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I am uniquely qualified to serve as an expert on body piercing. Publishing my educational book on the subject was made possible, in part, because I am renowned as one of the world's most respected and experienced professional body piercers. I'm extremely well versed in my area of expertise and comfortable discussing it in front of any audience. My extensive background in educating diverse individuals and groups about body piercing through public speaking engagements and appearances on radio and television has prepared me for virtually any encounter.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

May 2009 Publication of my book: *The Piercing Bible—The Definitive Guide to Safe Body Piercing*  
May 2006 President's Lifetime Achievement Award, Association of Professional Piercers  
May 2005 Fastest Piercer Award and Best Forceps Piercer Award, Association of Professional Piercers  
2002 Angel wings tattoo becomes the first body art (and human feature) to receive registration by the US Patent and Trademark Office; wings are Service Marked in relation to piercing services  
1999 Assisted in Promulgation of Legislation on Commercial Body Art Regulations for Louisiana

### EMPLOYMENT

2005-Present **Writer**, *Pain Magazine: Guide for Body Modification Professionals*  
Write articles about body piercing safety, techniques, tips, ethics, and other topics related to piercing, including the "Ask Angel" question-and-answer column  
2004-Present **Expert Witness—Body Piercing**, TASA-Technical Advisory Service for Attorneys  
One of three expert witnesses listed worldwide for body piercing  
1993-2006 **President and Founder**, Rings of Desire, Inc. New Orleans, LA  
Professional body piercing; managed staff, and all retail and Internet operations  
1986-1992 **Vice President of Southern California Operations**, Gauntlet, Inc., Los Angeles, CA  
Professional body piercing; managed staff and all retail operations  
1985-1987 **Supervising Editor**, Chatsworth Canoga Medical Group, Canoga Park, CA  
Supervised and trained editing/proofreading staff; Drafted Medico-Legal reports  
1981-1985 **Sign Language Interpreter**, California State University, Northridge, CA  
Translated lectures and University events for hearing impaired students and staff

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

**Association of Professional Piercers**  
2008-Present Board of Directors, Medical Liaison  
2008-Present Newsletter Co-Editor, *The Point*  
2002-2004 Board of Directors, Medical Liaison  
1999-2001 Board of Directors, Outreach Coordinator  
2001-2004 Newsletter Editor, *The Point*

### EDUCATION

1988-1989 Professional Designation Certificate—Marketing and Management  
Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising; Los Angeles, CA  
1981-1983 A.A. Degree—Sign Language Interpreting; Pierce College, Woodland Hills, CA  
Honors: Dean's List, Member Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society

### PUBLIC SPEAKING/LECTURING HIGHLIGHTS

1999-present Association of Professional Piercers Annual Conference—Numerous courses  
2005 Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN), World Congress; Safe Care of Patients with Body Piercings  
2003 Louisiana Organ Procurement Association (LOPA), Assessment of Body Art Risk Factors in Organ Donors  
2002 Louisiana State HIV/STD Educational Meeting: Body Art and HIV/STD Prevention  
1999 Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO), Body Art Safety