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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Applied Forensics cited in the Top Verdicts in NY for 2009
- Would you be interested in attending our complimentary Forensic Forum Breakfast Series being planned for New York, Boston and Washington D.C.? Visit our website for details and sign up.

All of our Document Examiners are certified by the ABFDE (www.abfde.org)

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Applied Forensics featured on A&E

Applied Forensics Staff Examiner Laura Hammond was interviewed about the field of forensic document examinations for A&E's television series "Forensic Investigations" on Nov. 19.

Hammond answered questions about a number of topics in the forensic science field including common types of document fraud or forgery, court procedures, the difference between TV police dramas and reality and the qualifications one would need to become a document examiner.

In addition to the interview



Hammond discussed handwriting analysis on the Nov. 19 show

Hammond also demonstrated how to use an electrostatic detection apparatus to decipher indentations and the relative ease of cutting and past-

ing a signature into a document. For this very reason, it is important to examine original documents if available.

The A&E TV program will be airing internationally in Australia and New Zealand and will be available online.

New office opened in Connecticut

Applied Forensics has opened an office in the Hartford, Connecticut area to better serve our growing number of customers in the New England area. This new office, located in Farmington, Connecticut, will serve all areas of the state and will be staffed by our full staff of highly

qualified examiners and analysts.

Applied Forensics is a 21st century Forensic Laboratory specializing in expert examination of handwriting, signatures, altered documents, anonymous letters, forgery and analysis of many other disputed or questioned docu-

ments.

Our new office is located at 406 Farmington Avenue, Farmington, Connecticut.

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New program leads way in computer handwriting analysis

A new computer program is giving more credibility to handwritten documents and their use in court, according to ABC News.

Computer Scientist Sargur Srihari and several colleagues at the University of Buffalo have developed software that can read two documents

and determine whether they were written by the same person, or two different people.

Srihari and his team gathered handwriting samples from over 1,500 people across the country and came up with 11 common features that characterize the structure of writing.

The program has a 96 per-

cent accuracy rate with a full page of handwriting and an 80 percent accuracy rate with a few handwritten words.

Srihari's program is garnering attention in the legal world. On April 29th, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania allowed expert testimony from Srihari to be used as evidence in a case.

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Staff examiner interviewed for A&E TV program— story inside

