

David L. Mefford

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Curriculum Vitae

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An Experienced Contractor/Consultant specializing in Construction, Floods, Fires, Sewage, & Mold

David Mefford is an experienced contractor and remediation expert. His first job was as a carpenter's apprentice the summer of 1966. Since then, he has built, repaired or remodeled over 3000 residential and commercial buildings. Of those projects, over 2500 have occurred since 1999 as a result of construction defects, water damage, fire, and mold, including the remediation and repair of most projects.

Work related experience

1. **Consultant and Expert Witness for Building, Fire, Water, & Mold** – 2004 to present
 - Provide consultation, expert reports, depositions and testimony for cases involving construction defects, water damage, fire, sewage, and mold.
2. **Owner and Estimator of Utah Flood and Fire Network**, 2008 – 2011
 - Oversight of company, including: hiring, firing, training, certification, equipment purchases, budgets, project scheduling, etc.
 - Inspected new jobs, wrote estimates and scheduled all work, obtained approval for estimates with insurance adjusters, hired sub-contractors, maintained quality control, collected payments, and customer service.
3. **Estimator for Utah Disaster Kleenup**, 2001 – 2008
 - Inspected new jobs, wrote estimates and scheduled all work, obtained approval for estimates with insurance adjusters, hired sub-contractors, maintained quality control, collected payments, and customer service.
4. **Estimator for Stone Flood and Fire Restoration**, 2000 – 2001
 - Inspected new jobs, wrote estimates and scheduled all work, obtained approval for estimates with insurance adjusters, hired sub-contractors, maintained quality control, collected payments, and customer service.
5. **Estimator for Venturi Flood and Fire Restoration**, 1999 – 2000
 - Inspected new jobs, wrote estimates and scheduled all work, obtained approval for estimates with insurance adjusters, hired sub-contractors, maintained quality control, collected payments, and customer service.
6. **Supervisor/Carpenter for Residential & Commercial Projects** in Utah, Idaho and California since 1974

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Professional Certification

1. **Certified Mold Professional**, 2009, expires 1-9-2027 The Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification (IICRC)
Interactive Occupational Training, (IOT), Denver, Colorado
2. **Certified Restorer**, since 2006
Restoration Industry Association (RIA), formerly Association of Specialists in Cleaning & Restoration (ASCR), Maryland
3. **General Contractor dlm inc, B-100 License**, 2001, Inactive since 11-30-2017
Utah State Department of Occupational Licensing (DOPL)
4. **Lead-Based Paint Safety Renovation, Repair and Painting**, since 2010
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Utah State Division of Air Quality
5. **Structural Drying Specialist**, Since 2006
American Drying Institute, Morristown, Tennessee
6. **Certified Contents Restorer**, Since 2008
Restoration Industry Association (RIA), formerly Association of Specialists in Cleaning & Restoration (ASCR), Maryland

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95 Cases as a Consultant or Expert Witness

James v Fairburn Townhouses

Client – Fae Carr James

Attorney – Anne Marie Du Toit – Atlanta, Georgia

Expert Witness – Consultation, Deposition, and Report

December 2025 – 2026

*Critiquing clean up repairs from sewage flooding
Case Settled*

Northpoint Estates HOA

Client – Northpoint Estates HOA

Attorney – Isaac James

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

August 2025 – 2026

*Identify fixes for water intrusion from faulty window installation
Case Settled*

TruSolace v Singing Water

Client, TruSolace

Attorney – Scott Crooks

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

September 2025 - Present

*Opine on damages from inept mold remediation
Case in Progress*

Cherry Hill Resort v Farmington Residents, et al

Client, Cherry Hill Resort

Attorney – Dave Richards – Christensen and Jensen

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

July 2025 – Present

*Quantifying damages from flooding
Case Settled*

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Dutch Builders v Utah Land Surveying

Client – Hanover Insurance Group for Utah Land Surveying

Attorney – Stephen Kelson

Expert Witness - Consultation and Report

August 2025 – 2026

Verifying expenses for insurance company payout

Assignment completed

Mojave Flats Owners v ANA Enterprises

Client – Mojave Flats Owners, et al

Counsel – Cody Wilson, Babcock and Babcock

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

September 2025 – Present

Owners suing contractors for damages from ground subsidence

Case in Progress

Bartlett v Asphalt Preservation

Client – James and Julie Bartlett

Counsel – Erik Olsen

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

April 2025 – Present

Owner suing contractors for damages from fractures oil tanker

Case in Progress

Dunn v Chamberlain

Client – Chamberlain Construction

Counsel – Treavor Lang – Christenson and Jensen

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

August 2024 – Present

Owner suing contractors for failing to finish repairs and faulty workmanship.

Case in Progress

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Myers v Volkomnan Construction

Client – Steven and Chanelle Myers
Counsel – Morgan Fife
Expert Witness – Consultation and Report
February 2024 – Present

Owner suing contractors for failing to finish repairs, not following contract, and faulty workmanship.

Case in Progress

Given-Odle v DaBelle

Client – Skylar Given and Coral Odle
Counsel – Norman Peat
Expert Witness – Consultation
December 2024 – Present

Owner suing repair contractors for failing to finish repairs and faulty workmanship.

Case in Progress

Stein – SC Build

Client – Cindy Stein
Counsel –
Expert Witness – Consultation
December 2024 - Present

Owner suing repair contractors for failing to finish repairs and faulty workmanship.

Case Re-Assigned

Hardman v Rapid Construction

Client – Colby Smith – Rapid Construction
Counsel – Rafael Seminario
Expert Witness – Consultation and Report
December 2024 - Present

Injured worker suing General Contractor for injuries on job site.

Case in Progress

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Progressive v Spencer Peterson

Client – Progressive Insurance
Counsel – Alex Roll
Expert Witness – Consultation and Report
November 2024 – Present

*Insurance company wanted me to audit claim to ensure proper payment was made.
Case Settled*

Vanmeeteren v Farmington Crossing HOA

Client – Rachel Vanmeeteren
Counsel – Zachary Myer
Expert Witness - Consultation
October 2024 – Present

*Inspections to find source of water damage
Case in Progress*

Shahade v Storm Guard

Client – Rob and Ellie Shahade and Mark Horn
Counsel – Matthew Bruff and Darrell Damschen
Expert Witness – Consultation and Report
June 2024 – September 2024

*Owner suing roofing companies for failure to protect home during a rainstorm resulting
in massive damage to the home.
Case Settled*

Patterson

Client – Max Patterson
Counsel – Nathan Morris of Cutt Kendell & Olsen
Expert Witness – Consultation
May 2024 – Present

*Owner seeking restitution for hay barn destroyed by vandalism
Case in Progress*

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Anderson v Breen Homes v Plumbing Professionals

Client – Plumbing Professionals
Counsel – Rafael Seminario
Expert Witness – Consultation
May 2024 – Present

*Owner suing Contractor for failure to follow plans and subsequent damages.
Case in Progress*

All Clean v Stephens

Client – Daryl Olsen, All Clean
Counsel – Jason Yancey of Helgesen, Houtz & Jones
Expert Witness – Consultation and Report
March 2024 – Present

*Dispute over defective replacement of apartment exterior stair case
Case Settled*

Porter v Paskco Construction

Client – Jeremy Porter
Counsel – Josh Sundloff – Kirton McConkie
Expert Witness – Consultation
March 2024 to Present

*Owner suing Contractor for failure to follow plans or pass building inspections.
Case in Progress*

Klingonsmith v Raven

Client – Neone Klingonsmith
Counsel – Travis Dunsmoor of Ruesch & Reeve
Expert Witness – Consultation and Report
April 2024 to Present

*Home Owner suing Contractor for failure to disclose water damages, mold, and shoddy plumbing upgrades which created additional water losses.
Case Settled in Court, Raven Prevailed*

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ServePro v Lodging Advisory v Transvers Specialty Insurance

Client – Lodging Advisory
Counsel – Wayne Suggett
Expert Witness – Consultation and Report
February 2024 – Present

*Hotel is suing Transvers Insurance for failure to pay for a covered water loss.
Case Settled*

Myers v Vollkomen Construction & Prina

Client – Stephen and Chanelle Myers
Counsel – Morgan Fife
Expert Witness – Consultation
February 2024 – Present

*Owner suing Contractor for failure to follow plans and charging for work not done.
Case in Progress*

Lindonbrook Villas

Client –
Counsel – Isaac James
Expert Witness – Consultation
November 2023 – Present

*Dispute over defective replacement of apartment exterior stair case
Case Settled*

Restoration 1 v Dominguez

Client – Restoration 1
Counsel – Scott Crook of Crook Legal Group
Expert Witness – Consultation and Report
May 2023 – Sept 2023

*Restoration company suing home Owner's insurance company for failure to pay the cost
of water mitigation.
Restoration 1 prevailed in Court*

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Loso v Frost

Client – Malinda Frost and Colleen Madden
Counsel – Kurt Laird of Anderson Hinkins
Expert Witness – Consultation and Report
May 2023 – Sept 2023

*Lawsuit by purchaser claiming previous owner failed to disclose water intrusions, damage, and mold.
Case Settled*

Curtis v JRJ Construction

Client – Betty Ann Curtis
Counsel – Matt Ball at Parr, Brown, Gee & Loveless
Expert Witness – Consultation and Report
July 2023 to Present

*Home Owner suing Contractor for failure to follow plans, invoicing for work not done, and failure to meet deadlines.
Case in Progress*

CTR v Petroviak

Client – Mark Pasculli / CTR Restoration
Counsel – Jim Martin of Hawley Troxell, Boise, Idaho
Expert Witness – Consultation and Report
April 2023 - 2024

*Lawsuit from homeowner claiming mold was not cleaned up properly.
Case Settled*

Dorton v Gravity Construction

Client – Kyle and Wendy Dorton
Counsel – Karly Walton of Freeman Lovell
Expert Witness – Consultation and Report
March 2023 - Present

*Lawsuit from Owner for faulty construction by General Contractor.
Case Settled*

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Dunning v White

Client – Kyle Dunning

Counsel – Andrew Berne of Babcock and Babcock

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

October 2023 - Present

Potential lawsuit by Owner suing contractor for perceived construction defects.

Case Settled

Martin Garcia

Client – Martin Garcia

Counsel – Kurt Laird of Anderson Hinkins

Expert Witness – Consultation and Inspection

March 2023 - Settled

Lawsuit by purchaser claiming previous owner failed to disclose water intrusions..

Case Settled

Randy & Melissa Jarrett

Client – Randy and Melissa Jarrett

Counsel – None yet

Expert Witness – Consultation

Dec 2022 - 2023

Potential suit by Owner against Contractor for faulty work. Inspection of property and consultation.

Case Settled

Hansen v Hansen

Client – Reed Hansen

Counsel – Reed Hansen

Expert Witness – Consultation

October 2022 - 2024

Potential lawsuit from Husband suing wife for damages to home as part of a divorce.

Case Settled

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Simons v Michael Upwall Design

Client – Michael Upwall Design

Counsel – Cody Wilson of Babcock and Babcock

Expert Witness – Consultation

October 2022 - Present

Potential lawsuit from Owner for faulty construction by General Contractor.

Case Settled

Willow Bend Construction v Hansen

Client – Willow Bend Construction, Andy Rasmussen

Counsel – Bob Babcock of Babcock and Babcock

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

October 2022 - 2024

Potential lawsuit by Owner suing contractor for perceived construction defects.

Case Settled

Quail Run Apartments v McGillis School

Client – The McGillis School

Counsel – Stephen Kelson of Christensen and Jensen

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

July 2022 - 2023

Quail Run Apartments suing The McGillis School for mismanagement of runoff water.

Case Settled

Marquardt v AARSI Las Vegas

Client – All American Repair Services Inc (AARSI)

Counsel – Noah Allison of The Allison Law Firm, Las Vegas, Nevada

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

August 2022 – August 2023

Contractor suing Owner for failure to pay for emergency mitigation work performed.

Case Settled

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Harris/PuroClean v LV Real Estate Strategic Investments

Client – PuroClean

Counsel – Mark Roach of Koeller-Nebeker-Carlson-Haluck, LLP, Las Vegas Nevada

Expert Witness – Consultation

August 2022 – September 2023

*Owner suing Restoration Company for perceived violations of Industry Standards of Care.
Case Settled*

Cochran et al v Uinta County

Client – Greg Cochran et al

Counsel – Nate Morris of Eisenberg, Cutt, Kendell, Olson

Expert Witness – Consultation

June 2022 - Present

*Multiple Owners suing Uinta County for water damage resulting from the County's
failure to complete proposed projects.
Case in Progress*

ServiceMaster v HD & Associates

Client – ServiceMaster

Counsel – Dorothy Tarver

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

May 2022 - Present

*Contractor suing Owner for failure to pay for emergency mitigation work performed.
Case Settled*

Keller v NRGY Construction

Client – Ryan Keller

Counsel – Jeff Handy, Bob Babcock

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

June 2022 – 2023

*Home owner suing builder for failure to build home as per plans and failure to pay Subs.
Assignment Completed*

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Nicaragua v Mendoza-Gaspar

Client – Antonio Nicaragua

Counsel – Jamie Serrano

Expert Witness – Consultation, Report, and Testimony

August 2021 – June 2022

Owner of damaged unit suing Owners above for water damages.

Case Settled in Arbitration

Madsen v Smart Construction

Client – Bruce Madsen

Counsel –

Expert Witness – Consultation, Report, and Testimony

August 2021 – June 2022

Owner suing Contractor for failure to complete project & mis-management of funds.

Case settled in Arbitration

HS Cornerstone v Oscarson

Client – HS Cornerstone, Serghei Harghel

Counsel – Andrew Berne, Bob Babcock

Expert Witness – Consultation, Report, and Testimony

August 2021 – June 2022

Contractor suing Owner for failure to pay for work performed.

Case ended in Arbitration

Odom v BLJ Construction

Client – Nick and Whitney Odom

Counsel – Dan McDonald

Expert Witness – Consultation

August 2021 – Present

Home owner suing builder for failure to build home as per plans and failure to pay Subs.

Case in Progress

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Walden v Puglisi

Client – John and Millicent Puglisi
Counsel – Rafael Seminario
Expert Witness – Consultation
August 2021 – Present

*Second Owner suing first Owner for failure to disclose defects and previous damages.
Case in Progress*

Smith v Bellevue

Client – Bellevue HOA
Counsel – Anna Nelson
Expert Witness – Consultation
March 2021 – April 2021

*Owner suing HOA for damage resulting from flooding from a retaining pond.
Assignment completed*

Snarr v Design Builders

Civil #190900992

Client – Design Builders, Jerry Wallace
Counsel – Rick Sorensen
Expert Witness – Consultation & Report
May 2020 – July 2021

*Home owner suing builder for perceived defects they claim caused additional damages.
Case Ended in Settlement*

Larson v Aspen Roofing

Client – Dave and Susanne Larson
Counsel – David Nielson of Skoubye, Nielson & Johnson
Expert Witness – Consultation & Report
March 2019 to May 2019

Home owner is suing the roofing company for failure to properly complete the re-roofing project and for additional damages incurred. Assignment Completed

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Expert Restoration v Pace

Civil #180300139

Client – Greg and Susanne Pace

Counsel – Nathan Skeen of Snow Christensen & Martineau
Dani Cepernich of Snow Christensen & Martineau

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

March 2019 to November 2020

Expert Restoration was suing Paces and Payson City for failure to pay for mitigation services. The Paces and Payson City disputed the charges, feeling they were charge for excess equipment, as well as, for equipment that was never on site. I was charged with trying to determine the real costs of mitigation.

Case Ended in Settlement

Patton v Doman

Civil #170500525

Client – Robert and Fatima Doman

Counsel – Eric Lee of Hogan Lee Hutchinson
Jeremy Stuart of Christensen and Jensen

Expert Witness – Consultation

October 2018 to 2019

The Pattons were suing the Domans for failing to disclose previous water damage appropriately and the Domans were claiming that the Pattons were using an unrelated water loss to remodel their entire home.

Case Ended in Settlement

Daybreak Eastlake Village v Standard Builders

Civil # 150908049

Client – Standard Builders

Counsel – Isaac James of Leonard and James

Expert Witness – Consultation

December 2017 to 2018

HOA suing General Contractor and Sub-Contractors over alleged construction defects.

Ended in Summary Judgment

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Daybreak Eastlake Village v GZ Enterprise

Civil # 150908049

Client – GZ Enterprise

Counsel – Isaac James of Leonard and James

Expert Witness – Consultation

December 2017 to 2018

*HOA suing General Contractor and Sub-Contractors over alleged construction defects
Ended in Summary Judgment*

GNCC, LLC Wysteria Inn v Auto Owners Insurance

Civil # 16-CVS-2245 (Buncombe County, North Carolina)

Client – Jacob Lion

Counsel – Jake Snider of Wimer and Snider

Mike Wimer of Wimer and Snider

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

September 2017 to 2019

*Owner suing Insurance Company for unwarranted arson investigation which resulted in
financial loss and the closure of his business.*

Case dropped

Stoney Brook Condos v Rich Johnson Masonry

Civil # 150902423

Client – Rich Johnson Construction

Counsel – Britton Butterfield of Suiter Axland

Mike Homer of Suiter Axland

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

June 2017 to 2018

*HOA suing General Contractor and Masonry Sub-Contractor over alleged construction
defects*

Case Settled

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Legacy Resorts (Zermatt) v Okland Construction

Civil # 20500050

Client – Okland Construction

Counsel – Noah Hoagland of Suiter Axland

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

May 2017 to 2019

*Resort owners suing General Contractor over alleged construction defects
Case Settled*

Vector Construction v Ram Builders

Civil # 170900726

Client – Ram Builders

Counsel – Isaac James of Leonard and James

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

May 2017 to Nov 2017

*General Contractor suing sub-contractor over alleged stucco construction defects.
Negotiated Settlement*

Farnsworth v Meigs

Civil # 160400358 CN

Client – Glen Meigs

Counsel – Chris Dexter of Dexter Law

Expert Witness – Consultation, Report, and Testimony in Court

June 2016 to April 2017

*Buyers suing Seller over alleged failures to disclose
Split decision, Court ruled that neither side prevailed.
My defense regarding mold prevailed.*

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Leonard v PC Villas

Civil # 140903125

Client – Foster Leonard

Counsel – Kelly McFarlane of Christensen and Jensen

Consultation and Report

January 2016 to 2017

HOA failed to maintain building causing physical damage and loss of eyesight to Mr. Leonard from a fall when balcony railing failed.

Case Settled

The Gables at Saratoga Springs v Jade Glass

Civil # 150401246

Client – Jade Glass

Counsel – Mike Brady of Brady Law

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

May 2016 to 2018

HOA and General Contractor suing over alleged construction defects.

Case Settled

The Gables at Saratoga Springs v Riding Siding

Civil # 150401246

Client – Riding Siding

Counsel – Mike Brady of Brady Law

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

May 2016 to 2018

HOA and General Contractor suing over alleged construction defects.

Case Settled

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The Gables at Saratoga Springs v Widco Systems

Civil # 150401246

Client – Widco Systems

Counsel – Isaac James of Leonard and James

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

January 2016 to 2018

HOA and General Contractor suing over alleged construction defects.

Case Settled

Smith v Farmers Insurance v ServiceMaster by Phipps

Civil # 150700754

Client – ServiceMaster by Phipps

Counsel – Anna Nelson & Jonathan Hawkins of Morgan Minnock Rice & James

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

October 2015 to 2016

Dispute whether proper drying and mold remediation protocol were used.

Case Settled

Jorgensen v Hendricks (Bear River Mutual Insurance)

Civil # 130907795

Client – Jamie Hendricks

Counsel – Rick Glauser and Jerry Gray of Smith and Glauser

Consultation and Report

September 2015 to 2016

Dispute over damage from a sewage back up in a rental unit.

Case Settled

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John & Emily Blodgett v Van Con Inc & Water Movers, Inc

Civil # 140906726

Client – Van Con Inc

Counsel – Joe Minnock of Morgan Minnock Rice & James

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

August 2015 to 2016

Dispute over content damages from water loss.

Case Settled

State Farm A/S/O Randal Beck v PLS Construction

Civil # 140100187

Client – PLS Construction

Counsel – Anna Nelson of Morgan Minnock Rice & James

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

August 2015

Third-party insurance subrogation for damage from fire caused by contractor.

Case Settled

ProSight Specialty Insurance A/S/O Paradise Fire Protection v Victaulic Insurance Claim #EWR000011233

Client – ProSight Specialty Insurance

Counsel – Scott C. Powers & Adam M. Pace of Snow Christensen & Martineau

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

March 2015 to April 2015

Third-party insurance subrogation for water damage from leak in sprinkler system .

Claim Settled

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Washington County Water Conservation District v Hancock

Dispute between Water District and Owner

Client - WCWCD

Counsel – Dave Richards of Christensen and Jensen

Expert Witness – Consultation & Report

January 2015 to Present

Dispute over ownership of ground water flooding the Hancock's basement and subsequent repairs required.

Case in Progress

Allstate v Jacuzzi Inc.

Civil # 140100033

Client – Jacuzzi Inc.

Counsel – Nathan Skeen of Snow, Christensen, & Martineau

Expert Witness – Consultation

November 2014

Third Party Product Liability Case. Reviewed documents and prepared sample questions for depositions.

Assignment Completed

Eagle Mountain City v Miller et al.

Civil #'s 140400474 & 130401549

Client – Eagle Mountain City

Counsel – Dani Cepernich of Snow, Christensen, & Martineau, counsel for Eagle Mtn City Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

October 2014 to 2016

Multiple sewage back-ups. Reviewed documents, inspected site and prepared an Expert Report.

Case Settled

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Geneva Rock v Miller et al.

Civil #'s 140400474 & 130401549

Client – Geneva Rock

Counsel –Allison Fletcher of Morgan, Minnock, Rice, and James
Daniel Young of Plant, Christensen & Kanell

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

October 2014 to 2016

Multiple sewage back-ups. Reviewed documents, inspected site and prepared an Expert Report.

Case Settled

National Oilwell Varco

Insurance claim

Client – EMM Realty of Utah, Robert Lapin

Counsel – Angus Edwards of Jones, Waldo, Holbrook & McDonough

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

July 2014

Evaluated expert report for repairs and generated comparison estimate.

Assignment Completed

Joseph Tomlinson

Client – Joseph Tomlinson

Consultation and Owner's Representative for flood damage repair to Studio unrelated to law suit.

Sept 2014 to January 2015

Owner's representative to Insurance Company and General Contractor.

Re-wrote estimate from \$32,000 to \$56,000 and receive approval from Insurance.

Assignment Completed

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Amica Insurance v Tomlinson

Claim # 1613-16414-HO

Client – Amica Insurance

Adjuster – Matt Higginson

Expert Witness – Consultation, Destructive Investigation and Reports

May 2014 to Sept 2014

Determine causation and source of water intrusion for insurance coverage issues for home. Re-wrote estimate for insurance portion of coverage to reflect actual costs.

Assignments Completed

Tomlinson v Doug Knight Construction

Civil # 100500668

Client – Joseph Tomlinson

Counsel – Bastiaan Coebergh of Wrona, Gordon & Dubois

Expert Witness – Consultation, Report and Deposition

January 2014 to 2017

Construction Defect Law Suit regarding mistakes that caused extensive water intrusion and mold damage to Tomlinson's home. Case Thrown Out, Appeal Denied

Garden Grove HOA v Carlco Builders v Mike Duford Construction

Civil # 110915100

Client – Mike Duford Construction

Counsel – Stephen Edwards & Andrea Keysar of Morgan Minnock, Rice, and James

Expert Witness – Consultation and Summary Report

May 2014 to 2016

Construction Defect Law Suit regarding stucco installation and subsequent damage.

Case Settled

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Bullock v Mt Sterling Construction

Client – Mt Sterling Construction

Counsel – Eric Davenport of Smith & Glauser

Garrett Walker of Smith & Glauser

Expert Witness – Consultation

January 2014 to 2014

Construction Defect Law Suit.

Case Settled before report or consultation

The Cedars Townhome Owners Assoc. v G&J Construction v Stucco Works

Civil # 080401404

Client – Stucco Works

Counsel – Elizabeth McOmber of Snell and Wilmer

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

January 2014 to 2015

Dispute over alleged stucco construction defects to multiple condo units.

Ended in Summary Judgment

Peerless Indemnity Insurance v Lone Star Construction & Westec Electric

Civil # 130902459

Client – Lone Star Construction

Counsel – Rick Glauser of Smith & Glauser

Mark Thornton of Smith & Glauser

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

January 2014 to 2015

Third-party liability claim for repairs from a fire.

Case Settled

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Bunjes v Certified Disaster

Dispute with Repair Contractor

Client – Ed & Pat Bunjes

Consultation and Inspection

Sept 2013 to 2015

Contractor defects in restoration of fire damaged home

Claim Settled

Memmott vs. Maggio

Claim # MPL 12-03172

Client – Shane Maggio

Counsel – Andrea Keysar & Joe Minnock of Morgan Minnock Rice & James

Expert Witness – Consultation

September 2013 to 2015

Dispute over possible non-disclosed items in sale of home

Claim Settled

Gullihur vs. M&M Properties

Civil # 120900394

Client – Michael Gullihur

Counsel – Keith Johnson of Henriksen & Henriksen

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

July 2013 to 2015

Dispute over coverage of a water loss and mold remediation.

Case Dismissed

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Maxwell vs. Heath

Civil # 110500089

Client – Dan Heath, Pine Meadows Property

Counsel – Rob Wallace & Mike Johnston of Kirton McConkie

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

April 2013 to 2016

Dispute over possible non-disclosed rodent infestation in sale of home.

Case Settled

Johnson vs. Martin

Civil # 070912237

Client – Markay Johnson Construction

Counsel – Jackie Pilling & Christopher Hill of Kirton McConkie

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

June 2013 to 2014

Dispute over work performed and money paid in construction of new barn and house.

Case Settled

Carter Electric vs. Robert Oldroyd

Civil # 120400163

Client – Carter Electric

Counsel – Kathie Roberts of Kathie Brown Roberts

Ben Johnson of Bennett Tueller Johnson & Deere

Expert Witness – Consultation, Report, and Court Testimony

December 2012 to March 2014

Dispute over whether additional services were part of the original estimate.

Oldroyd Prevailed in Court

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The Gables HOA vs. Castlewood Construction vs. BA Critchfield

Civil # 100901740

Client – BA Critchfield

Counsel – Al Gray of Smith and Glauser

Expert Witness - Consultation and Report

November 2012 to July 2014

Dispute over alleged construction defects to multiple condo units.

Ended in Summary Judgment

State Farm Insurance vs. Integrated Construction Services, Inc; TID, Inc; & Walsh Corporation dba Walsh Concrete Cutting Civil # 110917599

Clients – Integrated Construction Services, Inc, - TID, Inc, - Walsh Corporation

Counsel –Integrated Construction Services, Inc – Karen Schmid of Berrett & Assoc

TID, Inc – Ben Johnson of Bennett Tueller Johnson & Deere

Walsh Construction – Gainer Waldbillig of GW Law

Expert Witness - Consultation and Report

October 2012 to 2014

Third-party water damage insurance claim. Consultation in subrogation case.

Case Settled

Taylor vs. Water Damage Specialists Civil # 110904879

Client – Daniel & Verla Taylor

Counsel – Al Gray of Smith and Glauser

Expert Witness - Consultation and Report

September 2012 to 2014

Water damage insurance claim. Dispute over charges for services & the method of payment.

Case Settled

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Farmers Insurance vs. Timberline Plumbing & Mountain Land Contractors Civil # 110917814

Client – Mountain Land Contractors

Counsel – Joseph Minnock & Anna Nelson of Morgan Minnock Rice & James

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

September 2012 to 2012

Water damage insurance claim.

Case Settled

Gatherum vs. Okland Construction

Civil # 120904843

Client – Lamar Gatherum

Counsel – Reed Martineau & Jason Hawkins of Snow Christensen & Martineau

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

September 2012 to 2014

Gatherum home was continually flooded from run-off water from elementary school under construction by Okland Construction.

Case Settled

Bonneville Mill vs. Progressive Insurance - Insurance claim

Client – Bonneville Mill, Wayne Hammon

Counsel – James Burton of Kirton McConkie

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

March 2012

Truck fire parked next to Bonneville Mill caused fire and smoke damage in building.

Claim Settled

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Huffaker vs. Mapleton & Springville Irrigation Companies Civil # 080400758

Client – Mapleton Irrigation Company

Counsel – Dave Richards of Christensen and Jensen

Client – Springville Irrigation Company

Counsel – Gary Johnson of Richards Brandt Miller Nelson

Expert Witness – Consultation, Report, Deposition and Court Testimony

October 2008 to November 2011

Huffakers claimed water from irrigation canal seeped into their home causing irreparable structural and mold damage.

*Court found Mapleton & Springville Irrigation companies **not** liable for damages*

Purple Wall vs. Auto Owners Insurance – Insurance Claim

Client – Auto Owners Insurance

Counsel – Rick Glauser of Smith and Glauser

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

September 2010 to January 2011

Renters moved out and left extensive damage to home. Owner claimed damages but insurance company disputed costs and extent of liability.

Claim Settled

Rivas Construction vs. Scottsdale Insurance

Civil # 060904781

Clients – Hired by both Rivas Construction and Scottsdale Insurance

Counsel for Rivas – Baird Morgan of Richards Brandt Miller Nelson

Counsel for Scottsdale – Andrew Morse of Snow Christensen & Martineau

Fact and Expert Witness – Consultation, Report, and Deposition

May 2007 to May 2011

Insurance company initially denied coverage for liability claim, but later reversed their opinion. Contractor sued for damages from delay in coverage. Case Settled

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Shadow Wood Apartments vs. Nova Casualty Company

Civil # 0-80403326

Client – Nova Casualty Company

Counsel – Angus Edwards of Jones, Waldo, Holbrook & McDonough

Expert Witness – Consultation, Report, and Deposition

October 2008 to March 2011

Dispute over actual cost of fire repair.

Case Settled

Neff vs. State Farm

Arbitration of Insurance Claim

Client – State Farm Insurance

Adjuster – Pete Tesch, State Farm Insurance

Fact Witness and Consultation

2004

Owner hired public adjuster over dispute with State Farm Insurance Company over total compensation due from a fire to their boutique shop rental property.

Ended in Arbitration

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Rate Schedule

Inspections, analysis, calculations, conclusions, preparation of reports, or presentations, phone calls, emails and necessary travel time:

\$200/hour, billed in 15 minute increments, plus expenses.

Time is calculated port to port.

Court appearances and depositions:

\$250/hour, 4 hour minimum per day, billed in 15 minute increments, plus expenses.

Time is calculated port to port.

Reimbursable expenses:

Personal vehicle mileage beyond Salt Lake and Utah Counties – \$1.00/mile

All other expenses will be billed per invoice or receipt plus 20%; including, but not limited to;

Air fare, train fare, taxi, rental vehicles, hotel accommodations, meals, postage, office & clerical supplies, presentation displays and other reasonable expenses as agreed with counsel.

Pro Bono Consultation

Regularly giving free consultation to those who do not have the ability to pay or are seeking direction as how to proceed in difficult losses.

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Publications and Presentations

“Replacement Cost Estimates vs Real Costs”

Presentation to attorneys explaining how repair estimates are generate and how real construction issues change the final cost.

Construction Defects and Dispute Conference

Salt Lake City, Utah, February 8, 2019

“Replacement Cost Estimate vs Real Costs”

Presentation to attorneys explaining how repair estimates are generate and how real construction issues change the final cost.

Construction Defects and Dispute Conference

Seattle, Washington, November 16, 2018

“Construction Defects and Water Intrusion”

Presentation to attorneys, adjusters and property managers on how construction defects permit water intrusion.

Construction Defects and Dispute Conference

Sandy, Utah, May 15, 2015

“Make a Friend in 3 Days or Less”

Motivational paperback book, self-published, 2012

“How to Get the Price You Need Without the Hassle”

Presentation to restoration contractors on how to effectively write estimates for prompter payment and less problems.

Xactware User Conference 2011 –

Salt Lake City, Utah, February, 2011

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“Maximizing Efficiency and Profitability Through the Proper Application And Use of Xactimate®”

Presentation on effectively using Xactimate to write estimates for Restoration Contractors.
ASCR (RIA) Convention,
Denver, Colorado, November, 2006

“Maximizing Efficiency and Profitability Through the Proper Application And Use of Xactimate®”

Paper on effectively using Xactimate to write estimates
Certified Restorer Certification, 2006.

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32 articles published on Disaster Survival Tips

<http://disastersurvivaltips.blogspot.com>

“Overhead and Profit on Insurance Claims”

Here I explain how Overhead and Profit came to be, how it is effectively applied, and when a contractor is eligible for such.

“Being a Professional”

This post deals with the skills needed to really become a professional, specifically in communicating more effectively.

“Why Does Mold Grow in Attics and Crawl Spaces?”

This new post is in response to a question raised by another post of mine, "Mold - Where and How Does It Grow?"

“Honesty, Integrity, and Loyalty”

An examination of how to maintain these 3 critical characteristics and still serve your clients.

“Fake News and Alternate Facts”

Why alternate facts are not necessarily fake news and how they often bring us to the real truth.

“Lead-based Paint, Lead Poisoning, and Children at Risk”

The realities of lead-based paint poisoning and the risks to occupants, especially children.

“Dr Ralph Spezio Proved Lead Poisoning Was Making His Students Stupid”

Elementary school Principal made the link between lead poisoning and student test scores. Identified and healed students, increasing test scores and the health of the school.

“How Do I Know if My House Has Lead?”

Simple knowledge and tests to determine if your home has lead.

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“How Do I Get Rid of Lead in My Home?”

Protocols and procedures to remove lead from your home.

“Freddie Gray, Lead Poisoning as a Child Lead to a Life of Chaos, Violence, and an Early Death”

Freddie Gray’s exposure to lead as a child, created health issues that propelled him to his untimely death at the hands of the Baltimore Police.

“How Do You Keep The Cash Flow Going?”

Lists 13 different tips to keep the cash flow moving the right direction, especially in a restoration company.

“Re-ordering the Line Items in an Xactimate Macro”

Explains a simple work-around for a common problem encountered with Xactimate.

“What To Do With Wet Electronics”

The best method to dry-out and save electronic devices that accidentally get wet.

“How Companies Document Jobs Without Really Trying”

Tips on how successful companies easily document jobs and protect themselves from law suits.

“How Owners Document Losses Without Really Trying”

Suggestions for home owners to properly document losses without too much effort.

“Getting Paid in a Timely Manner”

Details 8 simple steps to help adjusters write the check sooner.

“Mold Coverage and Insurance Policies”

Outlines the different coverage for mold remediation as well as how much insurance companies typically pay for covered losses.

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“Mold - What is it and How Does It Affect Us?”

This cuts through many misconceptions of what mold is and the adverse health effects that can accompany it.

“Mold - Where and How Does It Grow?”

Teaches you where mold grows, why mold grows and how to prevent mold from growing.

“Mold - How Do You Clean It Up and Keep It From Coming Back?”

Explains the industry protocols for mold remediation, employee protection and steps needed to prevent mold from returning.

“Mold Myths”

This article debunks several popular mold myths with concrete, practical information.

“What Will My Insurance Company Cover In a Fire?”

Describes the way most insurance policies deal with fires, what is covered and what is not.

“The Science Of Drying A Structure”

A scientific approach, in layman’s terms, of how to dry a building after a flood; including the methods and equipment that should be employed.

“What Do You Do After A Fire?”

Six practical suggestions or steps to take immediately after you have a fire in your home.

“How To Spot A Bad Contractor”

Explains the difference between a good contractor and a bad one, and how you can weed out the undesirable ones.

“Understanding And Preventing Ice Damming”

Describes the causes of ice damming and how you can stop it from happening to your home.

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“When Do I Need A Public Adjuster”

Explains what a Public Adjuster is, how they differ from an Insurance Company Adjuster, and when it would be advisable to hire a PA.

“Tis The Season For Fires”

This article teaches you the most common causes of fires during the holiday seasons and how to protect you and your home.

“Preventing Frozen Pipes”

Chronicles the typical reasons and locations where pipes freeze.

“Tips To Prevent Flood And Water Damage”

Gives you the signs to look for that warn you a water loss is about to occur so you can prevent the heartache of a water loss.

“What Will My Insurance Cover In A Water Loss?”

Since each insurance company is different, this article explains various insurance policies and how they cover water damage.

”Four Rules To Survive A Disaster”

Four simple rules, if followed, will make any disaster easier to handle.