



# KAREN CARAMIELLO

## FORENSIC CONSULTANT: HANDWRITING & SIGNATURES

### SPECIALISMS

- ★ Handwriting and Signature Comparisons
- ★ Document Analysis

### QUALIFICATIONS

- 📖 BSc(Hons) Zoology and Biochemistry, University of Nottingham, 1989
- 📖 MSc Forensic Science, King's College London, 1990

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### CAREER OVERVIEW

Karen Caramiello joined Keith Borer Consultants in January 2020. She previously worked at the Metropolitan and Huntingdon laboratories of the Forensic Science Service (FSS), where she had been a scientist for over 18 years.

### EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE

Ms Caramiello has specialised in the field of Handwriting and Signature Comparisons and Document Examinations since 1993 (in both criminal and civil matters). Ms Caramiello is frequently instructed to carry out original work, as well as critically appraising work previously carried out by other experts. Since joining Keith Borer Consultants, she has reported or peer reviewed numerous such cases.

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.

Ms Caramiello has regularly produced reports and attended court on cases in all the above disciplines. 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 Old Bailey.

Ms Caramiello has acted as a single joint expert on many occasions. As a member of the consultancy, Ms Caramiello is also responsible for the peer review of other scientists' reports where detailed comparison of visual details is critical. This includes peer review of reports involving fingerprint evidence.

Keith Borer Consultants operates a Continuous Professional Development Scheme for all staff. Within this scheme, Ms Caramiello undertakes regular training and development including attending conferences and relevant training courses.