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Serves as an Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) subject matter expert to industry clients and legal counsel on a wide range of occupational safety and health matters specifically related to employer obligations under the OSH Act.

Provides expert guidance on the nature and scope of jurisdictional applicability of the OSH Act related to different aspects of the workplace regarding the regulatory requirements of 29 CFR 1910 General Industry and 29 CFR 1926 Construction.

Experienced safety and health professional with extensive knowledge of industrial hygiene principles and feasible application in the workplace.

Performs safety and health compliance audits and on-site training to assist industry clients and legal counsel regarding their obligations under the OSH Act.

Provides deposition and trial testimony on a broad array of matters related to occupational safety and health, OSHA compliance, and best practices.

Proficient at identifying a wide range of hazards in various industries, including construction, manufacturing, agriculture, and numerous other specialty industries.

Experienced in implementing feasible corrective actions that create a safe and healthful workplace, which limits the employer's risk, and increases productivity and profitability.

Professional Experience

Department of Labor OSHA - Area Director
Omaha, Nebraska 8/2015 - 9/2019
Billings, Montana 8/2012 – 7/2015
San Antonio, Texas 7/2010 – 7/2012
Charleston, West Virginia 8/2008 - 7/2010

As the Area Director of the OSHA offices in Omaha, Billings, Charleston, and San Antonio, my primary duties consisted of planning, developing, and managing the activities of the area office within the broad framework of the agency's policies, goals, and objectives. I led the overall enforcement program and ensured compliance with applicable safety and occupational health standards and regulations. I provided leadership and guidance to a multi-disciplinary group of safety and health specialists, industrial hygienists, and engineers. I served as the designated OSHA official for the issuance of all enforcement actions within my jurisdictional area. I also initiated and conducted informal conferences with employers and their representatives to resolve proposed

citations, penalties, and abatement procedures. I collaborated with the solicitor's office in the development of pre and post legal strategies when enforcement cases were contested and scheduled to be tried in front of an administrative law judge.

**Department of Labor OSHA - Assistant Area Director
Mobile, Alabama 6/2004 - 8/2008**

As the Lead Industrial Hygienist within the Department of Labor OSHA at the Mobile Area Office, my primary duties consisted of leading the strategic team. I served as the team leader of a multi-disciplinary group composed of industrial hygienists, safety specialists, and safety engineers. I lead the team by identifying areas of need according to the strategic plan and by distributing and balancing the workload. I routinely reviewed proposed enforcement actions to ensure proper application of the standard, appropriate proposed monetary penalty, and reasonable abatement dates of the alleged hazardous conditions, along with ensuring that the cases were legally sufficient in documentation.

**Department of Labor OSHA - Compliance Safety and Health Officer
Billings, Montana 1/2000 - 6/2002
Boise, Idaho 7/2002 - 6/2004**

My job responsibilities included working in a team environment, which required planning and working with other compliance safety and health officers, administrative staff, an assistant area director, the area director, regional staff (enforcement programs and cooperative programs), and the office of the solicitor. I conducted a wide range of safety and health inspections related to complaints, accidents, and fatalities across various industry sectors.

Education and Professional Certification

Masters of Science

Industrial Hygiene 12/2000

Montana Technological University, formerly Montana Tech of the University of Montana
Butte, Montana

Bachelor of Science

Environmental Health 5/1999

Boise State University

Boise, Idaho

Certified Safety Professional (CSP) 4/2005

Board of Certified Safety Professionals (BCSP)

Career Development Training Courses

OSHA Criminal Investigations Training Program

Advanced Legal Aspects for OSHA managers

OSHA Inspection Techniques and Legal Aspects

OSHA Basic Accident Investigation

Asbestos Contractor and Supervisory Training - University of Utah

Associated General Contractors Seminar Steel Erection

Associated General Contractors Seminar Fall Protection Construction

Basic Electrical Safety with Application to NFPA 70E

OSHA Marine Terminals 29 CFR 1917

OSHA Longshoring 29 CFR 1918

University of South Florida OSHA Training Institute Maritime Train the Trainer

OSHA Voluntary Protection Program Special Government Employee Training Course

Safety and Health for Oil and Gas Well Operations

Safety and Health in the Chemical Processing Industries
Incident Command System - I-200, I-300
OSHA Technical Assistance for Emergencies
OSHA Joint Field Office Training
Georgia Institute of Technology - Fall Protection and Scaffolding
Leadership Competencies for Department of Labor Leader
OSHA Leadership Assessments
Safety and Health for Grain Handling Operations
Excavation, Trenching and Soil Mechanics
HazWoper Training
OSHA Initial Compliance Course

Awards and Recognitions

Received the prestigious OSHA Area Office of the year award in 2019
Represented OSHA at high-level speaking engagements
Developed OSHA Train the Trainer courses for maritime and oil/gas (10 and 30 hour)
Served as OSHA's expert on sawmills and logging operations
Instructor for the Occupational Training Institute (OTI) course on sawmills and logging
Issued multiple egregious enforcement actions to recalcitrant employers
Secretary's Exceptional Achievement Award - Cintas Investigation Team
Secretary's Exceptional Achievement Award - Lone Star Bakery Investigation Team
Secretary's Exceptional Achievement Award - Bayer Crop Science Investigation Team
Secretary's Exceptional Achievement Award - Prinz Grain and Feed Investigation Team
Regional Administrator's Team Impact Award - Nebraska Railcar Cleaning Services, LLC. OSHA Investigation Team
Created high-impact alliances with a wide range of industry groups
Secretary's Exceptional Achievement Award - Maritime Outreach Training Work Group
Secretary's Honor Award for Worker Protection - Hispanic Contractors Association de San Antonio Alliance Team
Secretary's Exceptional Achievement Award - Logging and Sawmill Safety Seminar Work Group