

LOUISE FLOATE

FORENSIC CONSULTANT: HANDWRITING & SIGNATURES

SPECIALISMS

- Handwriting and Signature Comparisons
- Document Analysis
- Tachograph Route Tracing

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CAREER OVERVIEW

Louise Floate joined Keith Borer Consultants in January 2018. She previously worked at the Huntingdon laboratory of the Forensic Science Service (FSS), where she had been a scientist for over 25 years, and also in private practice.

EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE

Mrs Floate has specialised in the field of handwriting and document examination since 1992 (in both criminal and civil matters). She is frequently instructed to carry out original work as well as critically appraising work previously carried out by other experts.

Typical cases involve:

- The comparison of questioned handwriting (on documents such as ‘dealer’s lists’, letters, application forms, invoices and receipts) with specimen handwriting to determine authorship.
- The examination of disputed signatures (on documents such as Wills, Vehicle related forms, passport applications, mortgage and loan applications) to determine authorship.
- The examination of documents for evidence of indented impressions, alterations and forgery.

Mrs Floate has also undertaken training in digital tachograph analysis.

Mrs Floate has regularly produced reports and has acted as a single joint expert. She has attended court on many occasions to advise counsel and has given expert evidence in Youth, Magistrates’, and Crown Courts throughout England and Wales including the Royal Courts of Justice and the Old Bailey.

As a member of the consultancy, Mrs Floate is also responsible for checking critical findings of other scientists in cases involving handwriting/signature comparisons, document examination and tachograph route trace analysis and for the peer review of other scientists’ reports.

Mrs Floate achieved a Grade 1 in the Institute of Biology Graduate Examination (now the Royal Society of Biology).