

# 101 Workshop Series: FORENSIC DOCUMENT & HANDWRITING EXAMINATION

Wednesday, 6 June 2007, 5.15pm to 7.30pm



## **About this Seminar**

Whether you practice civil or criminal law, you will come across instances where there is a need to examine documents or handwriting more closely. Uses of forensic document and handwriting examination include:

- Comparative examination of disputed and undisputed signatures and handwriting
- Determining the sequence in which files or notes have been prepared;
- 3. Determining the sources of anonymous letters or notes
- Detection of unauthorised or fraudulent alterations of documents, including page substitutions
- Restoration of erased, leached, faded, obscured or obliterated entries on documents
- 6. Determining the relative date on which entries are written
- 7. Visualisation and sequencing of latent handwriting impressions
- 8. Examination of typewritten and computer-generated documents
- 9. Chemical analysis of inks and papers
- 10. Forensic computer examination

Join us for this introductory session which discusses the following issues:

- 1. the scope of the field of forensic document examination:
- how to recognise and preserve the evidential potential of a document; and
- 3. the role of the forensic document examiner in court.

Programme Outline

5.15-5.30pm

5.30-7.15pm

7.15-7.30pm

Registration & Refreshments

Talk

O&A / Discussion

## **About the Series**

Our 101 Workshops provide basic & practical knowledge of the industry or business related to areas of practice, conducted by eminent industry experts. The Series aims to equip legal professionals to better serve their client's needs through a clearer understanding of their industry and business.

### About the Speaker

# Mr Paul Westwood – Principal Forensic Examiner, Forensic Document Services Pty Ltd

Paul is a former Director of the Document Examination Laboratories of the Australian Federal Police and the Australian Department of Immigration. He has established private document laboratories in Canberra and Sydney and has field equipment located in Hong Kong and Singapore.

Paul holds the degree of Bachelor of Laws and a Diploma in Document Examination from the Forensic Science Society of the United Kingdom. He has worked extensively for government departments, banking and financial institutions and law firms throughout Australia and overseas.

Paul was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in 1982 for services in the field of document examination whilst a member of the Australian Federal Police. He was also awarded the National Medal in 1984 in respect of police service. He is also a corresponding member of the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners. Paul has extensive court experience throughout Australia and overseas spanning a period in excess of thirty years.

