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AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

Civil/Structural Engineering Evaluation, Building Envelope Evaluation, Damage Assessment, Construction Defect Analysis, Repair Method Analysis, Design and Construction Professional Standard of Care, Structural Engineering Design, Stress Analysis

QUALIFICATIONS:

1999: B.S. Architectural Engineering, California Polytechnic State University

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP:

State of Arizona Structural Engineer, #78783
State of California Professional (Civil) Engineer, #63088
State of California Structural Engineer, #4903
State of Colorado Professional Engineer, #43046
State of Connecticut Professional Engineer, #38070
State of Florida Professional Engineer, #89105
State of Idaho Professional Engineer, #P-20998
State of Iowa Professional Engineer, #P27441
State of Kentucky Professional Engineer, #38191
State of Maryland Professional Engineer, #63145
State of Massachusetts Structural Engineer, #59512
State of Missouri Professional Engineer, #PE-2020010775
State of Montana Professional Engineer, #60705
State of Nebraska Structural Engineer, #E-18137
State of Nevada Structural Engineer, #029496
State of New Mexico Professional Engineer, #24387
State of New Jersey Professional Engineer, # 24GE06188100
State of North Carolina Professional Engineer, #056157
State of North Dakota Professional Engineer, #PE-27596
State of Ohio Professional Engineer, #PE.88229
State of Oregon Professional Engineer, #100515PE
State of Pennsylvania Professional Engineer, #PE096358
State of Rhode Island Professional (Civil/Structural) Engineer, #15620
State of South Dakota Professional Engineer, #13442
State of Texas Professional Engineer, #128086
State of Utah Structural Engineer, #11703423-2203
State of Washington Professional Engineer, #21028523
State of Wisconsin Professional Engineer, #49610
State of Wyoming Professional Engineer, #15969

Model Law Engineer (MLE)

Model Law Structural Engineer (MLSE)

American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)

Structural Engineering Institute (SEI)

American Concrete Institute (ACI)

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EXPERIENCE:

December 2021– Present: Managing Director - Construction Defect Litigation, Charles Taylor Engineering Technical Services

Oversee and provide technical assistance and training to engineers and forensic experts of various disciplines evaluating construction defect related claims and performing property damage evaluations. Perform forensic civil, structural, and building envelope investigations to determine the cause of damage to properties, to identify structural and/or construction deficiencies, and to provide repair recommendations. Prepare written expert opinion reports documenting findings for legal counsel and insurance companies for use in litigation. Develop and expand relationships with new and existing clients within both the legal and insurance coverage communities.

March 2016 – December 2021: Technical Lead/District Manager/Senior Structural Engineer/Structural Engineer, Envista Forensics, Denver, CO

Performed forensic structural investigations to determine the cause of damage, to identify structural/construction deficiencies, and to provide repair recommendations. Prepared written expert opinion reports documenting findings for submittal to insurance companies and use in litigation. Provided technical assistance and training to engineers and forensic experts of various disciplines handling construction related matters.

April 2010– March 2016: Project Engineer, AKM Consultants, Inc., Littleton, CO

Performed forensic structural, civil, and building envelope investigations of residential and commercial structures and developments to determine the cause of deficiencies and to identify responsible parties. Prepared written expert opinion reports for use in litigation. Reviewed construction documents researched relevant building codes, technical documents, and manufacturers product documentation to determine potential design and construction deficiencies and to prepare repair recommendations for damaged structures. Prepared and reviewed structural calculations for the structural design and detailing of single-family residences.

February 2009 – March 2010: Senior Engineer, The Leffler Group, Arvada, CO

Duties included structural analysis and design of commercial, institutional, resort, and religious structures. Responsible for the structural design of the gravity, lateral force, and foundation systems and reviewing structural plans prepared by staff engineers for accuracy. Performed structural observations and responded to requests for information on projects under construction.

April 2007 – February 2009: Owner/Principal, J. Andrew Guerra Structural Engineers, Inc., Pasadena, CA

Principal/owner of the firm. Performed all structural design and detailing of gravity, lateral force resisting, and foundation structural systems utilizing concrete, steel, masonry, and timber elements. Performed code required structural observation during construction. Coordinated work with client's project and budget requirements Projects included single-family custom residential and commercial projects.

June 1999 – April 2007: Principal/Chief Engineer- Los Angeles Operations, Taylor & Syfan Consulting Engineers, Inc., Los Osos, CA

Structural design of residential, commercial, educational, hospital, mixed-use, and religious structures. Performed the analysis, design, and detailing of gravity, lateral force resisting, and foundation structural systems utilizing concrete, steel, masonry, and timber elements. Oversaw multiple project engineers in the structural design and detailing of structures and served as the Engineer of Record for multiple projects throughout California. Performed code required structural observations for all projects in the Southern California area and was the primary client contact for our clients in the area.

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TESTIMONY HISTORY:

Deposition: The Olive Homeowners' Association, Inc., a Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation, Plaintiff, v. Equity Olive, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, A&M Homes, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, Michael Wenrich Architects, Inc., a Florida Corporation, Eiermann Engineering, Inc., a Florida Corporation, Oveido Surveying, LLC d/b/a H&H Survey Consultants, a Florida Limited Liability Company, Florida Design Solutions, Inc. d/b/a FDS Engineering Associates, a Florida Corporation, KEESEE and Associates, Inc. d/b/a KEESEE and Associates, a Florida Corporation, UES Professional Solutions, LLC f/k/a Universal Engineering Sciences, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, Universal Engineering Sciences, Inc., a Florida Corporation, Unroe Engineering, Inc., a Florida Corporation, and Home Buyers Warranty Corporation, a Foreign Profit Corporation, Defendants, Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit in and for Orange County, Florida, Case No.: 2024-SC-005917-O, June 5, 2025.

Deposition: Marion Allison Tharp and Meredith Tharp, Plaintiffs, v. Considering Fields, LLC, John Michael Gardner, Monica Helderman Gardner, Carlos L. Mencia, Individually, Carlos M. Garcia, Individually, and Carlos Garcia Construction, LLC, Defendants, General Court of Justice Superior Court Division, County of Ashe, State of North Carolina, Case No. 2023-CVS-369, May 12, 2025.

Trial: Jonathan A. Nye, an Individual, and Rachelle Nye, an Individual v. Clifton J. Carney and Dusty Carney, Individuals; and Julian Laurita, Michael Laurita, and Gabriel Laurita, Individuals d/b/a Laurita Brothers Concrete and Excavation, District Court, Delta County, Colorado, Case Number 2022CV30090, April 22, 2025.

Deposition: Paul Bosshart; Chelsie Bosshart, Plaintiffs v. Alpenglow Homes, LLC d/b/a Alpenglow Custom Builders; Mr. Dan Curtis d/b/a Rocky Mountain Construction; Andrew Rowe; Good Dog Construction, LLC; Ice Line Roofing, LLC; L.B. Construction, Inc.; Hughes Masonry, Inc. d/b/a Northwest Concrete Services; Yellowstone Gutters, Inc., Defendants, Montana Eighteenth Judicial District Court, Gallatin County, Cause No. DV-16-2023-57-NE, September 24, 2024.

Deposition: Aaron Hurvitz, Trustee of the Hurvitz Family Trust Dated January 10, 2014, Plaintiffs v. Marvin Leroy Tidwell and Josemary Becker Tidwell, Defendants/Third-Party Plaintiffs, v. Baylor Carter, an individual residing in Montana; Julie Kennedy, an individual residing in Montana; Tom Gierhan, an individual residing in Montana; Robyn L. Erlenbush Real Estate, P.C. D/B/A ERA Landmark Western Land, a Montana Corporation, Third-Party Defendants, Montana Sixth Judicial District Court, Park County, Cause No. DV-34-2022-76-OC, May 28, 2024

Arbitration: Alex Sintas v. Windsor Ridge Homes, LLC and James T. Stephens, Ramming Resolutions Corp, Colorado Springs, Colorado, September 12-13, 2023.

Deposition: Kevin Appleby, Jamie R. Jensen, Corbin Clement, Mischa Fisher, Dru A. Flowers, Lanston Nkenglefac Tanyi, Rachel Nicolette Huspeth, Quan Le, Quoc Le, Graham Ross Marsden, Sarah Kerr Marsedn, and Overton Spence v. Break of Dawn Construction, Inc.; Hammer Seymour; Scot Henry; 8020 Builders, LLC; Steve Rogers; and Dossey/Sudik Structural Engineers, LLC, District Court, The City and County of Denver, Colorado, Case No. 2021CV30930, September 13, 2022

Deposition: T-Bone Construction, Inc. v. BGE, LLC., District Court, Adams County, Colorado, Case No. 2018CV31761, August 27, 2020

Deposition: Simplehousing CO, LLC v. Carlos Galvador d/b/a G&G Roofing Specialists; First General Services of Colorado Springs, Inc.; Scott Smith; Griffis/Blessing, Inc.; Marty Galindo, District Court, County of El Paso, Colorado, Case No. 2018CV30559, November 20, 2019

TESTIMONY HISTORY (Continued):

Deposition: Thomas and Aimee Corrigan v. Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, United States District Court of the District of Colorado, Case No. 18-CV-03331-WJM-STV, August 9, 2019

Deposition: Simplehousing CO, LLC v. Carlos Galvaden d/b/a G&G Roofing Specialists; First General Services of Colorado Springs, Inc.; Scott Smith; Griffis/Blessing, Inc.; Marty Galindo, District Court, County of El Paso, Colorado, Case No. 2018CV30559, January 1, 2019

Deposition: The Latitude at Vista Ridge Homeowners Association, Inc. v. Vista Ridge Development, LLC d/b/a Chartered Homes of Colorado, et al; Third Party Plaintiff: Sakota Builders, Inc., District Court, County of Weld, Colorado, Case No. 2016CV30918, December 4, 2018

Deposition: Anthony R. and Rebecca M. Bosch v. Mark Manley Construction; Colorado Masonry and Stucco, Inc.; Jagger Enterprises, Inc.; AVI Roofing and Gutter, Inc.; Kevin L. Anderson d/b/a Euroglas, District Court, Jefferson County, Colorado, Case No. 2017CV30334, December 7, 2017

PUBLICATIONS:

"Construction's Cloudy Outlook," published by CLM Construction Claims Magazine, Issue 1, Volume 8, March 2023.

"Anatomy of a Defect Claim – A side-by-side comparison of the Millennium Tower and typical defect claims," published by CLM Construction Claims Magazine, Issue 4, Volume 6, December 2021.

"The Impact of a Collapse - Looking to the Past to Gauge the Future After Surfside," published by CLM Magazine, Issue 8, Volume 5, August 2021.

"Product Defect, Construction Defect, or Act of God? The Interplay with Evaluating Asphalt Shingles," published by DRI's "The Voice" magazine, Volume 20, Issue 7, May 2021.

"Flashing Failures: The Devil is in the Details," published by Attorney at Law Magazine – NC Triangle Edition, Volume 9, No. 3, May 2021.

"Emerging Technologies & Data in Claims & Litigation," published by Envista Forensics, 2020, and DRI's "The Critical Path" magazine, Volume 25, Issue 1, April 2021.

PROFESSIONAL COURSES & SEMINARS AS A PRESENTER:

"Unpacking Insurance Fraud Real-World Insights and Implications," Dallas, Texas (2025)

"Surfs Up: Liability and Risk Implications of Building in Coastal Regions," Huntington Beach, California (2024)

"A Brave New World – Liability and Risk in 3D Printed Construction," Austin, Texas (2023)

"Crawlspace and Structural Wood Floor Design and Construction," Marietta, Georgia (2023)

"Victimless Crime? Think Again: Insurance Fraud and Understanding the Issues," Tampa, Florida (2023) and New York, NY (2023)

"Avoiding the Hammer: Subrogation and Contractual Risk Transfer in Construction Claims," Washington D.C. (2022) and Nashville, TN (2024)

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PROFESSIONAL COURSES & SEMINARS AS A PRESENTER (Continued):

"Love your neighbor? Evaluating Construction Claims from Adjacent Property Owners," San Diego, California (2022)

"On Track or Off The Rails? - Keeping Claims Against Construction Professionals from Turning into a Train Wreck," Chicago, Illinois (2021)

"Blurred Lines: Emerging Issues with Design Professional Liability and Construction Defects," San Diego, California (2021)

"Leveraging Technology of Tomorrow into Claims Teams of Today," Columbus, Ohio (2021)

"Communication is Key: So why are we so bad at it?" Atlanta, Georgia (2021)

"Unanswered Questions Throughout the Life of a Construction Defect Case - Part 2 The Bolts (Technical)," Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico (2021)

"What Forensic Engineers Want Design and Field Engineers to Know," Ft. Lauderdale, Florida (2021)

"Defect in Construction or Design: Who's Responsible?" Omaha, Nebraska (2021)

"Science or Fiction – The Art of Allocation in Claims," Online Webinar (2020)

"Innovation of Technology: How construction technology is raising the bar for risk reduction and assignment of liability," Fort Lauderdale, Florida (2019)

"Proper Use of Inference, Extrapolation, and Allocation in Property Claims," Orlando, Florida (2019)

"Discovering Construction Defects in Property Damage Claims," Atlanta, Georgia (2019)

"Building Codes & Design Standards: Implications for Structural Damage Assessment," Englewood, Colorado (2019)

"Waterproofing Systems – Installation and Defects," Greenwood Village, Colorado (2019)

"Water Intrusion Claims and Infrared Technology," Cheyenne, Wyoming (2017)

"Earthquake Damage Assessment for Adjusters," Broomfield, Colorado (2017)