

Approved by Director: Dr. Guy Vallaro

Purpose:

To identify or eliminate, if possible, that a particular [Known] writer authored the handwriting or handprinting appearing on a particular Questioned document.

To establish or eliminate, if possible, that the handwriting or handprinting appearing on two or more documents share common authorship

A. Responsibility: Assigned section staff

B. Procedure:

1. Materials:

Disputed (Questioned) and Known writings

Optical enhancement devices as deemed necessary

Appropriate documentation equipment (Digital camera, Scanner, Photocopier)

2. Method

“Side by Side” inter-comparison examination to identify a sufficient quantity of class and individual handwriting and/or hand printing characteristics in both the disputed and known writings to render opinions ranging from identification to elimination, if possible, an individual as being the author of a disputed handwriting or hand printing.

Side by Side” inter-comparison examination to identify a sufficient quantity of class and individual handwriting and/or hand printing characteristics in both the disputed and known writings to render opinions ranging from identification to elimination, if possible, common authorship of two or more writings.

C. Sources of Error: Not applicable

D. References: See Bibliography/Reference Materials Section.