

Peter V. Tytell

The 2017 Albert S. Osborn Award Recipient

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At the 2017 meeting in San Diego, Peter V. Tytell was awarded the 2017 *Albert S. Osborn Award of Excellence*. He accepted his award graciously via Skype as he was unable to attend the meeting.

The ASO award was created to honor members who have “contributed above what is expected of a Society member....The award shall only be bestowed on persons who have attained exceptional distinction in terms of cumulative activities, such as professional research or literary accomplishments which advance the field of questioned document examination, and outstanding service to the ASQDE over a long period of time, such service resulting in generally recognized and beneficial improvements in the Society.”

Peter Tytell was trained by his parents, Pearl & Martin Tytell. He first darkened a courtroom door in 1971, and has testified many times ever since, both in US and international courts. He has testified in notable cases in Hong Kong, international tribunals, and has been involved in other high-profile cases such as “Celia v. Zuckerberg.” Mr. Tytell was also involved in the CBS case that involved documents pertaining to President George W. Bush in the 2004 U.S. Presidential election. Mr. Tytell’s testimony convinced the investigating board that the documents purporting to be memo’s pertaining to Mr. Bush were not genuine. He has been retained by prosecutors, defense, plaintiff, and civil defense attorneys in thousands of cases.

Mr. Tytell is the last word in Document Examination for any cases involving typewriters or typewritten documents. He has been consulted by many FDEs, often at no charge in such cases. He has always give his time and expertise to anyone who asks. He has maintained reference collections that are second to none,

Mr. Tytell’s expertise is so well known internationally, that at any forensic science conference that involves QD, the mention of only his first name elicits instance recognition. He has constantly promoted and defended QD at every chance that he got. Peter was instrumental in getting the document examination community involved with ASTM. The result was over 20 standards that have assisted the profession during legal challenges. He is still involved in standards development through ASTM, SWGDOC, and now OSAC.

Peter has given many podium presentations at conferences here in the U.S. and internationally. He has also presented several workshops at ASQDE, AAFS, and several regional QD organizations. He has given presentations to college students as part of their academic programs and has mentored several of these students’ thesis research projects.

Peter has served the Society for several years as the Chair of the Research Committee. He has attended every ASQDE meeting since 1973 missing only those held in 1980-82 and 2006. He has made presentations at many of these meetings, and is also a vigorous contributor at the Business Meetings.

He has been a trucker, a carpenter, and in the 1960s lived in San Francisco working as a roadie for the Grateful Dead and Janis Joplin. Peter was present when the Dead first played with two drummers.

We congratulate Peter V. Tytell on being the 2017 recipient of the *Albert S. Osborn Award of Excellence*.

