

**Curriculum Vitae:****Elisabeth Briggs MNatSc (Chem) MSc MCSFS**Academic Qualifications

MNatSc (Chem) - 1<sup>st</sup> Class - University of Birmingham (2000)

MSc Forensic Science - University of Strathclyde (2001)

Employment

Present	Self-employed Forensic Document Examiner
2008 – 2019	Key Forensic Services Ltd - Forensic Document Examiner
2005 – 2008	Document Evidence Ltd - Forensic Document Examiner
2003 – 2005	Grampian Police Forensic Science Laboratory – Forensic Document Examiner
2001 – 2003	HFL Ltd (Horseracing Forensic Laboratory) – Screening Scientist

Career Summary

I have over 15 years' experience as a Forensic Document Examiner, moving from Aberdeen to work at Document Evidence Ltd in Birmingham, which was acquired by Key Forensic Services Ltd in 2008, before becoming a self-employed expert consultant.

I have completed training courses in 'Excellence in Report Writing', 'Witness Familiarisation' and 'Cross Examination' organised by Bond Solon.

I have examined in excess of 1000 cases from private and corporate instructions, civil and criminal matters as instructed by legal advisors, including cases where I have acted as a 'Single Joint Expert', government departments and direct instruction from various UK Police forces. I have also provided evidence for enquiries into media personalities and politicians, including a recent governmental inquiry in Malta.

I have given expert evidence at court on many occasions, attending both magistrates and crown courts all over the UK; I have also given evidence at employment tribunals and civil hearings.

I have provided training in relation to the use and interpretation of Electrostatic Detection Apparatus (ESDA – a tool utilised by document examiners to assist in detecting writing indentations on paper) on several occasions, including a bespoke course for the Guardia Civil in Madrid, Spain. I have also acted as trainer and mentor to several newly recruited document examiners during their own postgraduate training.

I appeared on the BBC television programme 'Fake Britain' (season 5 episode 7) as an expert witness, demonstrating the methodology used in a case involving a forged will that was examined by me and subsequently featured in the programme.

Professional Membership

I am a Member of the Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences.

Until it was disbanded in 2009, I was registered as an expert with the CRFP (Council for the Registration of Forensic Practitioners), an independent regulatory body to promote public confidence in forensic practice in the UK. This organisation was set up to ensure the competency of all police and forensic experts.