

A Document Examiners' Digital Training Program

This separate program will be presented by Charla Janney, of Charla Janney & Associates, and Dick McEvoy, of Forensic Imaging, Inc. It will be given on the 26th of August, 2008, before the full conference begins. The course will have a registration fee of \$150.00 US. Class size will be limited to 14 people. Please tell us what two things you feel you would like to have explained in class. Please contact Charla Janney at: cjanney@sprintmail.com to register.

This seven hour program will cover specifics about the work that lends true professionalism to document examination – exhibiting and demonstrating the visual evidence. It will consist of both lecture and practical exercises.

First, the course will cover the use of imaging protocols. Protocols make for scientific method and guide the examination. Additionally, written protocols assist a client to understand what must be done to both examine and present one's findings in court.

Next, the best and simplest methods to use to capture the digital images for the protocols developed will be addressed. This will cover concepts of camera use as well as the use of scanners.

Finally, the use of image editing and presentation methods will be addressed. Photoshop techniques that can be commonly used to enhance images will be shown and used by all. Methodology for inclusion in written reports, or grand court exhibits will be shown and done by those attending.

These are only some of the areas in Photoshop to be taught and used in the class:

- File format choices
- Sizing images up, or down
- Scaling an image to exact size
- Gaining exact measurements of distance and angle from the images
- Using layers to advantage to build the exhibit
- Using image transparency to advantage
- Color, contrast and density correction techniques
- Easy, and quick, methods of background removal
- Line-out methods for drawing attention to details in an exhibit
- Text use in Photoshop
- Proper copying and pasting to an exhibit
- Sizing images and documents for proper use in email, written documents, PowerPoint and large exhibits, etc.

Both written and CD handouts will be given. If you plan to take part in the practical exercises, a laptop with a recent Photoshop program will be needed. Printers will be available in class for output of work performed.