



**Floor Expert
Forensic Examination
Floor Defect
Premises Liability
Toxic Torts**

Interior Specifications

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Diplomate American Boards of Forensic Examiners and Engineers

Curriculum Vitae

Areas of Expertise

All floor covering products

Installation

Bonding Agents

Specification procedures

Construction of sub-floors

Toxins associated to floors

Standards of practice in the floor covering industry

Management Responsibilities in Public Facilities

Premises Liability- related to floor conditions

Formal Education

Dorsey HighSchool- Science

Los Angeles City College- Psychology

Northridge State College.- Industrial Psychology

Specialty Training

Institute of Real Estate Management, CPM

Mohasco Research and Development School

Armstrong Training School

Individual Specialized Manufacturer's Training.

California Department of Consumer Affairs Expert's training program

Experience

While in college in 1964, he worked as a construction project manager, and was moved to the Commercial Real Estate Management department. In 1969 he was the Director of Daily Apartment Operations for Urbanetics Financial Corporation, and managed several thousand apartment units in the Southwest, handling interior build-outs. In 1970, he was Director of Property Management for the Heritage Group.



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In 1972, Mr. Newson went to work for Irving C. Rubin & Associates, a company that provided commercial floor covering to real estate managers. In 1974 He complete the educational requirements to qualify as a Certified Property Manager the national Board of Realtors. In 1976 he began his own chain of commercial floor covering outlets and became a licensed floor-covering contractor in the California.

Over the next two years he was trained in fabrication and installation of all types of flooring materials. In 1978, Dupont Chemical sent him to seminars around the country to be trained in the use and specification of fiber systems. Specialty floor covering material manufacturers sent instructors to him to provide individual training for products such as, linoleum, cork, rubber, wood, vinyl, epoxy, and stone.

This training allowed him to train his sales and installation staff. His firm sold and installed over 5,000,000-sq. ft. of specialty products, for use in athletic facilities, schools, restaurants, factories, airports and hospitals

In 1977 Mr. Newson joined the faculty at Ambassador College and taught classes in textile specification for real estate managers. He began teaching this same course for the National Boards of Realtors as part of their Professional Property Manager's certification, and The National Apartment Owners Association's "Certified Managers Program".

Mr. Newson has published several articles on floor covering specification in national trade publications such as The Journal of Property Management. He also writes articles pertaining to the specification of floor covering and site conditions for architectural publications.

Dupont enlisted him into their advisory counsel, made up of eight qualified contractors, where he was asked to confer with other floor covering contractors when they needed advice. In 1980 Mr. Newson opened the "Design Resource Center" in Van Nuys California, where he taught classes in materials specification to Interior Designers and Architects. In 1984 he opened Interior Specifications, a consulting and management company to service the design and construction community.



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Mr. Newson was first certified as a competent expert in the field of commercial floor covering by the Los Angeles County Courts in 1979. He has testified numerous times as both a plaintiff's and defense expert witness. In 1993 the California Department of Consumer Affairs certified him as a floor-covering expert. Today Mr. Newson is part of their experts program, and acts as an investigator and mediator in contractor disputes

His list of references is very long. Mr. Newson has consulted for many major educational institutions, medical facilities, and public transportation facilities. He recently completed studies for UCLA, USC, Cedar Sinai Hospital of Los Angeles, and Pasadena-Glendale-Burbank Airport, and Baltimore Washington International Airport.

Mr. Newson has conducted studies on site suitability for specialty flooring products for all types of public facilities. He is the floor-covering advisor, and member of the Board of Directors for the Los Angeles chapter, as well as the National Director of Marketing, for the Society of American Registered Architects. He teaches continuing education courses for A.I.A. and SARA, as well as writes instructional and editorial columns for their national publications. Also, he conducts symposiums for AIA and SARA on concrete additives and moisture vapor, in preparation for floor covering and the "Standard of Practice for the Flooring Industry".

In 1996 Mr. Newson was accepted as a member of the American College of Forensic Examiners (ACFE#10104), and subsequently past the peer review and became a Diplomate of The American Board of Forensic Examiners. On April 1, 1999 he became a Diplomate of the American Board of Forensic Engineering & Technology.

His certification is specialized to all matters pertaining to floors and their function in as part of a system. Subsequently, he has conducted investigations for several private companies, individuals and public agencies. He investigates cases involving toxic fumes toxic mold, premises liability, product liability, installation, industry standards of care involving the National Codes of Safety, and the Uniform Commercial Code, The American With Disabilities Act, and the California Code of Regulations.

In August of 2002, Mr. Newson prepared a course text and was certified by the California Bar Association to provide Continuing Education, on all litigation matters pertaining to floors, premises liability, and toxins.



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Credentials:

California Bar Association Certified-
MCLE- Provider #11509
Diplomate American Board of Forensic Examiners
Certificate #10104
Diplomate American Board of Forensic Engineers
And Technologists
Certified Property Manager
California Contractors License #710802
California Department Consumer Affairs Expert

Teaching Positions:

Ambassador College
National Board of Realtors
National Apartment Owners Association
The Design Resource Center
West Los Angeles City College
University Nevada Las Vegas, School of Architecture

Lecturing Bodies;

Society of American Registered Architects
American Institute of Architecture

City of Las Vegas, Public Planning



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Publications:

California Bar Association:

MCLE Text Book
"Floor Litigation"

SARASCOPE

- ❖ Cork Flooring
- ❖ Rubber Flooring
- ❖ Carpet
- ❖ Resilient flooring
- ❖ Moisture Vapor Migration
- ❖ Floor Safety Design
- ❖ Wood and Stone flooring
- ❖ Life cycle costs

Journal of Property Management

- ❖ Carpet
- ❖ Resilient flooring
- ❖ Moisture Vapor Migration
- ❖ Floor Safety Design
- ❖ Life cycle costs
- ❖ Floor Safety Design

The Apartment Owner

- ❖ Carpet
- ❖ Resilient flooring
- ❖ Moisture Vapor Migration
- ❖ Floor Safety Design

Floor Expert Services

❖ SLIP & FALL

➤ Premises Liability

- ◆ Americans With Disabilities Act; American National Standard Institute Building Officials-Code Administrators; Department of Justice; Department of Transportation; Department of Commerce Guidelines; HUD Regulations; State Codes of Regulations
- ◆ Design Safety Standards

❖ TOXIC TORTS

- Mold
- Asbestos
- Adhesives
- Fumes

❖ CONSTRUCTION DEFECTS

➤ Contracting

- ◆ Uniform Commercial Code; Uniform Building Code; Uniform Professional Code; American Institute of Architecture Guidelines; State Contractor Codes of Ethics

➤ Sub-floors

- ◆ Specification
- ◆ Moisture Vapor Migration
- ◆ Sealants
- ◆ Preparation
- ◆ Standards of Care

➤ Materials & Installation

- ◆ Products Liability
 - ✓ Carpet
 - ✓ Vinyl
 - ✓ Wood
 - ✓ Stone
 - ✓ Laminate
 - ✓ Epoxy
 - ✓ Rubber
 - ✓ Gymnasium

➤ Latent Defects

➤ Standards of Care