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Ruth Holmes, CDE, is a professional handwriting and document examiner whose forensic and personnel consulting firm, Pentec, Inc., in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, advises individual, legal, and corporate clients in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico.

Ruth is a Certified Document Examiner by the National Association of Document Examiners, Board Certified by the American College of Forensic Examiners, and a certified member of Scientific Association of Forensic Examiners. She is court qualified as an expert in federal, state, and local courts.

Ruth is a national and international speaker, media guest, writer, jury and trial consultant, and forensic examiner. French-speaking, she has handled cases in the Caribbean and Canada where *The Globe & Mail* reported on her investigation on an altered document case involving the former Prime Minister, Jean Chretien. Results were released in the House of Commons in Ottawa. In June 2024, she was part of a media investigation to find a soldier who landed on the beaches of Normandy on D-Day 1944, in the *Mystery of the Talking Dollar Bill*.

Ruth has worked for the Oakland County Sheriff's Department and Prosecutor. Serving as an expert witness, she has testified in major trials including the murder-for-hire of the Lake Orion librarian, an Oak Park policeman, and the 80-year-old woman in Royal Oak. She has appeared in *Time*, *US News & World*, and been reported in *Newsweek* and *USA Today*. For *Dateline/NBC*, she confirmed the suicide note of Curt Cobain and recently, for the *Detroit News*, she profiled of the Underwear Bomber, the Unabomber, and Tim McVeigh. She was recently taped for an episode of *Forensic Files* now running called "Personal Penmanship."

Ruth and Sarah Holmes have traveled the country as jury and trial consultants and speakers on the subject. From 1996 to 1999, they served as trial consultants for the defense team of Dr. Jack Kevorkian. They appear in documentaries, *Right to Exit and Kevorkian*, as well as serving as advisors for *You Don't Know Jack* starring Al Pacino as Dr. Kevorkian.

Ruth, who lived eleven years in Brussels, Belgium and in Abidjan in the Ivory Coast, West Africa, has appeared on CBS News, Discovery, CNBC, Canada AM, Court TV, World News, *Dateline/NBC*, MSNBC Live, NPR, and Michigan Public Radio with handwriting and personnel assessment. In 2005, she was featured in *Signature* magazine published by the *Detroit News*. *2008 Motion* magazine, published by *Detroit Legal News*, featured Pentec.

Former President of the International Women's Forum – Michigan, Ruth was a Women Officials Network 2014 Wonder Woman, a NAWBO 2010 Innovator of the Year, and a Top 10 Women Business Owners. She was listed by *Corp!* magazine among "Michigan's 95 Most Powerful Women" and was named a 2018 Diversity Champion by the Race Relations Task Force.

Ruth is married with two children. Her son, Nick, graduated from UM Law School and is General Counsel at the Whitney Museum in New York City. Her daughter, Sarah earned her Master of Arts in psychology from Boston University, joined Pentec in 1997. She is the third generation of handwriting examiners in this family and lives near Boston.