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Restaurant Consulting and Expert Witness for the Hospitality Industry

Area of Expertise:

Industry Standards of Care and Duties

Safety & Security ...Slips, Trips and Falls

Liquor Liability ...Dram Shop

Operations & Management

Staff & Management Training Programs

Career Summary:

Over 40 years of hospitality management, operations, 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 Gastronomy 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
TIPS & RASP certified training	09,19,25
Restaurant OSHA Safety & Security certified	19
NFSI Competent Person certified -Workplace Falls Prevention	25

Continuing Education

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

Expert Witness Cases

V. Johnson vs. Queen City BBQ, (furniture failure) for the plaintiff, NC.	17
Villanueva vs. Noches Del Columbia, (slip & fall) for the plaintiff, NJ.	18
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Montalvo vs. Applebees, (slip & fall) for the plaintiff, NJ.	18
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Mason v. NPC International, (gen. liability, firearms) for the plaintiff, MO.	20
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Wagatira v. Kobe, (furniture failure) for the plaintiff, MD	23
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Davidom v. El Cheverito, (liability, fire training) for the plaintiff, NJ.	24
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Watson v. La Tampiquena, (dram shop) for the plaintiff, SC.	25
Carter v. Dadz, Elbow Room, et al, (dram shop) for the plaintiff, PA.	25
Myers v. Edwards, (dram shop) for the plaintiff, SC.	25

Hennes v. Common Market, (dram shop) for the defense, NC.	25
Jones v. Starbucks, (hot liquid injury) for the plaintiff, OK.	25
Hamilton v. Ameristar, (slip & fall), for the plaintiff, IL.	25
Dohr v. Bonefish Grill, (slip & fall) for the plaintiff, IL. *	25
Pahota v. Breakfasttime 3, (hot liquid injury) for the plaintiff, NC.	25
Erie v. Wagner, (equipment failure/fire) for the defense, VA.	26
Flannel v. Jack in the Box, (workplace violence) for the plaintiff, MO.	26
Sullivan v. Fred's Bar, (foreign object injury) for the plaintiff, LA.	26
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