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CURRICULUM VITAE – Call or email for fee schedule

EXPERTISE: Visibility analysis and vehicle dynamics test recording using still, video and motion picture photography and computerized data acquisition techniques. Accident analysis by photography of controlled reenactment of events in real time or by computer or stop-motion animation. Photogrammetric analysis of photographs to derive engineering measurements (skid marks, etc.). Photographic image enhancement and interpretation. Scene and vehicle documentation and measurements via metric cameras and laser transit system.

QUALIFIED AS EXPERT WITNESS: Qualified many times in numerous jurisdictions (never denied qualification), in fields of technical photography, visibility reconstruction, photogrammetry, photo interpretation, vehicle testing and electronic data acquisition.

JURISDICTIONS QUALIFIED IN: Most California counties including Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and others. United States District Court, Eastern District of California. Services provided in Washington, Oregon, Utah, Indiana, Hawaii, Missouri, Nevada, Arizona and other states.

CLIENTS: States of California and Washington; Cities of San Jose, San Francisco, Stockton, Los Angeles, Sacramento and others; California Counties of Contra Costa, San Diego, San Francisco, Sacramento, Tulare, Santa Clara, and others; Burlington Northern & Santa Fe RR; Dreyer Babich Buccola & Callahan; Mason & Thomas; The Walkup Law Firm; Diepenbrock & Cotter; Wilcoxon Callahan Montgomery & Deacon; Duncan Ball & Evans; Law Office of Clayeo Arnold; Low Ball & Lynch; Brunn & Brunn; Matheny Sears Linkert & Long; Erickson Arbuthnot Kilduff Day & Lindstrom, and many others.

EDUCATION: Occidental College, Los Angeles, A.B., Political Science, 1972; University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law, J.D., 1975.

LECTURE PRESENTATIONS: Society of Forensic Engineers & Scientists; numerous law firms and agencies; American Academy of Forensic Sciences.

RELATED EXPERIENCE: PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY, including technical, aerial, underwater, editorial, 1964-present ; ATTORNEY, general trial practice, 1975-1986, voluntary inactive State Bar status at this time; PARTNER, LEGAL GRAPHICS, 1977-1980, photographic and demonstrative evidence preparation; OWNER, THE FOCAL GROUP, 1980-present, production of demonstrative evidence, medical illustrations, motion picture, video and computer animated accident reconstruction, motor vehicle and bicycle testing, photo interpretation and photogrammetry.

MEMBERSHIPS: California State Bar Association (inactive status, voluntary); Society of Forensic Engineers and Scientists; American Academy of Forensic Sciences (provisional).