

# SCS | Safety Consulting Specialists

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## **JOSEPH M. DEFRANCO, CSP**

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### **EDUCATION**

#### **Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP)**

Bachelor of Science – Safety, Health, and Environmental Applied Sciences, Safety Sciences  
Program accredited by the ASSP. Overall GPA: 3.32/4.00

### **CERTIFICATIONS/TRAINING/ACTIVITIES**

- Board Certified Safety Professional since 2001 – Certification #: 16672
- OSHA 500 course in Construction Safety, Outreach Trainer since 1999 – Certification #: 18-0108324
- NCCCO (Certified Crane Operator) all mobile and tower cranes
- NCCCO Certified Crane Inspector for annual inspections of both mobile and tower cranes
- MSHA Certified Instructor
- Perform “Supervisor Training in Accident Reduction Techniques” (S.T.A.R.T.)
- Certified Independent STAR Assessor
- American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) Member

### **EXPERIENCE**

#### **Safety Consulting Specialists, Inc. 2004 - Present**

Raleigh, North Carolina

Owner / President - Develop safety and health programs and provide training, such as OSHA ten and thirty-hour courses, Expert witness for over 73 cases of various topics for insurance carriers, and law firms for 1910 and 1926 matters. Conduct OSHA citation reviews.

#### **Southern Industrial Constructors, Inc. 1998 - 2004**

Raleigh, North Carolina

Corporate Safety Director – Duties included site audits; accident investigations; equipment operator certifications including mobile and overhead cranes, forklifts, aerial lifts, riggers & signal persons, etc.; new hire drug screens and safety orientations; industrial hygiene safety, respirator fit testing; lead abatement programs; confined space entry; and other specific safety and environmental health programs including: OSHA, MSHA, Hazcom, Lockout/Tagout, Fall Protection, Personal Protective Equipment, and DOT training. Managed seven site safety managers assigned to various projects, and coordinated workers’ compensation claims, and return to work programs.

#### **Discovery Insurance Company 1996 - 1998**

Kinston, North Carolina

Loss Prevention Specialist – Responsibilities included analyzing risk of various complexities to determine potential perils and hazards. Surveyed insured premises, conducted interviews and training, provided loss analysis, and submitted recommendations to reduce the potential for loss. Completed the following courses: “Introduction to Insurance”, “Introduction to Claims”, “Customer Service Workshop”, and “ALCM 74 Accident Prevention”.

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## **JOE DEFRANCO, CSP CASE REVIEW HISTORY**

- Accident investigations and expert witness services including case reviews and depositions for both OSHA 1926 Construction, OSHA 1910 General Industry and MSHA Matters. D after case information = retained by defendant counsel, P after case information = retained by plaintiff counsel (currently 49 cases for defendant, 65% and 26 cases for plaintiff 35%:
- 1. Deposition for Abrams & Abrams, P.A.: All Crane 2007. D
- 2. Review for Caudle & Spears, P.A.: Kevin Collins v. Wisenquipt Inc., November 2009. D
- 3. Review for Schwaba Law Firm: Winfred Bowman v. Crane & Rigging Corporation, July 2011. Mobile crane struck tree branch and injured ground personnel. P
- 4. Review for Roberts & Stevens, P.A.: Perdoma & Gomez v. Campbell Crane October 2012. D
- 5. Review for Schwebel Goetz & Sieben: Crane operator fatality, Minnesota, November 2013. D
- 6. Review for Zieman, Speegle, Jackson & Hoffman, LLC: Mary Elaine McAdams, As personal representative of the estate of her mother, Lilly Lorine Frazier v. Steel City, Inc., et al., November 2013. P
- 7. Review and Deposition for Gary Dodd: Paul D. Gibson v New Horizon Baptist Fellowship, Inc. and Mcdowell Cement Company, April 2014. P
- 8. Review for Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C.: Audit and OSHA citation review for Rogers and Breece, Inc., December 2014. D
- 9. National Interstate and Richards, Brandt, Miller, Nelson: Mountain Crane Accident Investigation Salt Lake City, Utah, January 2016. D
- 10. Review for Northup, McConnell & Sizemore, PLL: Stephen Joe Gilbert v. William D. Cooper Frye, September 2016. D
- 11. Review for Vandeventer Black, LLP: Hampton, VA facility OSHA Citation Review, April 2017. D
- 12. Review for Greenberg Traurig, LLP: Three D Metal Works, September 2017. D
- 13. Review for The Port Authority of NY and New Jersey: Docket No.: 17-CV-02128 Bruce Edwards v. Port Authority Tran Hudson Corporation, November 2017. D

- 14. Review for Denver Trial Lawyers: Cabrera v. Emmont, et al, February 2018. D**
- 15. Goldberg Segalla: Lexington Maintenance Case Review, New York, NY, March 2018. D**
- 16. Review for Connell Foley, LLP and United States Aircraft Insurance Group: Timothy Foucher v. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and Delta Airlines, Inc., March 2018. D**
- 17. Deposition for Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin: Tina Tholl, et al. v. CSE, et al., April 2018. D**
- 18. Stone & Baxter, LLP: Self-Administered Arbitration under the AAA Construction Industries Rules. Enviva Pallets Sampson, LLC, vs. C. Terry Hunt Industries, Inc. February 2018. Then deposition for same case in Washington, DC office of Vinson & Elkins on April 2018. D**
- 19. Review for Richards, Brandt, Miller, Nelson: Mountain Crane Accident Investigation Salt Lake City, Utah, April 2018. D**
- 20. Review for Gallivan, White & Boyd P.A. and Mid-Continent Casualty Insurance Company: Good Luck Crane Accident, March 2019. D**
- 21. Review & Deposition for Goldberg Segalla: Rafael Mendez and Patricia Mendez, his wife, V. Verizon New Jersey, Inc.; Beach Electric Company, Inc.; Tishman Interior Corporation; Unity Electric LLC.; Et Als, March, 2019. D**
- 22. Review & Deposition for Goldberg Segalla: Sterling Miller V. Rerob, LLC; Petr-All Corp, aka PETRA-ALL Petroleum, Corp. and Dalton Builders, Inc., March 2019. D**
- 23. Review for Lewis, Thomason, King, Krieg & Waldrop, P.C.: Todd Smith v. Sterett Crane and Rigging, LLC., April 2019. D**
- 24. Review and Deposition for Rhodes, Hieronymus, Jones, Tucker & Gable, PLLC: Chelsey Crooks and Jennifer Kizzia as Special Co-Administrators of the Estate of Raymond Crooks, Deceased V. OGE Energy Corp., and Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company, May 2019. P**
- 25. Review and Deposition for The Eshman Law Firm: Juan Ramon Ugalde Tapia v. EJI Group, LLC DBA Costello Electric Company State Court of Fulton County, GA, June 2019. P**
- 26. Goldberg Segalla: Marc Mc Sweeney V. American Bridge Company et al., July 2019. D**
- 27. Goldberg Segalla: Gary Roy V. National Grid Generation, January 2020. D**
- 28. Sherman & Howard LLC: Duffy Crane V. Lockheed Martin Corp.; Hensel Phelps Construction Co., and Timken Motor & Crane Services, LLC. Dbw Wazee Crane, December 2019. D**
- 29. Review and Deposition Kerley & Talken, PC: Glenn Moss and Lori Moss V. Anderson Electric, Inc. March 2020. P**

- 30. Martineau King PLCC: Anthony Lamattina Fatality. P**
- 31. Review and Deposition Goldberg Segalla: Miguel Rivera V. Alpha Industries Management, Inc. July 2020. D**
- 32. Kinney Lisovicz Reilly & Wolff PC (KLRW): Zhicay-Fernandez v. J. Haugh Cranes, et al. August 2020. D**
- 33. Wright, Worley, Pope, Ekster & Moss, PLLC – Communication Tower Accident November 2020. D**
- 34. Goldberg Segalla: Costen V. BFS, et al. November 2020. D**
- 35. Goldberg Segalla: Sika Product Liability matter April 2021. D**
- 36. Righi Fitch Law Group: Servando Cruz v. Stephen Roberts May 2021. D**
- 37. Murray & Associates: Hollingsworth v. Heavy Transport, Inc. May 2021. P**
- 38. Review and Deposition for Greco & Wozniak P.A.: James Prescott, Jr. v. Angelo's Aggregate Materials, LTD. June. D**
- 39. Goodman Keller P.C.: Sumner v. Grove US LLC; Dawes Rigging & Crane Rental, Inc.; MidAmerican Energy Company August 2021. D**
- 40. Ragsdale Liggett, PLLC: English Construction Company, Inc. v. City of Charlotte September 2021. P**
- 41. Review and Deposition for Kolodny Law Firm, PLLC: Franchae Norma v. Jumbo Offshore USA, LLC & Universal Landsea Transport, Inc. March 2022. P**
- 42. Rikard & Protopapas, LLC: Estate of Michael Benjamin Keen. P**
- 43. Martineau King PLLC: Benito Rosales v. Jose Ortega. June 2022. D**
- 44. Wyrick, Robbins, Yates & Ponton, LLP.: Clifford R. Frazier v. Raleigh Concrete LLC and Fortress Cement. August 2022. D**
- 45. Review and Deposition for The Bricio Law Firm PLLC: Filomeno Orozco Vaquero v. Toll NC II, Inc.; and AA Framing Contractors, LLC. October 2022. P**
- 46. MGC Law: Multi Fatality and Injury Scaffolding Accident Case, January 2023. D**
- 47. Colter Legal, PLLC: Jose Santos Doratt V. The Berg Corporation, et al, January 2023. P**
- 48. Anderson O'Brien, LLP: Hopkins v. Security Health Plan of Wisconsin, Inc., February 2023. P**

- 49. Righi Fitch Law Group: Adair v. Sunrise Crane Service, Inc. January 2023. D**
- 50. Hartline Barger, LLP: Garcia v. Frontera Materials, Inc., July 2023. D**
- 51. MGC Law: Fall Injury Case, August 2023. D**
- 52. MGC Law: Santos v. Prime Demolition & Contracting, September 2023. P**
- 53. MGC Law: Juan Aguilar-Contreras v. B&B Steel Erection Co., Inc. November 2023. D**
- 54. Britt, Byrne & Warren, PLLC: General Industry Fatality Involving Binding Machine, December 2023. D**
- 55. McNabb, Bragorgos, Burgess & Sorin, PLLC:, December 2023. D**
- 56. Romano Law Group: Fatality involving excavator, January 2024. P**
- 57. Marcus & Mack, P.C.: January 2024. P**
- 58. Review and Deposition for James, McElroy & Diehl Attorneys At Law: Katherine C. Early and E2 Mechanical and Industrial Refrigeration, LLC v. Quick-Deck, Inc., January 2024. P**
- 59. Cleveland Hinton Attorneys: MSHA fatality case, Fall, February 2024. P**
- 60. Graves, Thomas, Rotunda Law Group: Joseph Ruppert, February 2024. P**
- 61. Kelley Uustal Trial Attorneys: March 2024. P**
- 62. Everette Cook Law: Cynthia Welborn v. State of Montana, March 2024. P**
- 63. Goldberg Segalla: Carlos Humberto v. Dream Lehigh Valley, LLC. March 2024. D**
- 64. Brennan, Mana, Diamond: Tingler v. Timken Steel et al., April 2024. D**
- 65. Goldberg Segalla: Keamesha Echevarria v. Soho Broome Condos April 2024. D**

**66. Review and Deposition for Berkowitz Oliver, LLP: Leah Young v. Evergy Metro, Inc., et al. May 2024. D**

**67. Review and Deposition The Bricio Law Firm PLLC: Armando Santana v. Exeter5 Building Company LLC. July 2024. P**

**68. Miller Olsen, PLLC: Geoffrey Brown v. Recology King County, Inc. July 2024. P**

**69. Goldberg Segalla: Luis Sarmiento v. 532 Clinton LLC. August 2024. D**

**70. Review & Deposition Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP: Pistalo v. Ryan Companies. September 2024. D**

**71. Rodney Law: Gaskill v. Southwestern Contractors. September 2024. D**

**72. Goldberg Segalla: Rastelli v. Atlantic Crane. November 2024. D**

**73. MGC Law: Fedy Tuctuc v. Floyd Properties & Development. December 2024. D**

**74. SRST Law: Zelinger V. North Point Exteriors. May 2025. D**

**75. The A.W. Smith Law Firm, P.C.: Giger Welding and Fabrication, LLC. V. DFW Movers & Erectors, Inc., et al. June 2025. P**

➤ **Attorney Client Privileged Work Products for:**

- All Crane Rental**
- PCS Augusta**
- Flores Welding, Inc.**
- Southern Industrial Constructors, Inc.**
- Riggins Company**
- Hunt Construction**
- Southway Crane & Rigging**
- North Carolina Department of Administration**
- National Interstate Insurance**

➤ **Numerous OSHA and MSHA citation reviews and informal conferences.**

➤ **Numerous audits, training and reviews for attorneys and insurance carriers.**