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Keren Raven is one of the members of WILL, who is not a lawyer: she is an International Legal and forensic Graphologist, expert with all aspects of documents, established at Tel Aviv, Israel. So we really need to be introduced to her!



Keren Raven, WILL's member.

**Keren, will you please tell us what is your professional activity...**

I started studying graphology, psychology, criminology and sociology in Israel. I was so found about graphology that I pursued more studies at "British Academy of Graphology" in London where I was qualified with honour.

**And what your studies of graphology consisted of?**

I managed the London branch of the late international graphologist Hana Koren, where I was exposed to practical working methods in legal and forensic graphology. I also had a master's degree in law which supported my professional decision: I wanted to lead the field of legal graphology in my country, so I came back to Israel. It has been the right decision: not only I lead the field of legal graphology in Israel, but also give lectures at the Bar Association and for judges.

**What kind of services can your office offer to clients?**

My expertise covers a wide range of questions related to authenticity of documents: for instance, I can determine who signed a will, the time of creation of a document, the genuineness of a letter or if a contract is real.

**What makes your business different from others in the same field?**

My professional seriousness: if I'm not sure about the authenticity of a document, I prefer to write anything at all. When I have to testify in Court, I use simple and clear words to explain my conclusions. I think that is makes the difference.

**What tools do you use in your work?**

I examine documents, letters and so on with strong attention, and strong microscopes and lightings, I notice details and subtleties that other experts might overlook. Before signing my opinion, I check it thoroughly ensuring clarity and that there are no loopholes. In doing this, my master's degree in law helps me express strategic ideas behind my conclusions.

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**What makes you proud of your activity?**

My book on legal and forensic graphology and forgery is often cited in judgements and judges quote from my expert opinion when justifying their decisions. Being the first point of contact for lawyers when a document dilemma arises is also a significant achievement for me.

**Where do you see yourself in five years?**

I imagine myself writing expert opinions for international legal processes, arbitrations and courts worldwide. That's one of the reasons I joined WILL: the possibility to know people, legal experts from all the parts of the world is really thrilling for me, a great chance.

Let's thank Keren Raven for this interesting overview on a particular profession of great interest to lawyers. An intelligent and self-confident woman: an example for many women who find it hard to be self-conscious.

*Interview by* **Giulia Perri**