



Fast-Tracking a Forensic Handwriting Expert

When a valued client faced a rapidly approaching deadline in a high-stakes medical malpractice matter, they turned to the IMS custom expert witness services team for urgent support.

The Case Challenge

This litigation centered on a patient who underwent what was expected to be routine nerve decompression surgery, but who was instead left with irreversible nerve damage that ultimately prevented her from returning to work as a physician. Several documents in the medical record appeared to contain her signature, yet the client had no recollection of ever signing them. Because the authenticity of those signatures became a pivotal issue in the case, the client needed to quickly determine whether forgery was possible.

With deadlines approaching, they required a highly skilled forensic handwriting expert capable of conducting a thorough analysis of necessary documentation and delivering a defensible expert report within one week of the request.

The Expert Solution

We immediately launched an accelerated expert search to meet the client's urgent needs. Our research team drew on both external market sources and our national network of forensic document examiners to identify candidates with deep experience in handwriting authentication, signature verification, and questioned document analysis. That same day, we found eight potential candidates with the necessary qualifications, each of whom was rapidly yet thoroughly vetted by our recruitment team for conflicts of interest, expertise, and prior litigation work.

Through our streamlined, high-touch process, we were able to present an available, uniquely qualified expert to counsel within less than 24 hours. The result was a seamless match achieved under extraordinary time constraints, ensuring the client had the credible expertise needed to inform critical decisions.

The selected expert holds a Master of Forensic Sciences degree and is a Certified Forensic Document Examiner through the American Board of Forensic Document Examiners (ABFDE), maintaining certification for more than two decades. Over the course of her career, she has participated in extensive continuing education, contributed to scholarly publications, and remained active in leading professional organizations, including serving on the ABFDE Board of Directors. Deep government background, impeccable credentials, and a long track record of courtroom-tested expertise made her the perfect fit for this complex dispute.

The Outcome

The expert successfully drafted a high-quality report despite the compressed timeline, which ultimately contributed to a successful settlement for our client. The quick action by IMS and the expert prevented delays that could have jeopardized upcoming filings, ensuring the case advanced without interruption.

The IMS Expert Witness Advantage: Precision, Speed, and Reliability

This matter highlights how IMS's custom expert sourcing model delivers exceptional value in cases requiring prompt turnaround and highly specialized expertise. By rapidly identifying and securing a qualified forensic handwriting examiner, our client met an accelerated deadline without compromising on the quality or credibility of the expert analysis.

Our team's ability to conduct targeted searches, rigorously vet candidates, and coordinate seamless engagements across every sector and dispute type ensures clients receive the right expertise, exactly when it matters most. Rely on IMS to provide the depth of resources and dedicated support you need to move forward confidently.

IMS knows the subject matter authorities across every industry and discipline. No matter your specific needs, IMS will locate and deliver the [best-aligned expert witness](#).

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