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EXHIBIT A

MERLIN TAYLOR
CURRICULUM VITAE

- June 2011 to the present:

MST CONSTRUCTION CONSULTING, LC, d.b.a.
Comprehensive Litigation (A+) Construction Consulting
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Litigation Support Services, Construction Defect Resolution, Xactimate
Estimating, Insurance Claims & Construction Consulting.

Please visit: www.merlintaylor.com & <https://merlintaylor.wordpress.com/>

- February 2006 to May 2019:

A partner and independent consultant with the Utah-based Company, ADVISE AND CONSULT, INC. This firm provides expert witnesses and industry professionals to assist with construction defect claims and building/construction-related litigation.

- January 1, 1981, to November 30, 2015:

Professional Builder/General Contractor, principal of MST BUILDERS, INC. & MST BUILDERS, LC.

- Professional areas of expertise and knowledge:

- General Contractor Business Standards & Protocol
- Building Code Compliance
- Job Site & Building Code Related Accidents
- Custom Homes & Light Commercial
- Standard of Care for a General Contractor
- Plans and Specifications Compliance
- Cabinet Manufacturing and Fine Finish Carpentry
- Commercial and Residential Remodeling (Historical Restoration)
- Light Commercial Construction & Tenant Improvements
- Estimating - Xactimate

- MST Builders, Inc., started in August of 1980. For 35 years, this construction company's Signature & Mission Statement:

"Building Utah since 1980" with "P.I.Q. — Professionalism – Integrity -- Quality"

As a principal with MST Builders, Inc. & MST Builders, LC, for 35 years, my construction background is in all fields of general building, custom homes, and light commercial construction. This tenure would include single-family homes, multi-family, and other non-residential construction. In addition, I have direct experience working with over 15 local building municipalities concerning building code compliance, planning, zoning, and the local board of adjustments.

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➤ June 2003 to December 2011:

Served on Board of Directors with Lien Recovery Fund Board for Utah Department of Occupational and Professional Licensing. (DOPL)

I was reappointed to L.R.F. Board in 2018 by Governor Gary Herbert. Utah suspended the need for the L.R.F. Board and disbanded the board members in 2020.

➤ September 2012 to 2016:

I served with the Occupational and Professional Licensure Review Committee with the Utah Legislature, appointed by President Waddoups and Speaker Lockhart - Utah State Senate.

Reappointed to Occupational and Professional Licensure Review Committee in 2016 by President Wayne L. Niederhauser - Utah State Senate. Retired in 2022.

➤ June 1, 2018, to June 30, 2021:

Appointed to the Construction Services Commission of the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing by Governor Gary Herbert. Reappointed to a second term in February 2021, serving through June 2025. Presently serving as chairman for this body.

➤ March 2003 to 2010:

Served on the Board of Directors with THE ROAD HOME. (Formally Travelers Aid Society) Recipient of the 2006 "Heart and Hands Award"- presented by the Utah Philanthropy Association. I have become a lifelong ambassador for the support of our homeless community.

➤ 2002, Served as President of the **Utah Home Builders Association**.

➤ 1994, Served as President of the **Salt Lake Home Builders Association**. (AKA – Home Builders Association of Greater Salt Lake; local affiliation of the National Association of Home Builders)

In my 25 years of active service with the Home Builders Associations ("HBA"), our industry, and community, I chaired many committee positions, including functioning as the State's project liaison for constructing the H.B.A.'s office complex in West Jordan, Utah– 2004 & 2005. In addition, I served on the HBA. of Utah's legislative committee, monitoring bills regarding professional standards, continuing education, and laws affecting private property rights. My construction company and TEAM were 5-time award-winning Parade of Homes participants in 1992, 1993, 1995, 1998, and 2002.

During the 2002 Parade of Homes, the restored property, "The Pines," was voted overall "People's Choice" for the 2002 Parade of Homes. M.S.T. Builders, Inc., featured in various national trade magazines for renovating the 2002 home in Holladay, Utah. In addition, this property was added to the National and Utah State Historic Registries.

➤ Authored Publications:

In the 1990s and 2000s, I wrote articles monthly for "*Utah Homebuilder*" magazine publication. I have not written articles or periodicals in the past ten years.

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➤ In the 1970s:

- I started my family;
- Worked in the construction carpentry trades;
- Licensed Utah Realtor with Advantage Realty;
- Managed health spas for the Rice-Melby Corporation in Buffalo & Rochester, New York, and in Honolulu & Aiea/Pearl City, Hawai'i;
- Proud Member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners Union Local #184, as Journeymen Carpenter.

➤ Personal History:

- Born September 7, 1951, Salina, Utah.
- Married to a Goddess - Joan Taylor, a Real Estate Broker/Professional since the 1970s.
- We have four children, 13 grandchildren & 5 great-grandchildren.

➤ I am a professional SANTA CLAUS since 2003, focusing my sphere of influence on charity events and humanitarian causes relating to homelessness with The Road Home.

Acknowledgments for service related to my passion for charities relating to the Homeless:

🚩 2006 "Heart & Hands Award" from the Utah Philanthropy Association.

🚩 2014 Deseret News front-page article on Christmas Eve feature—"Utahn Merlin Taylor is Santa with a Cause".

<http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865618357/Utahn-Merlin-Taylor-is-Santa-with-a-cause.html>

🚩 2015 - "Community Service Award" from The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

🚩 2016 - "Book of Golden Deeds Award" from the Bonneville Exchange Club.

🚩 2016 - "Community Service Hero" from Utah Red Cross.

➤ Recent messages from our respected attorneys:

- *Merlin, I wanted to take a moment to let you know that we were able to settle this case last week in large measure to the outstanding report you had written. I enjoy working with you and wish that I had more cases that I could retain you on. I look forward to working with you on our next case.
Thanks again, W.J.H.*
- *Merlin, Thank you for sending me the new CV information – both for expert and humanitarian. I am going to pass this along to our clients that will need your help. Thank you for all the good in life you do. If you want to make money, be an expert at something. If you want to make a difference, be Merlin Taylor at Christmas time. May you continue to give your best and as you do, may the best of life's blessings come to you, Joan and family.
KBS*

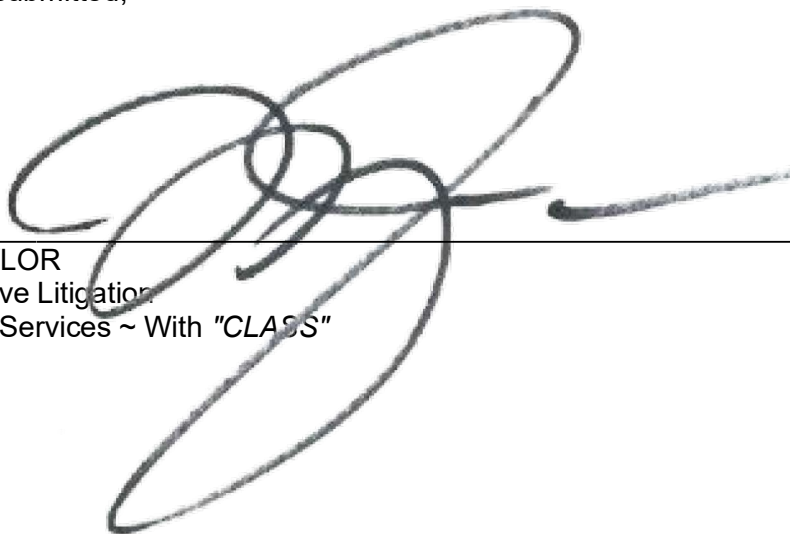
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“YOUR LITIGATION PARTNER –

CLASS IS GOOD ADVICE.”

Respectfully submitted,



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STATEMENT OF RETAINER TERMS & CONDITIONS MST CONSTRUCTION CONSULTING, LC

1. Fee Structure

All billable time spent on the project will be billed, including travel hours. (Travel time is charged from portal to portal.) The following approximate ranges of hourly rates for various categories of personnel are currently in effect:

Hourly Rate	Category
\$200 - \$250	Depositions, court testimony, appraisals, arbitrations & mediations when in the process of being argued or heard
\$200	Expert witness, appraisals, and estimates outside of court or other hearing proceedings.
\$1,100 – 1 to 4 hours \$2,200 – 4 to 8 hours	Deposition, court appearance, mediations & appraisal hearings
\$75	Clerical Assistant
\$95--\$125	Research or Technical Assistants

Hourly rates may be adjusted semi-annually to reflect changes in the cost of living. If overtime for nonprofessional personnel is required, the premium differential figured at time and one-half of their regular hourly rate is charged directly to the project. Unless otherwise stated, any cost estimate presented in a proposal is for budgetary purposes only and is not a fixed price.

2. Reimbursable Expenses

Travel expenses necessary for the project's execution, including rail, taxi, bus, air, rental vehicles, and vehicle fuel charges, will be billed at a direct cost. In addition, the Company's highway mileage or personal vehicles will be charged at \$.70 per mile.

The following expenses will be billed at direct cost Plus 10%:

- Accommodations and all meals.
- All communication charges.
- Postage and shipping/courier services.
- Printing and reproduction.
- Other project expenses: photocopying, laser printing, photos, etc.

3. Invoice & Expense Billing

- Issued monthly, at the option of the Company
- Cost-plus 10% on all out-of-pocket expenses
- Due upon receipt
- The interest rate of 1.8% per month applies to unpaid balances over 30-days

4. Retainer

- At the option of the Company
- Applied to final payment
- Please note: We have a 4-hour minimum charge on all agreed-on assignments.

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