



Curriculum Vitae – Kate Barr

Kate Barr has been a forensic document examiner and handwriting expert since 1992. She was originally employed in the Questioned Documents Section of the Metropolitan Police Forensic Science Laboratory. After undertaking a two year training course in all aspects of forensic document examination, Kate was responsible for reporting cases and giving evidence in court on a regular basis.

The MPFSL was taken over by the Forensic Science Service in 1996 and Kate left in 1999 to join Document Evidence Limited (one of the first private companies in the UK undertaking forensic work for the police) where she became a director of the company. In addition to acting for the prosecution, Kate acted on a regular basis for the defence in criminal proceedings, and also undertook civil and private work for a wide variety of clients.

In 2008, Document Evidence was sold to Key Forensic Services where Kate continued in her role as a forensic expert. In addition to reporting cases, Kate undertook lecturing and training on Forensic Document Examination to Police Forces, Financial Institutions, Local Authorities, NHS Counter Fraud Services, the Passport Agency, University staff, election officials and UK Forensic Scientists. She was also the lead on the department gaining accreditation to ISO17025.

Kate left Key Forensic Services at the end of October 2018 to set up Cosslett and Barr Limited where she is a director and continues in the role of a forensic expert.

Kate has given evidence three times at the International War Crimes Tribunal (ICTY) in The Hague in relation to the Srebrenica Massacre, leading to the convictions of a number of individuals, including the first two convictions for genocide. She has also worked for the International Criminal Court in The Hague and the Dubai International Financial Centre.

Kate has had a number of media appearances: Newsnight (December 2007); See You In Court (April 2011); Radio 4's Fry's English Delight (January 2017) and Murder Mystery and My Family (March 2019).

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