

Professional Profile

Expert Witness and Consultant – Funeral, Cremation, and Cemetery Related Litigation

- Consults on more than 200 matters to date.
- Substantial Trial Experience, Multi-State.
- Plaintiff and Defense Testimony and Strategy.
- Personally Embalmed More Than 5000 Human Remains.
- Personally Arranged more than 6000 Funeral Services.
- National Board Certified (CFSEB), since 1981.
- Licensed Embalmer & Funeral Director.
- Funeral Home / Mortuary Owner – Operator; 30+ years.
- Past President L.A.C.F.D.A.
- Past Board Member C.F.D.A.; Member Ethics & Professionalism Committee.
- Regional Vice President of Funeral Home Consolidator; Responsible for 13 Locations.
- Regularly Providing Forensic Consults , Since 1993

Professional Experience

Richard T, Callahan

Consultant & Expert Witness 1993-Present

Achievements:

- Successfully assisted both defense and plaintiff counsel in preparation of/for litigation concerning funeral service and related disciplines.
- Have assisted counsel in obtaining both defense and plaintiff verdicts in complex and catastrophic, as well as routine liability matters.
- Majority of new cases are from repeat clients, or from counsel who have been referred by counsel who are pleased with results obtained

Responsibilities:

- Render opinion as to “Standards of Care” for the Funeral Service profession, and allied disciplines, based on information supplied by counsel, and personal experience.
- Apply knowledge of professional methods germane to issues at hand, enabling counsel to formulate strategy.
- Assist counsel in making proper discovery.
- Provide deposition testimony.
- Provide trial testimony.

Stewart Enterprises, New Orleans, LA

Regional Vice President – C.O.O. Western Division 1996-1999

Achievements:

- Upon the sale of my funeral business to this international owner of funeral homes and cemeteries, I provided leadership to newly merged funeral service operations, as officer of parent company. Effectuated well balanced transition of more than a dozen operations, into parent.
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- Introduced uniform arrangement and accounting systems to formerly privately owned concerns.

Responsibilities:

- Administration of budgets for revenue and expense.
- Human Resource development and administration.
- Total operational responsibility for all locations

**Personally Owned Funeral Homes-New Jersey-Pennsylvania & California
1971-2001**

Owner / Supervisor / Manager

Achievements:

- Properly and professionally served public as to funeral needs in each of these states, providing exceptional customer service to those in need, facing difficult and often uninformed choices.
- Built client base in each of these endeavors.
- My wife and I provided excellent service and treated all with respect. No consumer complaints, lawsuits, or disciplinary actions, ever.
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Education

Fairleigh Dickinson University – BS Economics

Catonsville College – Mortuary Science Program -Graduate

References

References are available upon request.