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PRISON LITIGATION SPECIALIST

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EDUCATION

MS • JUNE 2012
Criminology, Law, and Society
University of California, Irvine
Irvine, California

BS • JUNE 2003
Criminology, and Corrections
California State University, Fresno
Fresno, California

PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE

Corrections Litigation
Corrections Systems & Practices
Inmate Classification
Investigations
Legal Compliance
Prison Law
Public Safety

OBJECTIVE

To ensure the United States justice system provides lawful and unbiased practices through case consultation, expert witness testimony, and systemic and systematic reviews of policies and practices at all levels.

EXPERIENCE

LITIGATION COORDINATOR • OCTOBER/2009-JUNE/2020
California Men's Colony and Wasco State Prison

- Compilation, completion, and review of records
- Records production
- Liaison between the institution and all outside legal entities
- Facilitation of legal representation for the accused
- Expert witness with an emphasis on inmate files and records

CORRECTIONAL COUNSELOR II SUPERVISOR • OCT/2007-
OCT/2009

Central California Women's Facility

- Supervised counseling staff
- Reviewed classification files
- Conducted classification committees
- Maintained Ad-Seg caseload
- Facility Captain (out-of-class assignment)

CORRECTIONAL COUNSELOR • APRIL/2000-OCT/2007

Corcoran State Prison & Valley State Prison for Women

- Supervised inmate caseload
- Developed appropriate programming (educational, and vocational)
- Prepared Lifer Board Reports
- Made transfer recommendations (local and national)

KEY SKILLS

File review and analysis
Evidence collection & preservation
Strong verbal & written communication
Computer proficiency across multiple platforms

CORRECTIONAL OFFICER • DEC/1990-APRIL/2000

Corcoran, Central California Women's Facility, Valley State Prison for Women

- Supervised inmates across all security levels
- Oversight of multiple facility areas (housing, dining, etc.)
- Served as Control Booth Officer and Transportation Officer

EXPERT WITNESS APPOINTMENTS

Qualified and served as an expert witness in the following California counties:

- Contra Costa
- Imperial
- Los Angeles
- Riverside
- San Luis Obispo
- Santa Barbara
- Santa Clara
- Solano

Expert testimony provided on topics including:

- Classification Scores and Custody Levels
- CDCR Rules, Regulations, and Operational Policies
- Disciplinary Actions and Behavioral Records
- Housing Assignments and Institutional Transfers
- Inmate Central Files
- Institutional Programming and Case Factors
- Prison Politics and Security Threat Groups
- Rehabilitation and Self-Help Program Participation
- Use of Force

