society of Professional Graphologists (Board member)  
American Association of Handwriting Analysts  
National Society for Graphology

### **PRESENTATIONS**

2/2014 Nikola Tesla, His Life & Times. Using his signatures year by year to track changes. Webinar, American Association for the Advancement of Science.

12/2011 Forensic Graphology. Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, Warwick, RI.

6/2011 Signatures as representations of self-image; Howard Hughes: The Clifford Irving Hoax & also the Mormon Will. American Handwriting Analysis Foundation, Allamuchy, NJ.

10/2009 Handwriting & Creativity. New England Conference on Gifted & Talented Education, Nashua, NH, Keynote Speaker.

5/2009 Handwriting Investigation. IGAS, First Parish Church, Bolton, MA.

2007 Forensic Graphology, 3-credit course, Roger Williams University.

3/2005 Forensic Graphology. New England Claim Association, Westborough, MA.

2/2005 Forensic Graphology: A discussion of the 3 major branches: Behavioral Profiling, Neurophysiology, Questioned Documents. Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, Federal Reserve Building, Boston.

9/2004 Disguise and Forgeries in Signatures. RI Fraud Investigators Association, RI.

4/2004 The Handwriting of College Students. National Society for Graphology, NYC.

5/2003 Handwriting and Brain Trauma. National Society for Graphology, NYC, NY.

- 8/2001 Handwriting as a tool of investigation in analysis of historical figures. American Association of Handwriting Analysts, Hawaii.
- 3/2001 Quantitative Analysis and Statistical Design, Roger Williams University
- 9/2000 Scientific Document Examination, Piccerelli & Gilstein, LLP, Foxwoods, CT.
- 3/2000 Handwriting and Brain Organization, Brandeis University, Boston, MA
- 2/2000 Disguise in Handwriting and Forgeries. ASPG, NY.
- 2/98 Comparison of John and Patsy Ramsey's handwriting to the JonBenet Ramsey ransom note, American Society of Professional Graphologists, NY
- 8/1997 Discussion of Authenticity of Franklin Roosevelt's Signature on a 1916 Document on Litigation on Wireless Communication when Roosevelt was Assistant Secretary of the Navy. Press Conference, United Nations.
- 3/1994 Questioned Documents. Two-hour seminar for police officers. Laboratory for Criminological Sciences. University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI.
- 7/1993 Conscious, Preconscious & Unconscious Determinants in Handwriting. British Institute of Graphology, Cambridge University, England.
- 8/1992 Brain Damage & Handwriting. American Association of Handwriting Analysts, Denver, CO.
- 11/1991 Forgery Detection, (Featured Speaker). Institute of Graphological Sciences, Santa Fe, NM.
- 11/1987 Neurological Organization of Fine Motor Control in Split-brain Epileptics. American Society of Professional Graphologists, Washington, DC (co-presenter).
- 8/1987 Handwriting and the Stages of Development. The British Institute of Graphology, Oxford University, England.
- 7/1986 Handwriting Investigation and Analysis of First Person Documents as a Tool in Biography; also Handwriting & brain organization. Council of Graphological Sciences. University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada.
- 3/1985 Neurophysiology of Handwriting. International Congress in Graphology, Jerusalem, Israel.
- 1976-99 Annual Speaker: National Society for Graphology, New York, NY. Topics: The signature, questioned documents, conscious, preconscious and unconscious determinants in handwriting, handwriting and brain organization, the epileptic split-brain writer, forgery detection

## JOURNAL ARTICLES & CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

*Definitive Book of Handwriting Analysis*. (2008) Textbook. Franklin Lake, NJ: a New Page book, Career Press.

Form Level. (2004) *Journal of the American Society of Professional Graphologists*, Vol. VI, pp. 185-200. Translated into German for *Angewandte Graphologie Und Persönlichkeits-Diagnostik*.

The Telltale Hand: How Writing Reveals the Damaged Brain (2002) *Cerebrum, The Dana Forum for Brain Science*, v. 4, #4, pp. 27-42.

Letter from Editor-in Chief. The Founding of the Journal. (1999) *Journal of the American Society of Professional Graphologists*, V, pp. 3-4.

High Stakes: The Gamble for the Howard Hughes Mormon Will. (Forensic analysis of the Mormon Will, Book review & commentary.) (1995/96) *Journal of the American Society of Professional Graphologists*, IV, pp. 111-128.

El Subconsciente en la Escritura. (6/1994) *Gamma: revista de grafología y ciencias humanas*, V, 19, pp. 33-43, Madrid (translated into Spanish).

Graphology vs. the Questioned Documents Examiner. (10/1994) *The Vanguard.*, p.5.

Conscious, Preconscious & Unconscious Determinants in Handwriting. (1993) Cathy Bryant, (Ed.) *British Institute of Graphologists Tenth Anniversary Symposium Proceedings*. Cambridge, England: BIG Press, pp. 23-51.

The Preconscious in Handwriting. (Fall 1989) *Journal of the American Society of Professional Graphologists*, I, pp. 63-80.

A History of Graphology. (1989) M. Westergaard (Ed.) *Directory of Handwriting Analysts*. Warren, MI: MW Press, pp. 1-14. (Also in 1982, 1983, 1986, 1988 editions.)

Disguise in Handwriting. (Dec. 1988) *Rhode Island Bar Journal*, pp. 23-24.

The Gamble of the Howard Hughes Mormon Will. (Dec. 1988) *Lawyer's Weekly*, pp. 9, 13.

Alexithymia & the Split Brain. (Sept. 1988) *Psychiatric Clinics of North America*, pp. 331-338 (co-author).

Handwriting & Brain Functioning. (1988) A. Carmi & S. Schneider (Eds.) *Experiencing Graphology*. London: Freund Publishing House, pp. 95-123.

The Preconscious in Handwriting. International Graphology Institute, Haifa, Israel, 1985. (Translated into Hebrew.)

Handwriting: A Measure of Muscle Tension in Schizophrenics and Normals. *National Society for Graphology Newsletter*, 1974. (Co-author, David Goode, MD.)

## CONSULTANT

- 2014 Mentor to Emily Sullivan, Study of the Handwriting of VIP's, e.g., Paul Newman Mussolini and Criminals, e.g., Lizzy Borden. Narragansett High School.
- 2011 Mentor for Abigail Jones, Generational Changes in Handwriting Styles, Bristol High School, Bristol, RI.
- 2009 20<sup>th</sup> Century Handwriting Styles, *Time Magazine* (uncredited).
- 2006 John Karr's writing (JonBenet Ramsey case) WJAR NBC TV appearance.
- 2002 bin Laden's signature, Associated Press International, TV appearance.
- 2001 The Howard Hughes Mormon Will, The History Channel, TV appearance.

## FEATURED IN

- 2007 Handwriting Expert [Marc Seifer] says fliers pinpoint Mageau. *Providence Journal*, Feb 15, 2007.
- 2000 *Rhode Island Monthly*. Analyze This! (feature article), June 2000, pp. 48-52, 103-106.
- 1999 *Taunton Gazette*. Reading Between the Lines, January 2, 1999, Section D, pp. 1-2.
- 1997 *Scientific American*. Book review of *Wizard: The Life & Times of Nikola Tesla*, April, pp. 108-111.
- 1996 *Psychology: Principles & Applications* by S. Worchel and R. Shebliske. New York, NY: Prentice Hall, Publishers (College psychology text), p. 431.
- 1993 *Narragansett Times*, The Forensic Document Examiner. November 3, p. 12.
- 1993 *Washington Post*, Nikola Who? Expert on Nikola Tesla and his handwriting, May 4.
- 1990 *The Economist*, Investigating Handwriting. June, p. 62.

## EDUCATION

- 1986 Ph.D. Saybrook Institute, San Francisco, CA.  
Major: Psychology.
- 1974 M.A. University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.  
Major: Psychology. Minor: Neurophysiology
- 1970-72 New School University, New York, NY  
Major: Handwriting Investigation (5 semesters).
- 1971 School of Visual Arts, New York, NY.  
Major: Photography.
- 1970 B.S. University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI  
Major: Finance; Minor: Psychology

## COLLEGE INSTRUCTOR

- 2001-2013 Roger William University, Bristol, RI.  
Psychology, Forensic Graphology, Adjunct Faculty.
- 1982-2010 Bristol Community College, Fall River, MA.  
Satellite campuses, Attleboro, New Bedford, Fall River  
Psychology Department, Adjunct Faculty.
- 1988-2001 Community College of Rhode Island, Warwick, RI.  
Satellite campuses, Newport, Wakefield, Wickford, Westerly  
Psychology Department, Adjunct Faculty.

- 1974-90 Providence College School of Continuing Education, Providence RI.  
Interdisciplinary Department: Psychology & History, Dreams, Adjunct Faculty.
- 1985 Mass Bay Community College, Newton, MA.  
Handwriting Investigation.
- 1976 Rhode Island College, Providence, RI  
Third Curriculum, Handwriting Investigation
- 1975 University of Rhode Island Summer School  
Handwriting Investigation

### ADDITIONAL LIST OF CLIENTS

Adams Drug Store, Providence, RI; Arbella Mutual Insurance Company  
 Attorney General's Office, Providence, RI; Chubb Group of Insurance, Boston, MA  
 Department of Human Services, Fraud Unit, Providence, RI  
 Deutsche Credit Corporation, Worcester, MA; Edmund Place Health Center, E. Providence, RI  
 Fields Point Waste Treatment Center, Providence, RI  
 Fleet Bank, Providence, RI; RI Board of Examiners in Dentistry  
 Health Management Consultants, Miami, FL; Kent County Hospital, Warwick, RI  
 Office of Rehabilitation Services, Providence, RI;  
 Metropolitan Life Insurance Company  
 Law Offices of Ciccone, Coughlin, Waldman & Maritinous, Providence, RI  
 Law Offices of Green, Kahn, Piotrkowski, Miami, FL  
 Law Offices of Edwards & Angel; Law Offices of Haronian, Paquinn, Bramley & Harrington, Warwick, RI  
 Law Offices of Hines & Patz, Providence, RI; Law Offices of Jack Cicilline, Providence, RI  
 Law Offices of McKinnon & Harwood; Law Offices of McDonald, Ferdinandi and Mastrati, Cranston, RI  
 Law Offices of McGovern, Noel and Benik; Law Offices of Medeiros & Sanford  
 Law Offices of Michaelson & Michaelson & Zurier, Providence, RI  
 Law Offices of Paul DiMaio, Providence, RI; Law Offices of Robert Mann  
 Law Offices of Robert T. Karns, Providence, RI  
 Law Offices of Tillinghaus, Licht & Semonoff, Providence, RI  
 Law Offices of William Hardman III, Cranston, RI;  
 Naval Undersea Warfare, US Navy, Newport, RI  
 Peace Dale Elementary School, Peace Dale, RI; Phoenix-Griffin Group, Providence, RI  
 Public Defenders, CT & RI; South County Police Department, RI  
 Shaumut Bank, New London, CT; United Parcel Service, Providence, RI  
 Warwick Police Dept., Warwick, RI  
 Narragansett Police Department

**Textbooks** include: *Suspect Documents* by Wilson Harrison, *Questioned Documents* by Alfred Osborne, *Document Examiner Textbook* by Jesse Dines, *Scientific Examination of Documents* by Ordway Hilton, *Experiments in Handwriting* by R. Saudek, *Forged, Anonymous & Suspect Documents* by Quirke, *Definitive Book of Handwriting Analysis: Interpreting Personalities, Detective Forgeries & Revealing Brain Activity Through the Science of Graphology* by Marc J. Seifer, *Diagrams of the Unconscious* by Werner Wolff, *International Journal of Forensic Document Examiners*.