

## *Patricia J. Hale*

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Education. Training and Background:

**July 2021 to present:** Owner of Forensic Forgery Experts, Expert Document Examiner and Handwriting Expert.

**March 4, 2017 to present:** Staff Expert with Curt Baggett, who is a Leading Handwriting Expert in the USA. Over 1,500 cases examined, and opinion presented. Prepared and attended over 100 legal cases for Depositions and Court Testimony (see Court Case Summary).

**April 1, 2020:** Webinar Training with Experts.com. Subject: 7 Things an Expert Witness Must Know for Deposition & Trial. Trainer & Co-host: Trial lawyer, Mitch Jackson, taught the 7 items he wishes all expert witnesses knew before deposition and trial. Mitch Jackson, Esq., is a senior partner at Jackson & Wilson Trial Lawyers, in Orange County, California. Mitch Jackson earned the award of 2013 California Lawyer of the Year.

**June 6-8, 2018:** Instructor via written presentation at the 18<sup>th</sup> Wroclaw Symposium of Questioned Document Examination at University of Wroclaw in Poland June 6-8, 2018.

**March 4, 2015 thru March 4, 2017:** Intense 2-year training / Apprenticeship hands on cases with the Leading Document Examiner and Handwriting Expert in the U.S.A., Curt Baggett. Completion of 2-year course with Certificate of Excellence.

**2016:** Attended Handwriting University International Handwriting Conference in Las Vegas, NV (Sept.). This was a 3 day weekend with Leading Expert Speakers from the U.S. and India.

**July 2011 - December 2014:** Legal Assistant and Paralegal work for Attorney David M. Lynch in Euclid, Ohio.

**2014:** Candidate for Trumbull County Commissioner in Ohio. Extensive Speaking Events in County.

**2012:** Candidate for Ohio House Representative in District 63, Ohio. Extensive Speaking Events in District.

**2011 – 2012:** The Ohio Project's NE Ohio District Coordinator. Grassroots effort that amended the State of Ohio Constitution to protect Citizens' right to opt out of Mandated Health Care with no fines or penalties. Worked with 18 NE Ohio County Coordinators. Phone conferences with State Coordinator, Legal Coordinator, 4 additional OH District Coordinators (SE, NW, SW & Central).

**2005 - 2013:** Owner and Instructor/Teacher of Private Piano Studio. Managed student participation in Recitals, Ohio Federation of Music Clubs Festival, Competitions.

**2002 - 2015:** OFMC Chair (Director) for Annual Festival at Youngstown State University. Over 100 students participating in over 300 events.

**April 1996 to 2004:** Market America Unfranchise Business Owner, reaching the level of Supervising Coordinator within 3 years. Certified Executive Coordinator Trainer, New Distributor Trainer, Basic 5 Trainer, Speaker at Local Seminars and Regional Convention in Cincinnati, OH.

**1975:** Attended Associated Airline Travel Agency School – Graduated Scholastically Highest in Class

**1975:** Earned Private Pilot License (Single Engine Land)

**1975:** Graduate, McDonald High School with the Highest number of Credits in the field of College Prep

**1975:** President of G.A.A. (Girl's Athletic Association) at McDonald High School

**1968 to 1975:** High School Pianist and Accompanist. Orchestra, Marching Band Squad Leader, Concert Band, Pep Band, Solo and Ensemble Contests  
Sports: Softball (both slow and fast pitch team leagues), Volleyball, Track, Synchronized Swim Team 4 yrs.

**Personal Background:** Steelworker (welder for 6 years), Business Owner, Advocate for Children and Justice, Sunday School Teacher, Mother of Three Children – Two who served in the USAF Reserves.

#### **Court Case SUMMARY**

I have been qualified or appointed and/or accepted by a State or by the Court as an Expert and/or have testified in trial or by deposition or made an appearance from August 2022 through July 2023

in the following cases and/or cities.

- August 10, 2022 In the Twentieth Judicial Circuit of Virginia, Fauquier County Circuit Court, North Courtroom, Warrenton, VA / Case No. CL20-437 / Judge Dennis L. Hupp / Court PH: 540-422-8100 / Driton Sadiku V. Melanie N. Sadiku / Atty. for Defendant: John C. Whitbeck Jr. / **Patricia J. Hale Approved as Expert by Court & Testified via Zoom for Defendant** / Judge Dennis Hupp agrees with Handwriting Expert, Patricia Hale and rules a forgery, exactly as Expert Hale testified. Melanie Sadiku wins.
- September 13, 2022 In the Seventh District Court in Emery County, Castle Dale, UT 84513 Judge Harmond / In the Estate of Margaret Doris Jones Atty. M'Kay Driggs, Rogers & Russell Legal Solutions for Plaintiff **Patricia J. Hale Approved and Testified as Expert by Court via zoom.**
- September 23, 2022 In the Court of Common Pleas Criminal Division Summit County, OH Case No. CR 2020-01-0316 / Judge Baker Ross State of Ohio, Plaintiff VS. Dustin C. Austin, Defendant Atty. Charles Quinn for Defendant **Patricia J. Hale Testified as Expert in Court remotely via zoom.**
- March 30, 2023 In the Superior Court of the State of Arizona, County of Navajo Judge Jon H. Saline / Case No. DO2020-00202 / Court PH: 928-532-4529 Atty. Eduardo Coronado for Petitioner, Loree Donovan **Patricia J. Hale Testified as Expert in Court remotely via phone**
- June 30, 2023 In the General Court of Justice, Superior Court Division, Gaston County, North Carolina / FILE NO. 22-CVS-1116 / Andres Hernandez Jaimes, Petitioner VS. Debbie Elaine Jaimes (Stewart), Defendant / Atty. Garland for Defendant **Video DEPOSITION of Patricia J. Hale taken over zoom for Trial**