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CURRICULUM VITAE Current as of August 21, 2024 GIDON R. VARDI President Specializing In Personal Injury and Safety Forensic Services

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

Our consulting and expert witness services includes investigation and reporting on a variety of personal injury and safety claims and cases including:

- OSHA violations/compliance including industry standard of care violations and compliance
- General construction safety and operations
- Construction industry standard of care violations
- Construction vehicles
- Construction site accidents
- Fences and gates
- Premises liability
- Industrial safety and operations
- ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) violations and compliance
- Injury prevention
- Accident reconstruction (excluding vehicle to vehicle collisions)
- Falls from heights and fall protection
- Signage, warnings, and notices
- Fire cause & origin (electrical)

# **COURT APPEARANCES AS QUALIFIED EXPERT**

Los Angeles County Superior Court Riverside County Superior Court San Luis Obispo County Superior Court San Francisco County Superior Court San Diego County Superior Court Sacramento County Superior Court U.S. Federal District Court - San Francisco

# We provide on-site testing including:

- ➢ Coefficient of friction
- ➤ Light level, Door pressure
- Accident reconstruction & Forensic Investigation
- ➢ Water pressure & Water temperature

- Skylights
- Floor safety
- Slips and slides
- Trip and fall
- Lighting issues
- Roof hatches
- Open trenches
- Use of power tools, scaffolding and ladders
- Heavy equipment including cranes, lifts, forklifts, etc.
- Glass and other material installation
- Electrocution
- Material handling equipment
- Codes, standards, and regulations
- Habitability
- Care and maintenance
- Suffocation and other fatalities

Los Angeles County Small Claims Court San Bernardino County Superior Court Santa Barbara County Superior Court Stanislaus County Superior Court Orange County Superior Court Ventura County Superior Court U.S. Federal District Court - Los Angeles

- Moisture/water intrusion
- Carbon monoxide
- Carbon dioxide
- Sound level
- Elevation measurement

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# Facility claims experience:

- Big box and retail stores
- Pharmaceutical premises
- > Shopping centers
- Restaurants and other food establishments
- Parking lots and driveways
- ➢ Sidewalks
- Industrial buildings
- Senior care facilities
- Machine shops
- ➢ Single & Multi Family Residences

- Apartments & Condominium
- > Schools
- ➤ Theaters
- ➤ Hotels
- ➤ Wineries
- ➢ Garage doors
- > Medical & hospital buildings
- > Airports & Airport luggage handling
- > Amusement parks
- > Sports fields

#### **Factory Trained Tribometer Operator**

Certificate of Training by Regan Scientific Instruments, Inc. BOT-3000E Operator. Training by American Slip Meters as a ASM 825A and ASM 925 Operator capable of both Static and Dynamic Coefficient of Friction.

## Certified Walkway Safety Specialist/Auditor

Completed course work through the University of North Texas, Department of Engineering Technology College of Engineering, to become a certified walkway safety specialist meeting the qualification requirements of ASTM International Guide F2948-13 for walkway auditor. Also, meets the "qualified person" requirement of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Certification provided training in how to interpret and use tribometer readings to evaluate walkway safety, identify and 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 classes in bio-mechanical human gait cycle and gait mechanics.

# **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 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
- marine operations
- Stairways and ladders
- Concrete and masonry construction
- Toxic and hazardous substances
- Underground construction, caissons, cofferdams
- Cranes and derricks in construction
- · compressed air
- Demolition
- Rollover protective structures; protection
- Motor vehicles, mechanized equipment

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## **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 1909, general industry safety, ADA (American with Disability Act) compliance, and habitability claims (commercial and residential). California Building Code Certified.

## **Construction Background**

Over 50 years of construction experience. As a license holder in California and past licenses in Arizona, Nevada and Washington. Experience includes hands on 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 and gates, 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. Experience operating heavy equipment including Cat D9, Cat 955, Cat 950, and various forklifts, skip loaders, and Bobcats.

#### **General Industry and Machine Shop Operations**

Past experience includes machine design, shop operation and supervision including safety protocols and industry standards. Operated production drill presses, drill tapping, and lathes.

#### **Accident and Claim Investigations**

Licensed California claim investigator with thousands of property and liability claim investigation experience.

YEAR OBTAINED	DESCRIPTION	NOTES
1972	Long Beach City College - Diploma - Associate Of Science	Architectural Design Major
1974	US Department of Labor - OSHA Certified #GPO 865-164	Cal Poly Pomona
1976	B - Licensed California General Building Contractor - License #324138	Replaced with corporate license
1976	Certified Emergency Medical Technician IIB	Inactive
1981	C44 - Licensed California Solar (Supplemental) Contractor - License #324138	Replaced with corporate license
1983	C13 - Licensed California Fencing Contractor - License #324138	Replaced with corporate license

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1984	Licensed Construction Contractor - Washington State - License #VARDICS169OD	Inactive
1985	C10 - Licensed California Electrical Contractor - License #324138	Replaced with corporate license
1996	C39 - Licensed California Roofing Contractor - License #324138	Inactive
1996	Certified Building Inspector - International Conference of Building Officials - Certificate #92414	Converted to the ICC certifications as noted below
1997	Certified Mediator - UCLA Extension	Current
1998	B - Licensed State of Arizona General Building Contractor - License #133192	Inactive
1998	Mediation Certificate - Pepperdine University School of Law - Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution	Current
1998	Licensed Independent Insurance Adjuster - California Department of Insurance - License #2C21206	Active
2000	California HIC Home Improvement Certification	Inactive
2002	B - Licensed California General Building Contractor - License #806851	Active Corporate License
2002	C10 - Licensed California Electrical Contractor - License #806851	Active Corporate License
2002	C13 - Licensed California Fencing Contractor - License #806851	Active Corporate License
2002	C39 - Licensed California Roofing Contractor - License #806851	See License #324138
2002	California HIC Home Improvement Certification	Inactive Corporate License
2002	Certificate of Completion - Environmental Microbiology Laboratory, Inc Fundamentals of Mold, Biological Sampling and Report Interpretation	Continuing Education
2005	B - Licensed Nevada General Building Contractor- #0046477	Inactive

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YEAR OBTAINED	DESCRIPTION	NOTES
2005	C15 - Licensed Nevada Roofing and Siding Contractor -# 0046476	Inactive
2006	C35 - Licensed California Flooring and Floor Covering Contractor - License #806851	Active Corporate License
2006	Certified Building Inspector CBC - ICC (International Code Council) Certificate #1064803 - B5	Active
2006	Certified California Commercial Building Inspector - I1 - ICC (International Code Council) Certificate #1064803	Active
2006	Certified California Residential Building Inspector - J1 - ICC (International Code Council) Certificate #1064803	Active
2009	Certified Accessibility Inspector/Plan Examiner - ICC (International Code Council) Certificate #1064803-21	Active
2011	C54 - Licensed California Tile (Ceramic and Mosaic) Contractor - License #806851	Active Corporate License
2012	California Department of Insurance - Certified Completion of California Adjuster Earthquake Training DOI #272548	Continuing Education & Training
2012 & 2024	California Department of Insurance - California Fair Claims Law Certification	Continuing Education & Training
2015	California State University Dominguez Hills - Certificate - OSHA 510 - General Industry and Standards For The Construction Industry	Continuing Education & Training
2015	California State University Dominguez Hills - Certificate - OSHA 500 - Train-The Trainer	Continuing Education & Training
2015	US Department of Labor Federal OSHA Authorized Construction Trainer Authorization #C-0068225	Retired
2017	Regan Scientific Instruments, Inc Certificate of Training - BOT-3000E Tribometer	Continuing Education & Training
2019	Certified Walkway Safety Specialist - The University Of North Texas Department of Engineering Technology College of Engineering - Expired 9/12/2022	Continuing Education & Training
2021	International Code Council (ICC) - 2018 IBC Means of Egress	Continuing Education & Training

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2021	International Code Council (ICC) - 2018 Commercial Accessibility	Continuing Education & Training
2023	Orange County Superior Court - Court recognized expert in determining cause and origin of an electrical induced fire leading to multiple injuries	Court recognition was based on multiple factors including licensing and decades of experience
2024	<ul> <li>International Code Council (ICC) - Amendments In The 2022 Intervening Code Adoption Cycle 2022 - ADA Code Updates</li> <li>Tiny Homes Building Codes and Regulations based on the International Residential Code</li> </ul>	Continuing Education & Training

Between 1991 to 2001 completed additional higher education including: Bachelor, Masters, and Doctorate degrees. Information is available upon request.

In addition to the above education, over the past 50+ years and on-going, attendance at numerous seminars, training, lectures, and self education through review of industry publications.

International Services including: Canada and Mexico

# **Expert Trial and Deposition Testimony**

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

- Slip, Trip and Falls
- General floor safety (including coefficient of friction)
- Floor mats
- Stairway safety
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Falls including: skylights, glass & open floor
- Roof hatch safety
- Machine guarding
- Ladder safety
- Trench plate safety
- Forklift safety
- Hand truck safety
- Shopping mall and retail center premises liability, maintenance and safety

- Fire cause & origin (electrical)
- Garage door & closer function, inspection, installation and safety
- OSHA regulations General & Construction
- Construction site safety
- Power tool safety
- Scaffolding safety
- Conveyor belt safety procedures including lockout/tagout protocols
- Habitability
- Gates and fences
- Wheel stops & Parking lot safety
- Material safety
- Insurance Bad Faith

Over 200 depositions, Over 80 court trials

# **MEMBERSHIPS**

ICC - International Code Counsel

Bixby Knolls Business Association