Dear Lawrence,

As you know, Maureen Ward-Gandy’s 1992 report, reviewed for you in 1994, which you shared with me, "Elizabethan Era Writing Comparison for Identification of Common Authorship" (in which she concluded that it was highly probable that the handwriting in the Shakespeare play fragment analog to The First Part of Henry the Fourth was Francis Bacon’s handwriting), was published for the first time in my book, Francis Bacon’s Hidden Hand in Shakespeare’s The Merchant of Venice (New York: Algora Publishing, 2018), pp. 247-274). Sadly, as you are also aware, this fine lady passed away in 2019.

In an email to me of July 29, 2018, just before my book was due to be released, Maureen provided to me documents, asking that I update her credentials for her 1992 report. These consisted of her "Professional Profile" (1986-2006), ten letters of recommendation, and three additional pages, providing images of her updated certificates of achievement, laboratory apparatus, and a list of her conference presentations (1980–2006). As a forensic examiner highly regarded professionally both in the U.S. and in the U.K., she was entitled to have her accomplishments fully recognized. Unfortunately, it was too late in the publication process for these documents to be included in the book. There were also a few minor changes she had wished us to make, had there been time: on pages: 268, “assumed and doubted” for “known” (the most significant change); 250, “cursory” for “cursive”; 261, “ever” for “every”; 269, “likelihood” for “likelihood; and, 268-269, deletion of the heading “Conclusive Evidence.”

As a forensic examiner, Maureen Ward-Gandy was at the top of her profession. In numerous (unpublished, as far as I know) letters of recommendation, she received high praise for her work. For example, in his 1994 letter of recommendation, Dr. Robert L. O’Block, Executive Director and Fellow of the American Board of Forensic Examiners, wrote that Maureen Ward-Gandy was: “one of the founding members of the ABFE.” She was “not only our first international member, but ... also the very first member to be elected to Fellow status.” She had “achieved every honor and distinction of our organization ... As a result of her lifetime achievement to the field of forensic examination she was awarded the highest prize of the American Board of Forensic Examiners, the 1994 International Award of Excellence for her outstanding performance in her profession of document examination ... In short, Maureen Ward-Gandy is the highest decorated member of the American Board of Forensic Examiners.” (Dr. Robert L. O’Block, To Whom It May Concern, August 16, 1994).

The U. K.’s Sir Michael Davies, “Renowned High Court Judge and EWI [Expert Witness Institute] Chairman,” wrote of Ms. Ward-Gandy who was a Founding Member of the EWI, that she deserved “the high status in her profession which she has achieved and which I am certain she will retain.” (Sir Michael Davies, To Whom It May Concern, 17 December 2001). In the U.S., in 1998, Maureen had attained the highest level of achievement within the National Association of Document Examiners, Inc. (“NADE”). In 2003, NADE named her “Document Examiner of the Year” for her “valuable contributions to the field of Forensic Document Examination and to NADE.” (Katherine Mainolfi Koppenhaver, CDE, Diplomate & President of NADE, To Whom It May Concern, August 25, 2003).

Since it was Maureen’s wish to update her 1992 report by providing updated credentials, I am now forwarding these documents to you, asking you to help me to appropriately honor her achievements.

Sincerely, Christina G. Waldman

Christina G. Waldman (sending 14 pages of attachments)
Re: Maureen Ward-Gandy B.Ed CDE BCFE

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter of recommendation for Maureen Ward-Gandy, a professional member of the American Board of Forensic Examiners. Ms. Ward-Gandy was one of the founding members of the ABFE and was not only our first international member, but was also the very first member to be elected to Fellow status.

Ms. Ward-Gandy has achieved every honor and distinction of our organization. She has by peer review been Board Certified in Forensic Document Examination, Board Certified in Behavioral Profiling and achieved the Diplomate status as a Board Certified Forensic Examiner. She also serves as the ABFE international representative to Europe.

Ms. Ward-Gandy was present in the United States at The National Academy of Forensic Examiners from August 3-7th, 1994 where she presented the findings of her research paper, The British Forensic Examiner. As a result of her lifetime achievement to the field of forensic examination she was awarded the highest prize of the American Board of Forensic Examiners, the 1994 International Award of Excellence for her outstanding performance in her profession of document examination.

I have also had occasion to visit Ms. Ward-Gandy's office outside of London where I reviewed her work and examined her laboratory equipment. I was very impressed to find that the caliber of her work and her equipment is on the same high level with the top American independent document examiners.

In short, Maureen Ward-Gandy is the highest decorated member of the American Board of Forensic Examiners. I have no hesitation in recommending her for any assignment within her specialty field. If you have any questions feel free to contact me by phone, fax or mail. Thank you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Dr. Robert L. O’Block
Executive Director and Fellow
American Board of Forensic Examiners
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

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re: Mrs Maureen Ward-Gandy BED CDE BCFE

Mrs Ward-Gandy was a Founding Member of the Expert Witness Institute of which I was the Founding Chairman. She has been a great supporter of the Institute and during the last five years I have had many opportunities to review and assess her work as a leading expert in document examination. I have read reports which she has prepared and studied cases in which she has given evidence. I have observed her active participation in Conferences and Seminars, particularly the very successful Meeting of the National Association of Document Examiners of America held at Crawley in May 2001 - the first time outside the United States - of which she was the British organiser, and at which I was a speaker. Then and on other occasions I have discussed her work with lawyers and experts, both British and American, and seen testimonials to her qualities. Everyone concerned has expressed the same high opinion as I have formed of her ability, learning, integrity and reliability.

I regret that I never had the opportunity to preside at a trial in which Mrs Ward-Gandy gave oral evidence. Had I done so, I feel sure that I would have found her to be an impressive witness.

Mrs Ward-Gandy deserves the high status in her profession which she has achieved and which I am certain she will retain.

This testimonial was not solicited directly or indirectly by Mrs Ward-Gandy or anyone on her behalf.

Sir Michael Davies

(formerly the Hon Mr Justice Michael Davies - High Court of Justice, Queen's Bench Division 1973 - 1997.)
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: (Maureen Ward-Gandy B Ed CDE BCFE)

The National Association of Document Examiners (NADE) was founded in 1979 to promote the interests of Forensic Document Examiners.

At present NADE has 130 members throughout the United States of America and in several other English-speaking countries. Of these, 47 are certified members to date. All certified members have taken formal written and oral examinations (in mock court trials) after meeting other stringent requirements and submitting verified, detailed information on their backgrounds. Maureen Ward-Gandy met these requirements and has successfully undergone examinations to be certified ‘CDE’ (Certified Document Examiner) by NADE.

NADE was established to assist Document Examiners through training and updating of relevant information. NADE publishes a Journal thrice annually, a Newsletter bi-monthly and maintains a lending library. NADE has a Mentor System and a daily ‘on-line’ Forum.

Annual conferences are held by NADE throughout the USA: Michael & Maureen Ward-Gandy have attended most of our conferences. Mrs Ward-Gandy presented her papers at our 1992 San Francisco Conference; 1996 Las Vegas Conference, 1998 New Orleans Conference the 2000 Albuquerque Conference & this year’s 2003 Conference held again in New Orleans.

NADE’s 21st Conference, 2001 was our first overseas venture: It occurred in Crawley, UK and was hosted by Michael & Maureen Ward-Gandy who presented a most outstanding event.

In New Orleans, 1998, Mrs Ward-Gandy was promoted to ‘Diplomate’ which is NADE’s highest level of achievement: At that time only NADE’s two Founders and the President were Diplomates; Mrs Ward-Gandy was the fourth & only foreign member to receive this honour.

Finally, Maureen Ward-Gandy was awarded ‘Document Examiner of the Year’ in 2003, for her valuable contributions to the field of Forensic Document Examination and to NADE.

Sincerely,

Katherine Mainolfi Koppenhaver, CDE
Diplomate & President of NADE
19 August 2004

Our Ref: MAK/0830/sh
Your Ref: 

Dear Sirs,

MAUREEN WARD-GANDY

We write to confirm that we have recently instructed Mrs Ward-Gandy on a joint basis to prepare an expert’s report for use in Employment Tribunal proceedings.

Mrs Ward-Gandy promptly dealt with the instructions in an efficient manner and her report was comprehensive and dealt with all issues covered in the instructions.

We would be happy to instruct her on similar matters in the future.

Yours faithfully

Freeth Cartwright LLP
Mr James Badenoch QC  
The Expert Witness Institute  
7 Warwick Court  
London  
WC1R 5DJ  

Dear Mr Badenoch  

Re: R v Phillip McGarry  
Instruction of Mrs Maureen Ward-Gandy  

We write regarding our instruction of Mrs Ward-Gandy in relation to our client’s matter and write this letter to appraise her services.  

We have instructed many experts in the past, but Mrs Ward-Gandy has been one of the most courteous and professional experts that we have instructed. The entire process from instruction to conclusion was made extremely simple by her flexibility and willingness to maintain an open communication channel. Her work was extremely thorough and was sufficient to cast doubt on the prosecution case and we would certainly be seeking her services in the future.  

In conclusion, Mrs Ward-Gandy is an asset to your institute and we wish her well for the future.  

Yours sincerely  

Oliver D’sa Solicitors
Dear Mr Badenoch

Re: Mrs Maureen Ward–Gandy – Forensic Handwriting Expert

I write in respect of your above named expert who I have recently had cause to instruct in respect of a criminal prosecution brought by the Health and Safety Executive.

The essence of the HSE case was that my client had undertaken dangerous gas work for which he had provided a written gas safety certificate. The authorship of this document had always been disputed.

Mrs Ward–Gandy was instructed to consider the handwritten detail of the original certificate in conjunction with handwriting samples from both my client and a number of prosecution witnesses. Unfortunately, there were difficulties in obtaining the prosecution witness samples and Mrs Ward–Gandy proactively assisted in obtaining the same.

The result was a thorough, and entirely professional, report which exonerated my client and which greatly assisted the negotiation of an agreeable disposal with the representatives acting on behalf of the Health and Safety Executive.

At all times I received an exceptional level of service from Mrs Ward–Gandy and found her professionalism and enthusiasm most encouraging.

I have no hesitation in commending Mrs Ward–Gandy’s exceptional expertise as well as her balanced and considered approach to this subject area.

Yours sincerely

DALE BROWNLESS
For and on behalf of Sills & Betteridge LLP
dbrowness@sillslegal.co.uk
Your Ref: 0269151
Our Ref: MIE/LB/45460
Date: 5th October 2011

Mr. J. Badenoch
Expert Witness Institute
7 Warwick Court
London
WC1R 5DJ

Dear Sir,

Re: Mrs Ward-Gandy

I am writing to provide feedback in relation to instructions provided to one of your Members, Mrs Ward-Gandy.

Mrs Ward-Gandy was instructed in connection with a handwriting dispute that I was dealing with on behalf of my Client.

She accepted instructions on a relatively short notice basis which was unavoidable because the Defendant was a litigant in person and unfortunately was particularly slow in providing samples of his handwriting.

Mrs Ward-Gandy however “pulled out all the stops” to prepare her Report. She offered much guidance in relation to her requirements for the task and was most helpful and thorough.

She compiled a detailed Report in a short space of time and I was very impressed with her professionalism, knowledge and the thoroughness of the tests that she undertook on the samples.

I would have no hesitation whatsoever in using her services again in relation to a handwriting dispute nor indeed recommending her as an Expert Witness.

Yours sincerely,

Mark J Edwards

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22 February 2012

Mr James Badenoch QC
7 Warwick Court
London
WC1R 5DJ

Contact: Ben Lawson
Email: Ben.Lawson@housingaid.org.uk

Dear Mr Badenoch QC

Re: Maureen Ward-Gandy

I am writing to express my appreciation for the services provided by Maureen Ward Gandy whom we instructed for the first time towards the end of 2011.

As we had not instructed a forensic handwriting expert previously we were unsure of what information would be required and I consider myself extremely lucky to have instructed such a knowledgeable expert who was happy to provide assistance and advice regarding which information would best allow her to complete a report.

Maureen’s assistance and efforts have been greatly appreciated and the report completed was not only informative and easy to understand for all parties, but extremely well presented. The report produced was completed and provided in a short space of time and Maureen was always available to provide an update on the progress of report which was very useful to ensure the smooth running of the litigation in question.

The clarity of the report produced has assisted us in narrowing the significant issues in the case thus enabling the litigation to settle early and as such, we offer our sincerest thanks.

We had not instructed Maureen before but on account of the exceptional service we received, I am sure that we would have no hesitation of doing so again.

It was a real pleasure working with Maureen and one which I hope my work will lead to again. Maureen’s work and assistance provided during our dealings has shown, was a credit to her industry

Yours sincerely

Ben Lawson
Solicitor
On behalf of DHA
Dear Rt. Hon. Sir Anthony Hooper,

I wanted to write to you and inform you that I recently asked Mrs Maureen Ward-Gandy to analyse and report on a CTG (Cardiotocograph - used to assess the fetal well being). I found the service Mrs Ward-Gandy provided was exemplary; she communicated regularly with me and ensured that my instructions were followed.

She also ensured that she helped meet my deadline by working extra hours so that the report was ready for me to discuss with a colleague. I found the actual report and analysis very detailed and exceeding any of my expectations.

I would use the services of Mrs Ward-Gandy in the future and would recommend her to other professionals.

Yours sincerely

K Khan
Maternity Matron for QMC
Our Ref: DAC/LGR/110045

Your Ref:

9th November 2017

Lord Kerr of Tonaghmore, President
The Expert Witness Institute
159-161 Temple Chambers
3-7 Temple Avenue
London EC4Y 0DA

Dear Sir

We are writing to let you know that we recently had cause to seek the assistance of a forensic document and handwriting specialist in relation to a disputed will case.

We instructed Maureen Ward-Gandy of 2 Cowdray Close, Pound Hill, Crawley, to examine various documents and report to us.

It was in no small way due to the prompt, detailed and helpful report produced by Ms Ward-Gandy that our client’s case was able to proceed quickly, efficiently and cheaply.

It was a demonstration as to how early intervention by an expert able to produce a comprehensive report can ensure that unnecessary litigation is avoided.

Yours faithfully

Dennis Clarke
email: dac@clarkekiernan.com
CLARKE KIERNAN LLP
PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Qualifications: Mrs Ward-Gandy’s London University Degree in Education, along with her teaching experience, were good foundations for her career change: In 1991 she attained BCPE (Board Certified Document Examiner) of the American College of Forensic Examiners. In 1992 she gained credit in written and oral examinations of NADE (National Association of Document Examiners). After her completion in 1995 of Bond Solon’s Courtroom Skills Training, she attended conferences in the UK and USA to remain updated with general expert innovations and the UK’s Civil and Criminal Procedures [CPR35 & CrPr33].

The Forensic Science group of La Trobe University (Australia) devised tests on the proficiency of Forensic Document Experts internationally: Mrs Ward-Gandy scored 100% in 2002 in their Questioned Signatures section: Every 5 years NADE assesses qualified members’ competence to retain the CDE status. In 2016 Mrs Ward-Gandy attained a distinction for the fifth time.

Membership Awards: In 1994, ACFE elected Mrs Ward-Gandy as the first non-American female Fellow, Diplomate & Overseas Agent and awarded her with their ‘Expert of Excellence’ trophy: When the Expert Witness Institute was inaugurated in 1996, Lord Woolf was founding President, Sir Michael Davies, Chairman and Mrs Ward-Gandy founding member: In 1998 NADE promoted her to Diplomate and named her ‘Document Examiner of the Year’ in 2001. In 2002 EWI elected her a Fellow and in an article in their 2014 Newsletter she was named ‘Expert of the Moment’.

RELEVANT CAREER EXPERIENCE:

1) Teaching UK: Mrs Ward-Gandy’s teaching in UK schools and colleges enhanced her study of handwriting development from start to maturity: Her empirical research into the circumstantial affects on handwriting of children and adults heightened her skill in detecting signs of impaired, disguised or imitated writing and in the multifarious methods of reproducing false documents.

2) Teaching USA: When teaching in Colorado, she helped Denver police solve a graffiti-linked arson case in which she identified the culprit: This led to helping them in forgery, robbery and kidnap cases which inspired her career change - in which she gained appropriate qualifications.

PURSUIT of EXCELLENCE in DOCUMENT IDENTIFICATION

1986-2018: Mrs Ward-Gandy joined UK & US professional bodies to train and qualify in Forensic Examination and Expert Witness disciplines. With fully-equipped practice she was accredited to the International Quality Standard BS EN ISO 9001: Since then she has produced successfully hundreds of reports for the UK and foreign countries and has testified in most levels of the Courts of Law.

After presenting many research papers in USA she hosted NADE’s first Annual Conference in the UK. This week-long conference was honoured by having renowned High Court Judge, Sir Michael Davies, preside as Judge with two UK barristers as Counsel, in a mock trial which is the final of NADE’s formal examinations to attain their qualified status of ‘Certified Document Examiner’ or ‘CDE’.
ACHIEVEMENTS

Maureen Ward-Gandy B Ed CDE BCFE

1. Certificate of Fellowship
   This is to certify that
   Maureen Ward-Gandy
   was admitted as a Fellow of The Society on
   12th September, 1982.

2. Certified Document Examiner
   (Credit Pass Written & Oral Exam)

3. Fellow The American Board Forensic Examiners


5. Fellow The American College Forensic Examiners

6. Diplomate The American College Forensic Examiners

7. Diplomate National Association of Document Examiners

8. Diplomate National Association of Document Examiners
   (US)

9. Chief Liaison Officer of The American College of Forensic Examiners
   & Awarded ACEP's 'Golden Eagle of Excellence' Trophy in USA (1994)

International Network of Forensic Examiners
FORENSIC APPARATUS IN MY LABORATORY:

VIDEO SPECTRAL COMPARATOR

Non-destructive system with ultraviolet, infrared and oblique light source to reveal ink content, pen impressions & obscure script. Has integral printer.

ZOOM STEREO MICROSCOPE SDZ

Magnifies 7-40 magnitude for scrutiny of pen stroke nuances in document authenticity & forgery detection.

Photomicrography

Photomicrographic Accessories

Simple Camera Adapter

This adapter is mounted over one eyepiece tube for binocular SDZ & can be used with a 35 mm camera back.

"DIGISCOPE" (Computer Microscope)

A digital microscope to transfer images to computer. Ideal where expert must travel to examine evidence.
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**SPECIAL MERIT AWARDS FROM VARIOUS PROFESSIONAL BODIES:**

1) September, 1991 - Received ABFE’s Forensic Experts Certificate & ‘Fellowship’ (USA)
2) October, 1993 - Passed both the written & oral formal examination of NADE in (USA)
3) August, 1994 - Received ACFE’s ‘Golden Eagle of International Excellence’ award & Promoted to ‘Diplomate’ & ‘Overseas Agent’ after passing their ‘Ethics’ exams (USA)
4) October, 1998 - Presented with NADE’s ‘Diplomate’ award for competent service
5) May, 1999 - My Practice was awarded quality standard certificate of BS EN ISO 9001
6) September, 2001 - Passed with credit La Trobe’s Proficiency Test in Forgery Detection
7) September, 2002 - Was elected to ‘Fellow’ of the Expert Witness Institute, UK
8) May, 2003 - ‘Document Examiner of Year’ Award @ NADE New Orleans Conference
9) June, 2005 - Selected into ‘International Who’s Who Historical Society of Professionals