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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Distinguished **Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Expert Witness** with an extensive track record of leadership experience in General Industry. Founder and Principal of **On-Going Safety & Health Advice** specializing in providing accident investigation and safety compliance consultations for complex litigation. Proven track record of delivering objective, detailed expert reports, and authoritative testimony. Exceptionally well-versed in OSHA regulations, consensus standards (ANSI, NFPA), and industry best practices. Adept at breaking down complex technical safety data into clear, persuasive testimony for judges and juries.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- **Accident Investigation**
 - **OSHA Compliance & Citation Defense** (29 CFR 1910)
 - **Machine Guarding & Lockout/Tagout (LOTO)**
 - **Slips, Trips, and Falls** (Pedestrian Safety)
 - **Safety Management Systems & Program Audits**
 - **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Assessment**
 - **Material Handling & Forklift/Crane Safety**
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LITIGATION SUPPORT & CORE CAPABILITIES

- **Deposition Testimony:** Experienced in defending expert opinions under rigorous cross-examination by opposing counsel.
 - **Trial Testimony:** Proven ability to present authoritative, credible, and easily understood testimony in state and federal courts.
 - **Expert Reports:** Author of highly detailed, evidence-backed Rule 26 expert reports, rebuttal reports, and affidavits.
 - **Case Evaluation:** Initial merit assessments for both plaintiff and defense counsel to determine technical viability of claims.
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

On-Going Safety & Health Advice | Spring Branch, TX

Principal & Lead Expert Witness | 2013 – Present

Provide independent safety consulting and expert witness services for law firms, insurance companies, and corporations regarding occupational safety and health matters.

- Retained as an expert witness in 75+ cases spanning federal and state jurisdictions.
- Conduct comprehensive site inspections, document reviews, and regulatory research to investigate workplace accidents.
- Deliver deposition and trial testimony that clarifies complex safety standards, employer responsibilities, and industry customs.
- Advise corporate clients on proactive hazard abatement, safety culture development, and OSHA citation mitigation.

EXEL, Inc (DHL Supply Chain) | U S Operations

Director of Corporate Safety 1998 – 2013

- Directed enterprise-wide health and safety programs across multiple manufacturing and distribution facilities.
- Reduced Lost Time Incident Rates (LTIR) over a multi-year period through targeted hazard elimination and training.
- Interfaced directly with OSHA compliance officers during inspections and negotiated informal settlement agreements.

Coca-Cola Bottling Company of the Southwest / Texas

Safety Manager

- Built a deep foundation of hands-on experience in manufacturing plants, food & beverage industry, and industrial environments.
- Developed specialized expertise in machine guarding, hazard communication, fire protection, and behavioral safety management systems.

CERTIFICATIONS & AFFILIATIONS

- **Certified Safety Health Official (CSHO)** | 2005 Texas A & M University – Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) Cert # 002924
- **OSHA Authorized General Industry Trainer** (10- and 30-Hour) 2004-2020

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science / Safety Management

Southwest University