

# CV of Kathryn Barr

## Academic Qualifications

MA Natural Sciences (1988) Girton College, Cambridge University  
PhD (1993) University of East Anglia

## Experience

Questioned Document Section, Metropolitan Police Forensic Science Laboratory, 1992-1996

Questioned Document Section, Forensic Science Service, 1996-1999

Document Evidence Limited, Director, 1999-2008

Questioned Document Section, Key Forensic Services, 2008-2018

Cosslett and Barr Limited, Director, 2018

## Court Experience

I am an experienced witness and have given evidence at the Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey), Royal Courts of Justice, Crown Courts, Magistrates Courts, Industrial Tribunals and Police Disciplinary Hearings.

I have given evidence three times at the International War Crimes Tribunal (ICTY) in The Hague in relation to the Srebrenica Massacre, leading to the convictions of a number of individuals, including the first two convictions for genocide. My evidence has been used by the ICTY in the prosecution of Radovan Karadžić. I have also worked for the International Criminal Court in The Hague.

## Other Information

Until its abolition in 2008, I was registered as an expert with the CRFP (Council for the Registration of Forensic Practitioners), an independent regulatory body to promote public confidence in forensic practice in the UK. This organisation was set up to ensure the competency of all police and forensic experts.

I have been involved in lecturing and training on Forensic Document Examination; for example to Police Forces, Financial Institutions, Local Authorities, NHS Counter Fraud Services, the Passport Agency, University staff, election officials and UK Forensic Scientists.

I have appeared on the BBC Newsnight programme in December 2007 and on the BBC programme See You In Court in April 2011. I also discussed the work of a Forensic Handwriting Expert on BBC Radio 4's Fry's English Delight in January 2017.