



## PACIFIC INJURY & SAFETY EXPERTS

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### CURRICULUM VITAE

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## **GIDON R. VARDI, Ph.D**

President

### **Court Recognized Personal Injury and Safety Expert**

Our safety engineering services includes investigation and reporting on a variety of personal injury claims including: Premises Liability, Slip, Slides, Trip & Fall, construction site accidents, OSHA violations/compliance, accident reconstruction. Cases include: floor safety, use of power tools, scaffolding, ladders, skylights, open trenches, glass or other material installation, heavy equipment including cranes, lifts, forklifts, material handling equipment, construction vehicles, and general construction operations. ADA (American with Disability Act) violations/compliance, lighting issues, industry standard violations, care and maintenance, habitability, and injury prevention. Claim experience includes: Big box retail stores, shopping centers, parking lots, single and multi-unit residential buildings, senior care facilities, schools, hotels, office, medical, and hospital buildings, public thoroughways, restaurants, food and pharmaceutical, industrial buildings, open air theatre, winery, garage doors, airport, and railways. We provide on-site testing including: coefficient of friction, light level, door pressure, floor level, and material failure.

### **Building Inspector**

ICC Certified Building Inspector, and ICC Certified Accessibility Inspector/Plan Examiner: Research and give expert opinions regarding code compliance history as far back as 1927, general industry safety, ADA (American with Disability Act) compliance, and habitability claims (commercial and residential). California Building Code Certified.

### **Certified Walkway Safety Specialist/Auditor**

The University of North Texas, Department of Engineering Technology College of Engineering, certified walkway safety specialist meeting the qualification requirements of ASTM International Guide F2948-13 for walkway auditor. Also meets the requirement to be considered a "qualified person" by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Certification provided training in how to interpret and use tribometer readings to evaluate walkway safety, identify, suggest remediation for, and offer resolution for slip, slides and fall hazards on walkways, apply the principles of walkway safety, slip prevention, and risk assessment to comprehensive walkway safety management programs. Training includes background in bio-mechanical human gait cycle and gait mechanics.

### **Factory Trained Tribometer Operator**

Completed training and Certificate of Training holder as a BOT-3000E Operator by Regan Scientific Instruments, Inc. Additional training as a ASM 825A and 925 slip meters capable of both Static and Dynamic Coefficient of Friction.


### **OSHA**

Retired U.S. Department of Labor Federal OSHA Authorized Construction Trainer #C 0068225 with recognized ability and court qualified expert to provide opinions concerning regulations governing job site safety.

## **Construction and Insurance Industry Background**

Over 48 years of combined construction and insurance industry experience. Obtained a California (B) General Building Contractors' License (1976) and subsequent General Electrical (C-10), Fencing (C-13), Flooring (C-15), Lathing & Plastering (C-35) Roofing (C-39), Tile (Mosaic) (C-54). Past licenses as well as general contractor in Arizona, Nevada and Washington. Hands on experience in all phases and trades of construction both residential and commercial, including: site-work, concrete, masonry, framing, waterproofing, insulation, roofing, flashing and sheet metal, doors & windows, flooring (all types), lath & plaster, gypsum board (drywall), acoustic treatment, painting, ceramic tile, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, steel, fencing, furniture fixtures and equipment, food service and equipment. Remodel and restoration of medical facilities, restaurants, military facilities, high rise interior and exterior, major department store remodeling, industrial retrofitting, retail and commercial tenant improvement and residential projects.

## **LICENSES , CERTIFICATIONS & AUTHORIZATIONS**

-  ICC (International Code Council) Certified Accessibility Inspector/Plan Examiner#1064803-21
- ICC (International Code Council) Certified Building Inspector #1064803-B5
- ICC (International Code Council) Certified California Commercial Building Inspector - II #1064803
- ICC (International Code Council) Certified California Residential Building Inspector - J1 #1064803
- Licensed California General Building Contractor - #324138, since 1976 (B, HIC)(Inactive)
- Licensed California Electrical Contractor - #324138, C-10 Classification (Inactive)
- Licensed California Fencing Contractor - #324138, C-13 Classification (Inactive)
- Licensed California Roofing Contractor - #324138, C-39 Classification (Inactive)
- Corporate California General Building Contractor's License #806851 (B & HIC) (Active)
- Licensed California Electrical Contractor - #806851, C-10 Classification (Active)
- Licensed California Fencing Contractor - #806851, C-13 Classification (Active)
- Licensed California Flooring Contractor - #806851, C-15 Classification (Active)
- Licensed California Lathing & Plastering Contractor - #806851, C-35 Classification (Active)
- Licensed California Tile (Mosaic and Stone) Contractor - #806851, C-54 Classification (Active)
- Licensed California Independent Insurance Adjuster #2C21206 (Active)
- Licensed Arizona Building Contractor - #133192, B Classification (Inactive)
- Licensed Nevada General Building Contractor - #0046477 B Classification (Inactive/not renewed)
- Licensed Nevada Roofing and Siding Contractor -# 0046476 C15 Classification (Inactive/not renewed)
- Licensed Washington State Construction Contractor - #VARDICS169OD (Inactive/Archived)
- U.S. Department of Labor - OSHA certified GPO 865-164 (1974)
- U.S. Department of Labor Federal OSHA Authorized Construction Trainer #C 0068225 (Retired)
- Former certified Emergency Medical Technician IIB
- Certified Walkway Safety Specialist - The University Of North Texas Department of Engineering Technology College of Engineering (Active)

## **EDUCATION & TRAINING**

- 1972 - Long Beach City College, Associate Of Science - Architectural Design
- 1974 - California Polytechnic University - Pomona - OSHA Certificate -
- 1991 - California Coast University, Bachelor of Science - Business Administration
- 1997 - UCLA Extension, Mediation - Certificate
- 1998 - Pepperdine University School of Law - Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution - Mediation Certificate
- 2001 - California Coast University, Doctor of Philosophy - Business Administration
- 2002 - Certificate of Completion - Environmental Microbiology Laboratory, Inc. - Fundamentals of Mold, Biological Sampling and Report Interpretation
- 2012 - Certified Completion of California Adjuster Earthquake Training DOI #272548
- 2012 - California Fair Claims Law Certification

2015 - California State University Dominguez Hills - Certificate - OSHA 510 - Standards For The Construction Industry  
2015 - California State University Dominguez Hills - Certificate - OSHA 500 - Train-The Trainer  
2017 - Regan Scientific Instruments, Inc. - Certificate of Training - BOT-3000E Tribometer - Operator Proficiency  
2019 - The University Of North Texas Department of Engineering Technology College of Engineering - Walkway Safety Certification  
2020 - Cal CASP - ADA updates to the 2019 California Building Codes

In addition to the above education, over the past 49 years and on-going, attendance at numerous seminars, training and lectures.

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

ICC - International Code Counsel  
ASTM - F13 Committee Member

ASTM - American Society of Testing Materials

### **OSHA**

Retired Federal Authorized OSHA Outreach Trainer previously authorized to teach the 10 hour and 30 hour OSHA training courses.

In addition, the following awareness topics were also included:

Inspections, citations, and proposed penalties	Power transmission and distribution
Recording and reporting occupational injuries and illnesses	Blasting in the use of explosives
General industry standards	Personal protective and life saving equip.
Fire protection and prevention	Signs, signals, and barricades
Material handling, storage, use, and disposal	Tools hand and power
Welding and cutting	Electrical
Scaffolding	Fall protection
Helicopters, hoists, elevators, and conveyors	Excavations
Motor vehicles, mechanized equipment (including forklifts), and marine operations	Steel erection
Concrete and masonry construction	
Underground construction, caissons, cofferdams and compressed air	
Demolition	
Rollover protective structures; overhead protection	Stairways and ladders
Diving	Toxic and hazardous substances
Toxic and hazardous substances	Cranes and Derricks in construction

### **Expert Trial and Deposition Testimony**

**Qualified in Superior and Federal Courts To Testify On A Variety Of Issues Including:**

#### **Personal Injury Cases:**

- Slip, Trip and Fall
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) codes and regulations
- Personal injury accident reconstruction
- Falls through skylights
- Falls through glass
- Falls through open floor
- Trench plate safety and personal injury

- Forklift safety
- Hand truck safety
- Shopping mall and retail center premises liability, maintenance and safety
- Floor safety (including coefficient of friction, light level, elevation difference, material safety)
- Garage door & closer function, inspection, installation and safety
- OSHA regulations & Safety standards
- Power tool safety
- Scaffolding safety
- Conveyor belt safety procedures including lockout/tagout protocols
- Floor mats
- General floor safety
- Habitability
- Gates and fences
- Wheel stops

#### **DEPOSITION AND TRIAL TESTIMONY DATA**

Over 200 depositions  
Over 75 trials in both State and Federal courts

#### **COURT APPEARANCES AS QUALIFIED EXPERT**

Los Angeles County Superior Court  
Los Angeles County Small Claims Court  
Riverside County Superior Court  
Sacramento County Superior Court  
San Bernardino County Superior Court  
Santa Barbara County Superior Court  
San Diego County Superior Court  
San Francisco County Superior Court  
San Luis Obispo County Superior Court  
Orange County Superior Court  
Ventura County Superior Court  
U.S. Federal District Court - San Francisco  
U.S. Federal District Court - Los Angeles

Variety of Arbitrations, Mediations and Appraisal Hearings

#### **National and International Assignments**

Work and consulting experience includes: California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, Nevada, Colorado, Texas  
New York, Wisconsin, Canada and Mexico