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*Expert Witness for the Hospitality Industry, Restaurant Consulting*

## Area of Expertise:

Industry Standards of Care and Duties

Safety & Security ...Slips, Trips and Falls

Liquor Liability ...Dram Shop

Daily Operations & Management, Employee & Staffing Issues

Staff & Management Training Programs & Handbooks

Restaurant and Kitchen Design, Menu Development, Business Plan Development,

Concept Development & Restaurant Start Up

## Career Summary:

Over 40 years of hospitality management, consulting and restaurant development experience in Miami, Fl. Boca Raton, Fl. Jupiter, Fl. Washington, DC. and Hendersonville, NC.

Involved in the operations of more than 20 restaurants & related including:

Lorenzo's Pantry, Gourmet Shop, South Miami, Fl.	78
Fancy's Food and Wine, Gourmet Shop, South Miami, Fl.	79-82
Norman Alley Caviar, Gourmet Foods Wholesaler, North Miami, Fl.	82
Susie's Bagels, Breakfast Restaurant, South Miami, Fl.	84
Pizzeria Uno, Full Service Restaurant, Miami, Fl.	84
Baystreet, Full Service Seafood Restaurant, Miami, Fl.	85
Rusty Pelican, Upscale Seafood Restaurant, Key Biscayne, Miami, Fl.	85
Signature Gardens, Black Tie & White Glove Catering Hall, Miami, Fl.	85
Rudolf's BBQ, Upscale BBQ, Miami, Fl.	86
Miami Purveyors, Wholesale Meat Distributor, North Miami, Fl.	86
Chart House, Seafood & Steaks, Coconut Grove, Fl.	87-88
Café Tu Tu Tango, Full Service Tapas Restaurant, Coconut Grove, Fl.	89-92
Gatsby's, Upscale Billiards and Cigar Bar, Boca Raton, Fl.	95
Prezzo, Casual Italian, Boca Raton, Fl.	96
Maxwell's Chophouse, Upscale Steakhouse, Boca Raton, Fl.	94
Nick's Steakhouse, Upscale Steakhouse, Boca Raton, Fl.	95
Austin Grill, Casual Dining, Boca Raton, Fl. , Washington DC	96
Jonathon's Landing Marina Club, Upscale Boating Club, Jupiter, Fl.	05
Jetty's, Upscale Seafood, Jupiter, Fl.	96-97
Cobblestone Café, Upscale American Dining, Tequesta, Fl.	96-97
Society Hill Café, Casual Dining, South Beach, Miami, Fl.	92-94
Tabica Grill, Contemporary American Restaurant, Jupiter, Fl.	98-08
Mountain Deli, Delicatessen, Downtown Hendersonville, NC.	09-now

## Academic Education & Associations

University of Miami, Business Administration	84
George Washington University, International Business	83-84
Miami-Dade Community College, Business Administration, AA	85-86
Florida International University, School of Hospitality Management, BA	87-88
FIU Hospitality Law with Dean Anthony Marshall –Leading National Expert Witness	
Ritz-Escoffier Ecole de Gastronomie Paris, France	89
Hendersonville NC Chamber of Commerce	12-now
National Restaurant Association	15-now
North Carolina Restaurant Association	15-now
ServSafe Certified North Carolina	09-now
Hendersonville Downtown Restaurant Owners Association –Founder	17-now
TIPS certified training	09, 19
Restaurant OSHA Safety & Security certified	19

## Continuing Education

National Restaurant Association’s Restaurant Industry Show Seminars	00-now
Regional and State Restaurant Industry Show Seminars	87-now
Foodservice Company Specific Regional Food Shows	98-now
Numerous Industry specific magazine subscriptions, online blogs & feeds	98-now

## Recent Expert Witness Cases

V. Johnson vs. Queen City BBQ, (furniture failure) for the plaintiff	17
Villanueva vs. Noches Del Columbia, (slip & fall) for the plaintiff	18
Wylie vs. New China Kitchen, (product liability) for the plaintiff	18
Montalvo vs. Applebees, (slip & fall) for the plaintiff	18
Jarrells vs. Five Guys Burgers, (trip & fall) for the plaintiff	18
Parker v. Fairhope Lodge, (dram shop liability) for the defense	18
Lara v. Snug Harbor, (dram shop liability) for the plaintiff	19
Rozakis v. Kazu Cuisine, (design failure, trip & fall) for the plaintiff	19
Ross v. Liberty Steakhouse, (general liability) for the plaintiff	20
Mason v. NPC International, (general liability, firearms) for the plaintiff	20
Ellington v. American Legion, (dram shop) for the plaintiff	20
Boyle v. Rockaway River Barn, (dram shop) for the plaintiff	21
JD v. Fridays Host International, (dram shop) for the plaintiff	21
Oglesby v. Galaxy West, (dram shop) for the plaintiff	22
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