

JOSEPH M. DEFRANCO, CSP

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EDUCATION

Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP)

Bachelor of Science – Safety, Health, and Environmental Applied Sciences, Safety Sciences

Program accredited by the ASSE. Overall GPA: 3.32/4.00

CERTIFICATIONS/TRAINING/ACTIVITIES

- Board Certified Safety Professional since 2001 – Certification Number: 16672
- OSHA 500 course in Construction Safety – Outreach Trainer
- NCCCO (Certified Crane Operator) all mobile and tower cranes
- NCCCO Certified Crane Inspector for annual inspections of both mobile and tower cranes
- MSHA Certified Instructor
- Perform “Supervisor Training in Accident Reduction Techniques” (S.T.A.R.T.)
- Certified Independent STAR Assessor
- American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) Member

EXPERIENCE

Safety Consulting Specialists, Inc.

Raleigh, North Carolina

2004 – Present

Owner / President - Develop safety and health programs and provide training, such as OSHA ten and thirty-hour courses, Industrial Hygiene training and programs, chemical safety, lead, silica, hexavalent chromium and ammonia safety, electrical safety including GFCI use, Lockout/tagout and NFPA 70E, trenching and excavation, confined space, welding, respiratory protection, emergency plans, and rescue, PPE, hand & power tools, fire safety, fall protection, dropped object protection, scaffolding, MSHA Part 48 & 46, AISC certification assistance; and forklift, aerial lift, excavator, and mobile & overhead crane operator training for various clients. Rigger & Signal Person training. Lift planning and reviews. Also, conduct annual inspections and load testing for lattice, telescoping, tower and overhead cranes. Conduct on-site safety training and third party lift evaluations. Expert witness for over 40 cases of various topics for insurance carriers, and law firms for 1910 and 1926 matters. Conduct OSHA and MSHA citation reviews, accident investigations and site audits and assessments.

Southern Industrial Constructors, Inc.

Raleigh, North Carolina

1998 – 2004

Corporate Safety Director – Duties included site audits; accident investigations; equipment operator certifications including mobile and overhead cranes, forklifts, aerial lifts, riggers & signal persons, etc.; new hire drug screens and safety orientations; industrial hygiene safety, respirator fit testing; lead abatement programs; confined space entry; and other specific safety and environmental health programs including: OSHA, MSHA, Hazcom, Lockout/Tagout, Fall Protection, Personal Protective Equipment, and DOT training. Managed seven site safety managers assigned to various projects, and coordinated workers’ compensation claims, and return to work programs.

Discovery Insurance Company

Kinston, North Carolina

1996 - 1998

Loss Prevention Specialist – Responsibilities included analyzing risk of various complexities to determine potential perils and hazards. Surveyed insured premises, conducted interviews and training, provided loss analysis, and submitted recommendations to reduce the potential for loss. Completed the following courses: “Introduction to Insurance”, “Introduction to Claims”, “Customer Service Workshop”, and “ALCM 74 Accident Prevention”.

JOE DEFRANCO, CSP CASE REVIEW HISTORY

- **Accident investigations and expert witness services including case reviews and depositions for both OSHA 1926 Construction and OSHA 1910 General Industry Matters:**
 1. **Deposition for Abrams & Abrams, P.A.: All Crane 2007**
 2. **Review for Caudle & Spears, P.A.: Kevin Collins v. Wisenquipt Inc., November 2009**
 3. **Review for Schwaba Law Firm: Winfred Bowman v. Crane & Rigging Corporation, July 2011**
 4. **Review for Roberts & Stevens, P.A.: Perdoma & Gomez v. Campbell Crane October 2012**
 5. **Review for Schwebel Goetz & Sieben: Crane Accident Minnesota, November 2013**
 6. **Review for Zieman, Speegle, Jackson & Hoffman, LLC: Mary Elaine McAdams, As personal representative of the estate of her mother, Lilly Lorine Frazier v. Steel City, Inc., et al. Circuit Court of Mobile County Alabama – CV-2012-902514, November 2013**
 7. **Review and Deposition for Gary Dodd: Paul D. Gibson v New Horizon Baptist Fellowship, Inc. and Mcdowell Cement Company, April 2014**
 8. **Review for Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C.: Audit and OSHA citation review for Rogers and Breece, Inc., December 2014**
 9. **National Interstate and Richards, Brandt, Miller, Nelson: Mountain Crane Accident Investigation Salt Lake City, Utah, January 2016**
 10. **Review for Northup, McConnell & Sizemore, PLL: Stephen Joe Gilbert v. William D. Cooper Frye, September 2016**
 11. **Review for Vandeventer Black, LLP: Riggins Company OSHA Citation Review, April 2017**
 12. **Review for Greenberg Traurig, LLP: Three D Metal Works, September 2017**

- 13. Review for The Port Authority of NY and New Jersey: Docket No.: 17-CV-02128
Bruce Edwards v. Port Authority Tran Hudson Corporation, November 2017**
- 14. Review for Denver Trial Lawyers: Cabrera v. Emmont, et al, February 2018**
- 15. Goldberg Segalla: Lexington Maintenance Case Review, New York, NY, March 2018**
- 16. Review for Connell Foley, LLP and United States Aircraft Insurance Group:
Timothy Foucher v. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and Delta
Airlines, Inc., March 2018**
- 17. Deposition for Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin: Tina Tholl, et al.
v. CSE, et al. Case No. CV-15-854330, April 2018**
- 18. Stone & Baxter, LLP: Self-Administered Arbitration under the AAA Construction
Industries Rules. Enviva Pallets Sampson, LLC, vs. C. Terry Hunt Industries, Inc.
February 2018. Then deposition for same case in Washington, DC office of Vinson
& Elkins on April 2018**
- 19. Review for Richards, Brandt, Miller, Nelson: Mountain Crane Accident
Investigation Salt Lake City, Utah, April 2018**
- 20. Review for Gallivan, White & Boyd P.A. and Mid-Continent Casualty Insurance
Company: Good Luck Crane Accident, March 2019**
- 21. Review & Deposition for Goldberg Segalla: Rafael Mendez and Patricia Mendez, his
wife, V. Verizon New Jersey, Inc.; Beach Electric Company, Inc.; Tishman Interior
Corporation; Unity Electric LLC.; Et Als, March, 2019**
- 22. Review & Deposition for Goldberg Segalla: Sterling Miller V. Rerob, LLC; Petr-All
Corp, aka PETRA-ALL Petroleum, Corp., and Dalton Builders, Inc., March 2019**
- 23. Review for Lewis, Thomason, King, Krieg & Waldrop, P.C.: Todd Smith v. Sterett
Crane and Rigging, LLC., April 2019**
- 24. Review and Deposition for Rhodes, Hieronymus, Jones, Tucker & Gable, PLLC:
Chelsey Crooks and Jennifer Kizzia as Special Co-Administrators of the Estate of
Raymond Crooks, Deceased V. OGE Energy Corp., and Oklahoma Gas and Electric
Company, May 2019.**
- 25. Review and Deposition for The Eshman Law Firm: Juan Ramon Ugalde Tapia v.
EJL Group, LLC DBA Costello Electric Company State Court of Fulton County,
GA, Civil Action No: 18EV005383, June 2019**
- 26. Goldberg Segalla: Marc Mc Sweeney V. American Bridge Company et al., July 2019**
- 27. Goldberg Segalla: Gary Roy V. National Grid Generation, January 2020**
- 28. Sherman & Howard LLC: Duffy Crane V. Lockheed Martin Corp.; Hensel Phelps
Construction Co., and Timken Motor & Crane Services, LLC. Db a Wazee Crane,
December 2019**

- 29. Review and Deposition Kerley & Talken, PC: Glenn Moss and Lori Moss V. Anderson Electric, Inc. March 2020**
 - 30. Martineau King PLCC: Anthony Lamattina Fatality Ammonia exposure July 2020**
 - 31. Review and Deposition Goldberg Segalla: Miguel Rivera V. Alpha Industries Management, Inc. July 2020**
 - 32. Kinney Lisovicz Reilly & Wolff PC (KLRW): Zhicay-Fernandez v. J. Haugh Cranes, et al. August 2020**
 - 33. Wright, Worley, Pope, Ekster & Moss, PLLC – Communication Tower Accident November 2020**
 - 34. Goldberg Segalla: Costen V. BFS, et al. November 2020**
 - 35. Goldberg Segalla: Sika Product Liability matter April 2021**
 - 36. Righi Fitch Law Group: Servando Cruz v. Stephen Roberts May 2021**
 - 37. Murray & Associates: Hollingsworth v. Heavy Transport, Inc. May 2021**
 - 38. Review and Deposition for Greco & Wozniak P.A.: James Prescott, Jr. v. Angelo's Aggregate Materials, LTD. June 2021**
 - 39. Goodman Keller P.C.: Sumner v. Grove US LLC; Dawes Rigging & Crane Rental, Inc.; MidAmerican Energy Company August 2021**
 - 40. Ragsdale Liggett, PLLC: English Construction Company, Inc. v. City of Charlotte September 2021**
 - 41. Kolodny Law Firm, PLLC: Franchae Norma v. Jumbo Offshore USA, LLC & Universal Landsea Transport, Inc. March 2022**
 - 42. Rikard & Protopapas, LLC: Estate of Michael Benjamin Keen MSHA Site Fatality. March 2022**
 - 43. Martineau King PLLC: Benito Rosales v. Jose Ortega. June 2022**
 - 44. Wyrick, Robbins, Yates & Ponton, LLP.: Clifford R. Frazier v. Raleigh Concrete LLC and Fortress Cement. August 2022**
 - 45. The Bricio Law Firm PLLC: Filomeno Orozco Vaquero v. Toll NC II, Inc.; and AA Framing Contractors, LLC. October 2022**
- **Attorney Client Privileged Work Products for:**
- All Crane Rental**
 - PCS Augusta**
 - Flores Welding, Inc.**

- Southern Industrial Constructors, Inc.**
- Riggins Company**
- Hunt Construction**
- Southway Crane & Rigging**
- North Carolina Department of Administration**
- National Interstate Insurance**

- **Numerous OSHA and MSHA citation reviews and informal conferences.**
- **Numerous audits, training and reviews for attorneys and insurance carriers.**