



## Curriculum Vitae – Stephen Cosslett

Steve Cosslett has been a forensic document examiner and handwriting expert since 1983. He was originally employed in the Questioned Documents Section of the Birmingham Laboratory of the Home Office Forensic Science Service which provided a specialised service for the police forces of England and Wales. After undertaking a two year training course in all aspects of forensic document examination, Steve was responsible for reporting cases and giving evidence in trials on a regular basis.

Steve left the Forensic Science Service in 1992 helping to establish Document Evidence Limited, one of the first private companies in the UK undertaking forensic work for the police. In addition to acting for the prosecution, Steve also took instructions on a regular basis for the defence in criminal proceedings, and also undertook civil and private work for a wide variety of clients.

In 2008, Document Evidence was sold to Key Forensic Services where Steve became Head of the Questioned Documents Section, and continued in his role as a forensic expert. In addition to reporting cases, Steve oversaw training of new recruits within the section, as well as assisting in training Police and government experts from overseas. Steve was also responsible for the section's quality assurance programme and internal testing within the department.

Together with his colleague Kate Barr, Steve set up Cosslett and Barr in October 2018 where he continues in the role of a forensic document examiner.

Steve has also undertaken training in the responsibilities of the single joint expert, and attended conferences organised by ENFHEX (European Network of Forensic Handwriting Experts) and EDEWG (European Document Examiners Working Group) along with police and government handwriting and document examiners throughout Europe. He is also a member of the Chartered Society of Forensic Scientists.

With over thirty five years' experience, Steve is one of the most experienced document examiners. During the course of his career, he has examined many thousands of cases and given expert evidence on over four hundred occasions both in criminal and civil cases.

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