

Curriculum Vitae
of
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Summary/Overview:

Mr. Berletich is a retired criminal defense attorney. He has over 25 years of experience in force management, lethal force instruction, force escalation, and firearms instruction development. Six years as an intelligence analyst with the United States Marine Corp Reserve, sixteen years as deputy sheriff with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, and a long history of martial arts training, has given him a breadth of experience in less lethal and lethal force encounters. His expertise includes firearms instruction development, surviving UOF incidents, officer survival, and citizen force training. Additionally, for over 20 years Mr. Berletich taught criminal justice and UOF classes to college students and law enforcement personnel.

Education/Licensing

University of La Verne College of Law, Ontario, CA

Juris Doctor, May 2010

CALI Award in Appellate Advocacy

Best Oralist Award

Moot Court Honors

Best Appellant Brief Award

California State University – San Bernardino, San Bernardino, CA

Master of Business Administration, Entrepreneurship Concentration, June 2006

GPA: 3.9 – Graduated 3rd in class

Beta Gamma Sigma Dean's Honor Society

California State University – San Bernardino, San Bernardino, CA

Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration, Graduated with Honors, March 1998

GPA: 3.6

Attorney: California State Bar Certified and Licensed, 2010 to 2018.

Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training: Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced POST certificates.

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Law Enforcement Experience

San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, San Bernardino, CA

Detective, Yucaipa Station, February 2001 – January 2005

Watch commander for the station. Responsible for twelve to eighteen deputies on any given shift. Investigated major crimes including financial fraud, identity theft, sex crime, domestic violence, and homicide.

As station detective, conducted complex investigations which required intelligence gathering, multiple witness interviews, and completion of extensive written documents, as needed for the preparation of search warrants and filing of complaints with the District Attorney.

Prepared the annual crime report for Yucaipa, detailing the activities the deputies participated in, arrests made, and crime trends for the region. Community activities included writing a weekly article for the local newspaper (The New Mirror), which helped the citizens keep abreast of current crime developments and offered advice on crime prevention.

Corporal, Regional Training Center, March 1996 – February 2001

Held the position of primary use of force instructor for San Bernardino County.

Instructed police officers in the legal requirements for using lethal and less-than-lethal force options. Provided expert opinion in the matters of firearms and use of force to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Drug Enforcement Agency, and other law enforcement agencies. Taught over 10,000 law enforcement personnel, from 53 agencies and 5 countries. Wrote force option training documents for the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department.

Deputy I and II, Central Station, January 1989 – March 1996

Conducted over 200 felony and misdemeanor arrests. Certified in interview techniques, hostile interrogations, and drug recognition.

Legal Experience

BAR MEMBERSHIP

State Bar of California, # 273303

United States District Court Central District of California

Law Office of John Berletich, Yucaipa, CA

Attorney, December 2010 to 2018

Criminal defense, bankruptcy and family law.

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Riverside District Attorney Victim Services Division, Riverside, CA

Attorney, July 2012 – 2013

Deliver support services to crime victims such as restraining orders, marriage dissolution, child support/child custody, and crime restitution petitions. Involved in criminal case management support. Responsible for locating, supporting and preparing victims and witnesses for adjudication proceedings.

Public Service Law Corporation, Riverside, CA

Attorney, January 2011 - 2013

Perform a variety of family law services to indigent clients including marriage dissolution, establishing paternity, spousal and child support orders. Assists with the bankruptcy pro bono clinic, preparing chapter 7 and 13 bankruptcy petitions.

Professional Law Group, Riverside, CA

Attorney, November 2011 – February 2012

Provide Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 bankruptcy services. Experienced in motion litigation and 341a hearings. Written motion litigation for stay of relief and objection to, sanctions for violation of stay, and lien stripping under chapter 13, among many others. Have litigated in federal bankruptcy courts in Los Angeles, Orange, and Riverside counties.

Familiar with all basic bankruptcy office functions, including initial client interviews, follow up consultations, and signing of petition. Have prepared both chapter 7 and 13 petitions, including all schedules and required local forms, for filing. Experienced with reaffirmation agreements and redemptions. Certified to practice with the Federal Court in the Central District of California.

Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC

Accredited Attorney, May 2011

Certified to prepare, present, and prosecute claims for Veteran benefits before the Department of Veteran Affairs.

Continuing Legal Education

State Bar of California

- Approaching Veterans Issues: A Legal Overview Including an Update of California Penal Code Section 1170.9
- Bankruptcy Basics for Low-Income Clients
- California Eviction Defense: Protecting Low-Income Tenants
- Diversity & Inclusion in Law Practice
- Ethical Issues in California Pro Bono Representation
- Prison Law
- Social Security Disability
- Working with Immigrants: The Intersection of Basic Immigration, Housing, and Domestic Violence Issues in California
- Ethical Considerations in Prison Law Matters
- Ethical Issues and Best Practices in Limited Scope Representation
- Mental Health Issues & the New York State Courts

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- Representing Modest Means Homeowners in Association Disputes: Key California Statutes and Consumer Protections
- Litigating Exoneration Cases
- Public Interest Boot Camp
- Stress and the Legal Profession in the 21st Century

Teaching Experience

Santa Barbara Business College, Rancho Mirage, CA

Professor, May 2012 – November 2014

Taught criminal justice classes including:

- Interview/Interrogation and the Report Writing Process
- Criminal Procedure
- Criminal Administration
- Criminal Law
- Criminal Court Systems
- Introduction to Homeland Security
- Crime Scene Investigation
- Introduction to Corrections, Probation and Parole
- Juvenile Justice
- Organized Crime

Taught legal classes including:

- Contract Law
- Tort Law
- Legal Research and Writing

Taught business classes including:

- Ethics
- Organizational Behavior
- Microeconomics
- E-Business Concepts
- Business Capstone

San Bernardino Sheriff's Regional Training Center, Devore, CA

Instructor, March 1996 – January 2001

Taught California P.O.S.T law enforcement courses and criminal justice classes (in conjunction with San Bernardino Valley College) including:

- Firearms Instructor Course
- Surviving a Use of Force Incident
- Fundamentals of Shooting
- BASIC Academy Firearms
- BASIC Firearms Safety Course
- Building/Entry Search
- Defensive Tactics

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- Officer Survival
- Crowd Control
- Baton/PR-24
- Weapon Retention
- Chemical Agents
- Less Lethal
- Cap Stun
- Ground Control and Fighting
- LVNR
- Weapon Violations
- Hostage/Barricade Subjects
- Officer Down! But not out!
- Sympathetic Fire
- Firearm Malfunction Drills
- Shotgun
- Rifle
- Carbine
- Long Gun to Handgun Transition

Personal Training

Attended the following training courses, including but not limited to:

- Martial arts training covering a period of 30 years in three different styles
- SBSB Weaponless Defense Class
- SBSB Weaponless Defense Instructor Class
- Beretta Armorer Training Course
- Glock Armorer Course
- Glock Advanced Armorer Course
- North American School of Firearms Gun Pro Diploma
- Officer Involved Shooting
- Confrontational Scenario Presenter
- Surviving Edge Weapons Steve Tarani
- Surviving Edge Weapons HSS
- Advanced Officer Training
- Entry and Building Search Techniques
- Crowd Control
- Defensive Tactics
- Officer Survival
- Firearms Instructor Course
- Baton/PR-24
- Weapon Retention
- LVNR Instructor Course
- Holster Transition Training
- Realistic Assault Confrontation
- Explosives Handling

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- Tactical Explosive Entry School
- Carbine Instructor
- Less Lethal Instructor
- Chemical Agent Instructor
- Ground Fighting Instructor
- Behavior Analysis Training Institute
- Cylinder and Slide Automatic Pistolsmithing Course
- LDA Field Armorer Training
- Lethal Force Institute (LFI) Persuader Baton
- LFI Handgun Retention
- LFI 1
- LFI 2
- LFI 3
- LFI Stressfire Instructor
- Federal Laboratories OC Aerosol Projectors, Chemical Munitions, Specialty Impact Munitions
- AR-15/M-16 Armorer Course
- National Tactical Officers Association Less Lethal Projections Instructor Certification
- Low Light Tactical Training
- Sig Sauer Law Enforcement Armorer Course
- Ultron II Stun Gun
- H&K MP5/Benelli/USP Armorer School
- H&K MP5 Operator
- H&K MP5 Instructor
- H&K Livefire Shoothouse Instructor Development
- Advanced Tactical Training Instructor
- Advanced Officer Tactical Communications
- Tactical Edge Seminar
- Ballistic Shield Operator
- Defense Training International Advanced Defensive Handgun
- Aviation Security – Flying While Armed Course

California Peace Officer and Standards Training (POST) Report

Training certified by POST:

- Basic Course
- Multiple Skills and Knowledge Modular Training
- Defensive Tactics Instructor
- Advanced Officer Course
- Advanced Officer Course FTC
- Driving Under the Influence
- Traffic Collision Investigation
- Multiple Use of Force Updates
- First Aid/CPR

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- Pursuits
- Proctor Training Seminar
- Sexual Harassment
- Validation workshop for LD #35 (Weapon Violations)
- Psychological Survivor
- Problem Oriented Police
- Child Abuse Investigation
- Interview and Interrogation
- Racial Profiling
- Driving/Force Option

National Rifle Association

Training Certified by NRA:

- Chief Range Safety Officer
- Range Safety Officer
- NRA Range Development and Operations Course

Departmental Evaluations

Conducted evaluations, demonstrations and reviews for San Bernardino Sheriff's Department in a number of areas including:

- Ammunition Ballistic Demonstration
- Action Target Review
- Assault Weapon Legislation Review
- Department Policies on Use of Force
- Deputy Involved Shootings
- Ballistic Testing
- Duty Ammunition Selection
- Body Armor Testing
- California Police Summer Games June 2000
- Glock 21 Evaluation
- SXT Ammunition Testing
- Shooting Reconstructions
- Mobile Field Force
- Off Duty/Backup Firearm Policy

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Departmental and Military Awards

Received over twenty (20) department awards and letters of appreciation during his career with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. Among the awards are multiple recognitions for recovering stolen vehicles (including the Grand Master Award), Cal ID award for fingerprint identification which lead to suspect apprehension, and two letters of appreciation for life saving.

Meritorious Private First Class awarded by the United States Marine Corp Reserve for attaining the highest marksmanship score of his entire platoon while firing for qualification (Ranked Expert Rifleman).

Publications

Ghost writer for Captain Robert Fonzi of Yucaipa Station. Under the captain's direction Detective Berletich wrote a series of articles for a local newspaper – the Yucaipa News Mirror. These articles included:

- Preventing Burglaries
- Holiday Sweep
- Operation Safe Holidays
- Citizens Patrol Incident
- Identity Theft
- The Year in Review
- Protecting Yucaipa's Treasures
- Elder Abuse
- World Trade Center
- Home Security Assessment
- Habitual Offender Program

Articles Featuring John Berletich

John Berletich & Massad Ayoob, *Aim, Hold, and Squeeze*, COMBAT HANDGUNS, June 1, 2002, at 8.

John Berletich & Massad Ayoob, *Loaded, Ready, and Safe*, GUNS MAGAZINE, Jan. 1, 2002, at 28.

John Berletich & Massad Ayoob, *Portrait of an Enlightened Firearms Policy*, AMERICAN HANDGUNNER, Mar. 1, 2001, at 50.

John Berletich, *Para-Ordinance Goes Double Action*, THE COMPLETE BOOK OF HANDGUNS, Jan. 1, 2001, at 30.

John Berletich, *Why the Pros Pick Glock*, GLOCK ANNUAL, Jan. 1, 1999, at 32.

Combat Shooting Qualifications and Awards

Captain of San Bernardino Competitive Shooting Team 1997 - 2003

- Glock Sport Shooting Foundation Linea De Fuego: *First LE Team* Nov. 1997
- Arizona Police Olympics: *Silver Team; Bronze Limited Pistol* Feb. 1998
- Glock Sport Shooting Foundation Ballistic Challenge: *First LE Team* Oct. 1998
- Marine Corp Logistics Base Police Pistol Match: *1st Ind., 1st Team* 1998
- Glock Sport Shooting Foundation Linea De Fuego: *First LE Team* Nov. 1998
- Glock Sport Shooting Foundation Ballistic Challenge: *First LE Team* Oct. 1999
- NCSA: *Top Law Enforcement Pistol Team* 1999
- Marine Corp Logistics Base Police Pistol Match: *1st Team* 1999
- Glock Sport Shooting Foundation Linea De Fuego: *First LE Team* Jan. 2000
- Arizona Police Olympics: *Gold Team; Silver Pistol; Bronze Shotgun* April 2000
- Glock Sport Shooting Foundation Linea De Fuego: *First LE Team* Nov. 2000
- Marine Corp Logistics Base Police Pistol Match: *2nd Ind., 1st Team* 2000
- IDPA Championship: *2nd Place Marksman* 2000
- Glock Sport Shooting Foundation Ballistic Challenge: *First LE Team* Oct. 2001
- Marine Corp Logistics Base Police Pistol Match: *3rd Ind., 1st Team* 2001
- GSSF Glockmeister Challenge: *First LE Team* May 2002
- California Police Games: *Silver Combat Pistol Team* June 2002
- Glock Sport Shooting Foundation Ballistic Challenge: *First LE Team* Oct. 2002
- IDPA Western Regional Tactical Challenge: *4th Sharpshooter Pistol* Oct. 2002
- USPSA California Desert Sectional: *1st Unclassified Production Pistol* Mar. 2003
- GSSF Glockmeister Challenge: *First LE Team* May 2003

History of Litigation Support/Expert Witness Experience

State of California vs. Gutierrez 1998

Case No. FSB17444 San Bernardino County, California

Nature of Case: PC 245(A)(1) Assault with a Deadly Weapon

Nature of litigation support/expert witness testimony: Opinion that an injury made to Gutierrez’s hand may have been while shooting a semi-auto pistol.

State of California vs. Finney 1999

Case No. MRE09172 San Bernardino County, California

Nature of Case: PC12280 (B) Possess Any Assault Weapon

Nature of litigation support/expert witness testimony: Opinion that a SKS that accepted a 30 round detachable magazine qualified as an assault weapon. Waived jury trial. Plead guilty to PC12280 (B) Possess Any Assault Weapon.

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State of California vs. Brand Sr. 1999

Case No. FBA04873 San Bernardino County, California

Nature of Case: PC12220 (A): Possess/Machinegun

Nature of litigation support/expert witness testimony: Opinion on firearm. Waived jury trial. Plead guilty to PC12021 (A) (1): Felon/Addict/Possess Firearm.

Federal Bureau of Investigation 2000

Nature of Case: Investigation of Glock 17 modified to fire in full automatic mode

Nature of litigation support/expert witness testimony: After examination of firearm wrote the opinion describing how the Glock 17 pistol had been converted to fire in a fully automatic mode.

Military Experience

United States Marine Corps Reserve, 1978 - 1984

Intelligence Analyst – Honorable Discharge

Top Secret Security Clearance

Professional Organizations

California Bar Association

California Narcotics Officers Association Life Member

Law Enforcement Alliance of America Life Member

National Rifle Association Life Member

Board of Director

Missouri River Shooters Association

Director of Education – 12/01/2020 to Present

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Develop educational programs for the Missouri River Shooters Association and, per request of the Great Falls Shooting Sports Complex Board of Directors, for the GFSSC.
- Coordinate established educational programs for the Missouri River Shooters Association and, per request of the Great Falls Shooting Sports Complex Board of Directors, for the GFSSC. These may include but are not limited to NRA certification courses, Appleseed, Youth Shoot, 4-H, etc.
- Coordinate non-established educational and shooting programs for the Missouri River Shooters Association and, per request of the Great Falls Shooting Sports Complex Board of Directors, for the GFSSC. These may include but are not limited to manufacture sponsored shoots, etc.
- Recruit and/or train instructors as deemed appropriate for the needs of the MRSA
- Oversee instructors using the Missouri River Shooters Association Indoor Range
- Supplying proper documentation to be completed by inquiring instructors whether from within the MRSA, GFSSC, “for profit industries” and volunteers.
- Receive and review documentation returned by inquiring instructors, determine level of completeness and communicate approval or disapproval of documentation. (Documentation will be as appropriate for course being taught

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and may include proof of current teaching certification(s) and proof of liability insurance.)

- Potentially attend first class of an instructor to assure their compliance to MRSA safety expectations, etc.
- Assist the MRSA President in coordination of dates and times which instructors will be using the MRSA Indoor Range.