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PERSONAL PROFILE:

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- Specialization: Forensic Document, Handwriting and Signature Examination

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

- Certified Forensic Document Examiner: Training under Mr. V. C. Misra of 1 year tenure— theoretical, practical (35 cases) and court appearance.
- Certified Forensic Fingerprinting Examiner: Training under Mr. V. C. Misra of 6 months
- Certified Forensic Document Examiner: International School of Forensic Document Examination – 2 years tenure – live class room training, practical cases and real-life cases (s. 45 of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 requires “specialized” knowledge, training, experience or skill, and, AAFS/SWGDOC Standard for Minimum Training Requirements stipulates equivalent to 2 years of training specially in the field of forensic document examination)
- Other Educational Background: Certificate in Forensic Science (St. Xaviers, Mumbai), L.L.B. (Government Law College / MU), B.Sc Psychology (2014), M. Com(2012), B.Com (2007), Handwriting Analysis (2004)
- Working Independently since October 2009 - Worked on over 1200 cases and appeared as a witness before Courts / Police / Department / Arbitrators in around 100 cases
- Submitted opinions before various Courts including Bombay High Court as a witness of party or upon direct appointment by Courts. Submitted opinions against opposite experts.
- Working for more than 25 Banks and Financial Institutions
- Conducted Trainings including for Forensic Accounting Certificate Course of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and check-list for a national level bank at its 700+ branches
- Worked in Maharashtra, Goa, Gujrat and Internationally for well known Corporates, Advocates, Public Sector Undertakings, Police, Defence Ordnance & Official Liquidator
- Appeared as expert witness in Telgi matter (co-accused) and consulted for cross examination in Ketan Parikh matter (co-accused)

WORK SCOPE:

- Document, Handwriting & Signature Examination for Court, Corporate and Personal use
- Opinion of Expert u/s 45 of the Indian Evidence Act 1872 as an Independent Expert Witness
- Working in accordance with the AAFS / SWGDOC guidelines, as applicable
- Document Examination: Verbal Opinion (consultancy); Opinion Letter (stating conclusion); Detailed/Reasoned Opinion for legal use/evidence; Appearance as Witness before Court
- Other: Fingerprint Examination (on documents only); cross examination of handwriting experts’ opinion; guidance in litigation and cross examination for other forensic branches

WORK PROFILE AND EXPERIENCE:

- Comparison of disputed/questioned handwriting/signatures with specimen/known/admitted handwriting/signatures
- Corporate Frauds, Anonymous letters, Disguised Writings, Suspect identification
- Comprehensive Document Examination - relative age of ink, paper and binding by non-destructive methods for overall genuineness/naturalness and addition/alteration to test purported origin/contentions of parties

Thanks and regards

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