

THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF FORENSIC HANDWRITING ANALYSIS AND DOCUMENT EXAMINATION TO THE PSYCHOLOGICAL ANALYSIS OF HANDWRITING

The contributions of graphology and graphopathology to the speciality of forensic handwriting analysis are well known, for example in the case of Anna Permanyer, where we proved that she had been obliged to sign under force and coercion (this year the Supreme Court has confirmed the ruling), but our students also acknowledge the contributions of forensic handwriting analysis and document examination to the psychological analysis of handwriting.

This is the case in the following example: the sample that the SFDG proposed in order to discuss its weak and strong points for use by Human Resources, in a workshop which had been scheduled to take place after the ADEG 2009 meeting in Paris and unfortunately did not happen due to lack of time on the part of the organisers.

This was indeed unfortunate, as we would have very much liked to hear the opinions of the other associations regarding the sample, especially as our students saw right away that it contained alterations (with the aggravating factor that it was a photocopy); strokes had been gone over in certain words, and as a matter of course it should be ruled out as a natural or spontaneous sample.

Here at the UAB we are very pleased to promote the interdisciplinary nature of graphological sciences, so that psychological handwriting analysts can utilise aspects of forensic handwriting analysis and vice versa. For this reason, both specialities form part of the European Master in Handwriting Analysis, the first Masters of its kind in the European Union, with 70 ECTS (European Credits) which are valid in all the Member States.

We will shortly display the sample and amplification of the words, where those that have been altered can be seen.

