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RICHARD B. HARER C.F.E., C.F.S. C.P.I., C.P.I.I., W.C.C.A.

EXPERIENCE

Specialized Investigations

July 1991 to Present

Vice President

Manage the daily operations of the business with over 70 employees covering three states (CA, AZ, & WA). Areas of expertise include: SIU Investigations, Medical Fraud, Insurance Fraud, Surveillance, Asset Searches, Skip Tracing and Backgrounds checks. Expert in Computer Databases and Public Records; Responsible for implementing and improving operations.

Specialized Investigations

July 1983 to July 1991

Investigator

Handled a wide range of investigative assignments. Specialized in insurance fraud and suspicious claims, background checks, skip tracing, public record searches, asset searches, civil and criminal investigations.

Pinkerton's, Inc.

April 1981 to July 1983

Investigator

Performed a wide range of investigative assignments, including those mentioned above. Also performed undercover assignments. Promoted from special investigator to Grade III investigator in January 1982 and from Grade III to Grade II investigator in September 1982. Also trained newer investigators.

Child Support Enforcement, Department of Social Services State of South Dakota

July 1977 to January 1980

Investigator II

Established and/or enforced child support obligations, investigated paternity cases, welfare fraud, financial backgrounds, and skip tracing. Wrote court referrals for judicial action and represented the State as an expert witness.

EDUCATION

University of South Dakota

May 1977

Bachelor of Science Degree

Obtained Criminal Justice Degree with minors in Political Science and Sociology.

Other Education

Have attended many workshops and seminars on insurance fraud, workers' compensation, assets investigation, and other subjects, accumulating over 1000 hours of advanced certified training; have completed numerous credit courses in Workers' Compensation through the Insurance Educational Association.

SPECIAL SKILLS/TRAINING

- Certified as a Fraud Examiner by the National Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE), membership requires a minimum of 12 years experience and education in fraud-related work, (1993);
- Designated as a Certified Professional Investigator (CPI) by the California Association of Licensed Investigators (CALI);
- Designated as a Certified Professional Insurance Investigator (CPII) by the IRG Training Institute;
- Certified in the California Fair Claims Practices Act Regulations;
- Trained as an independent insurance adjuster and have handled the investigation and negotiations of over one thousand insurance claims ranging from auto accidents, slip and falls, employee theft, personal injury, property losses, construction defect, litigation cases and others.
- Certification in Workers' Compensation Claims Administration (WCCA) by the Insurance Educational Association (IEA);
- Certified Fraud Specialist by the Association of Certified Fraud Specialists (ACFS);
- Private pilot's license (1980);

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Southern California Fraud Investigators Association (SCFIA): Annual Seminar 1994. Spoke on subject of *Public Record Computer Databases*; in 2000, spoke at the annual seminar on the subject of “*Auditing Medical Clinics*” and on the subject of “*Privacy Laws & Their Effect on Insurance Fraud Investigations*” at the one day seminar in June 2002. Spoke on subject of “*Water Damage Fraud Ring: a Case Study*,” at the SCFIA annual seminar in 2003; Spoke on “*Anatomy of a Medical Mill*” at the 2006 annual conference.
- International Association of Special Investigation Units (IASIU): annual seminar in 1999. 3 hour presentation on the subject of “*The Investigative Medical Audit.*” Spoke at the 2006 annual conference on “*The Anatomy of a Medical Mill.*”
- California Workers’ Compensation Defense Attorney’s Association (CWCDAA) meeting and California Applicants’ Attorneys Association (CAAA) Winter Convention on the subject of “*The Anti-Stalking Law*” and “*Legal Issues Surrounding Surveillance.*”
- Combined Claims Conference (CCC) annual conference on the subject of “*Mold Fraud: The Problem is Mushrooming*” in 2004;
- Risk Insurance Management Society (RIMS) annual conference on the subject of “*Fraud Factor: Creating a Culture of Loss Prevention*” in 2004;
- International Association of Hospitality Accountants (Southern California and San Diego Chapters). Spoke on the subject of *Fraud and Internal Controls*.
- American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants of Los Angeles. Spoke on subject of *Occupational Fraud*.
- Have conducted numerous training sessions for insurance claims adjusters, S.I.U. personnel, insurance defense attorneys and others on *Conducting Medical Audits, Insurance Fraud, Workers’ Compensation and Surveillance*;
- Member and Past President of International Toastmasters Club. Given many speeches on various topics and won numerous awards, including Advanced Toastmaster (ATM); has been Master of Ceremonies at numerous events.

- San Diego Insurance Adjusters Association (SDIAA): Spoke at a half day seminar on the subject, "*Anatomy of a Medical Mill*" in 2006; Spoke at a half day seminar on the subject, "*Auto Theft: The New High Tech Crime*" in 2007

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PUBLICATIONS AND VIDEOS

- Wrote handbook on Public Record Computer Databases. A portion was published in the John Cooke Fraud @ort, (Vol 1, No. 4);
- Wrote handbook on Insurance Fraud Indicators distributed to numerous clients and company employees;
- Produced training and marketing videotapes on "Conducting Medical Audits" and "Surveillance."
- Write and produce quarterly newsletter "The Investigative Report" distributed to insurance industry.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Investigation, management and supervision of complex insurance cases and suspected fraud claims. Specialized in all areas of insurance investigations.
- Sub-specialties include medical clinic investigations, analyzing medical records, and identifying medical fraud, illegal treatment, inflated billings, and quality of treatment.
- An expert on public records and public record computer databases. Have researched many database sources and have compiled one of the most comprehensive database systems available through a private investigation firm.
- Highly experienced in assets investigation, surveillance, background checks, and process serving.
- Have investigated many criminal cases ranging from murder to industrial sabotage. One murder case was featured twice on "America's Most Wanted," as well as in numerous newspaper and magazine publications.
- Have investigated many cases involving entertainment industry figures, professional sports organizations, and well known business establishments in Los Angeles County.
- Have established many contacts in law enforcement, government, entertainment, business, professional sports, law, medicine, and many other occupations.
- Listed in the Southern California Experts and Consultants Directory.

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MEMBERSHIPS

- Southern California Fraud Investigators Association (SCFIA)
- Los Angeles County Bar Association (Affiliate Member)(LACBA)
- Northern California Fraud Investigators Association (NCFIA)
- National Council of Investigations and Security Services (NCISS)
- Investigative Open Network (Rated as Top Investigator February 1995 and February 1996) (ION)
- California Association of Licensed Investigators (CALI)
- Public Record Retriever Network (Charter Member) (PRRN)
- Professional Investigators of California (PICA)
- Texas Association of Licensed Investigators (TALI)
- Arizona Association of Licensed Private Investigators (AALPI)
- Washington Association of Legal Investigators (Affiliate Member) (WALI)
- San Diego Insurance Adjusters Association (SDIAA)
- Association of Insurance Professionals (AIP)
- Employer's Fraud Task Force (EFTF)