

TRENT FRAZER, M.S., BCE

Board Certified Entomologist | Consulting & Testifying Entomologist

Utah Entomologist — Bluffdale, Utah — Available Nationwide

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Pest litigation is rarely a dispute about insects. It is a dispute about whether the professionals responsible did what the industry required them to do. Trent Frazer spent twenty-one years on that side of the question.

As Vice President of Operations and Senior Director of Quality Assurance at a national residential pest control company operating in more than thirty states, he authored the service protocols technicians followed, designed the training architecture that certified them, and built the quality assurance systems that measured whether the work was actually performed. When he reviews a pest management vendor's service history, he is reading a document type he spent two decades writing, auditing, and correcting.

He holds Board Certification in Entomology (BCE #B3413) from the Entomological Society of America, a credential held by fewer than 450 practitioners worldwide, and an M.S. in Entomology and Nematology from the University of Florida. He is a Utah-licensed commercial pesticide applicator in the structural, wood-destroying organism, ornamental, and vertebrate categories, and he currently delivers pest management services to a state psychiatric hospital under state cooperative contract.

He has been engaged by counsel in matters in Texas, Florida, and Washington, has given deposition testimony, and accepts engagements from plaintiff and defense counsel nationwide.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Pest management standard of care and industry practice
- Bed bug liability — hospitality, multifamily housing, and short-term rental
- Rodent infestation, exclusion practice, and habitability
- Cockroach and commensal pest infestation in residential tenancies
- Conducive conditions analysis — structural entry points, moisture and decay, and vegetation contact
- Duration-of-infestation analysis and species identification
- Termite and wood-destroying organism inspection and disclosure disputes
- Pesticide application, misapplication, label compliance, and drift
- Pest control negligence and service-failure disputes
- Premises liability involving pest conditions
- Landlord-tenant disputes and the warranty of habitability
- Food contamination, adulteration, and stored product pests
- Integrated Pest Management program design, compliance, and audit
- Institutional and regulated-facility pest management — healthcare, corrections, education

LITIGATION SERVICES

Early case assessment and merit screening; records and document analysis; photographic and documentary evidence review; site inspection; specimen identification; pre-suit expert reports supporting demand; written opinions and expert reports; rebuttal of opposing expert opinions; deposition testimony; and trial testimony. Retained by plaintiff and defense counsel alike.

CREDENTIALS AND LICENSURE

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- **Board Certified Entomologist (BCE #B3413)** — Entomological Society of America. Continuously certified since 2014. Specialty: General Entomology. Independently verifiable: www.credly.com/badges/26d746ab-97b7-4fb0-9350-fa636d027d2e
 - **Utah Commercial Pesticide Applicator License #4001-16378** — Utah Department of Agriculture and Food. Issued February 7, 2010. Endorsed categories: Structural; Wood-Destroying Organisms (Category 15); Lawn & Ornamental; Vertebrate.
 - **UDAF Commercial Pesticide Business License #4000-000021793** — Mountain Supply, L.L.C. d/b/a Utah Entomologist. Issued March 26, 2026.

EDUCATION

M.S., Entomology and Nematology — University of Florida, 2010–2012

Department of Entomology and Nematology, Gainesville, Florida

B.A., Music — Brigham Young University, 2008

EXPERT WITNESS EXPERIENCE

Engaged by both plaintiff and defense counsel. No Daubert, Frye, or comparable challenge has been brought against his testimony or his qualifications.

Testimony Given

Torati, et al. v. Geier, et al.

Case No. 24-000217-CAAXMX, Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Martin County, Florida

Retained by: plaintiffs, through William Gallese, Esq.

Subject matter: residential tenancy dispute involving rat and cockroach infestation. Opinions addressed whether documented property conditions — structural gaps and entry points, moisture and decay, and vegetation in contact with the structure — were conducive to and capable of supporting an infestation of the type and magnitude alleged, and whether attribution of the infestation to any single cause was scientifically defensible.

Testimony: deposition duces tecum, August 21, 2026, on notice by the defense. Examining counsel: David Gerber, Rumberger Kirk.

Retained Engagements — Testimony Pending

Dudek, et al. v. Balfour Beatty Communities LLC, et al.

Cause No. 2024CI20152, 73rd Judicial District Court, Bexar County, Texas

Role: retained testifying expert

Retained by: plaintiffs, through Guerra LLP, with Pulman LeFlore

Subject matter: rodent infestation, exclusion practice, and habitability in privatized military family housing. Scope limited to general causation and the vendor service record.

Expert report served September 2026. Trial set February 2027.

Consulting and Pre-Suit Engagements

Residential structural infestation matter — Washington (2026)

Role: consulting expert; no testimony given

Retained by: property owner, through Levy | von Beck | Comstock | Chastain, P.S., Seattle, Washington

Subject matter: Phase 1 expert entomological report supporting a pre-suit demand. Opinions addressed species identification, duration of infestation, and the relationship between moisture conditions and durable remediation, based on review of the photographic and documentary record. Engagement coordinated with retained forensic construction consultants.

Report served June 2026.

INSTITUTIONAL AND GOVERNMENT PEST MANAGEMENT

Current pest management experience in secure, regulated, and public-sector environments — the settings most frequently at issue in habitability, premises liability, and public-health pest litigation.

Falcon Pest Control, the affiliated service company, holds Utah State Cooperative Contract MA5191.

- **Utah State Hospital** — ongoing pest management services under State Cooperative Contract MA5191. Secure inpatient psychiatric facility; dedicated facilities intake and reporting channel maintained with hospital maintenance staff.
- **Jordan School District** — pest management services at district elementary school facilities, with building-level service reporting.
- **Tooele County School District** — pest management consultation, facility assessment, and exclusion scoping at district school facilities.
- **Utah Department of Corrections** — pest management consultation.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Founder and Principal Consultant — Utah Entomologist — Mountain Supply, L.L.C., Bluffdale, Utah

March 2026 – Present

- Independent Board Certified Entomologist practice providing expert witness and litigation support nationally, and commercial Integrated Pest Management consulting, fractional BCE technical authority, wood-destroying organism inspection, and continuing education delivery regionally.

Founder and Board Certified Entomologist — Falcon Pest Control — Mountain Supply, L.L.C., Bluffdale, Utah

March 2026 – Present

- Owner-operator of a Utah residential and commercial pest management company serving the Wasatch Front, including institutional and government accounts under state cooperative contract.

Senior Director, Quality Assurance — Aptive Environmental, Provo, Utah

February 2021 – March 2026

- Designed and owned the quality assurance infrastructure for a national residential pest control company operating in more than thirty states, including reservice analytics, appointment failure modeling, field service quality frameworks, and the technical training architecture used across hundreds of service branches.
- Served as technical subject matter expert for product validation, marketing claims review, and regulatory compliance.
- Functioned as company spokesperson on technical and entomological matters.

Vice President, Operations — Aptive Environmental, Provo, Utah

January 2020 – February 2021

- Led East Division field operations with full profit-and-loss responsibility for branch performance, service delivery, and operational quality across the division.

Regional Manager | Director of Entomology and Technical Services — Alterra Pest Control, Salt Lake City, Utah

2012 – 2019

- Regional operational responsibility across multiple branch territories including Texas, Salt Lake City, Milwaukee, and East Coast markets.
- Directed entomological and technical services, including specimen identification protocols, technician technical training, and field-level pest management practice standards.
- Operations lead for the company's Denver branch opening.

Branch Manager, then Regional Manager — EcoFirst Pest Control, Denver, Colorado

2008 – 2012

- Branch and regional operational leadership in residential pest management.

Sales Representative, then Sales Leadership — Moxie Pest Control

2005 – 2008

- Began career as a top-performing sales representative before transitioning to sales leadership and field operations.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Entomological Society of America (ESA) — active member; annual meeting attendee for Board Certified Entomologist continuing education
- National Pest Management Association (NPMA) — active member

COMPENSATION

Compensation for expert services is governed by the Utah Entomologist Expert Witness Fee Schedule, available to counsel on request. Current rates: \$275 per hour for case review, records analysis, and report preparation; \$300 per hour for deposition testimony, two-hour minimum, portal to portal; \$325 per hour for trial testimony, four-hour minimum, portal to portal; \$150 per hour for travel time, plus actual expenses. An initial retainer of \$2,500 is required to commence work and is applied against hourly billing.

Deposition testimony is billed to the noticing party. Compensation is for time, not for opinions, and is not contingent on the outcome of any matter.