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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Physical security subject matter expert with extensive experience in providing clients with safety and security solutions utilizing strong communication, leadership, and organizational skills. Conducting various risk assessments and developing mitigation plans. Designing multimillion-dollar electronic security systems with construction drawings and specifications. Over ten years' experience as a paralegal, prior to physical security experience. Published author, accomplished speaker, and veteran.

EXPERIENCE

Mitigation Assessor, LLC, Daytona Beach, FL, 4/2024 - Present

President – Managing Principal

- Physical security subject matter expert offering physical security consulting and expert witness services. Developed business and marketing plans; business development; author and execute service proposals and contracts; and managed all legal and financial aspects.
- Physical Security Consulting: Conducted specialized site mitigation, security department, and construction document (drawings and specifications) assessments for a variety of clients. Author mitigation reports and conduct presentations.
- Forensic Expert Witness: Review premises liability litigation case files; conduct site visits and research; author case assessment reports, testify in depositions and court hearings.
- SBA Certifications - Veteran Owned Small Business (VOSB) and Economic-Disadvantaged Women Owned Business (EDSOB)
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Confidential, 4/2015 – 4/2024

Undisclosable

- Non-Disclosure Agreement

The Sextant Group, Omaha, NE, 9/2013 –4/2015

Senior Project Manager – Security Consultant

- Developed marketing plans and materials; business development; sales proposals; reviewed internal security work; met with clients; conducted security assessments and developed master plans; and drafted construction documents (drawings and specifications). Clients included Higher Education, Corporate, Healthcare, Municipality, Cultural, and others.

Bellevue University, Bellevue, NE, 7/2012 – 8/2014

Adjunct Professor

- Online and in-class instructor for Security Management undergraduate and graduate level cohort classes. Led class discussion as related to course; and reviewed/ advised upon student intellectual academic work.

Shen Milsom & Wilke, New York, NY, 5/2012 – 9/2013

Senior Associate - Security Consultant

- Conducted multi-level threat and risk assessments for Fortune 500 clients. Clients included: Port Authority of New York New Jersey (La Guardia Airport and World Trade Center Tower 4), Caterpillar, Department of State, and others. Secure Workers Access Consortium (SWAC) credential.
- Project manager: Oversaw and coordinated the designs of several low voltage disciplines (i.e., security, VoIP, structured cabling, radio, SCADA, etc.); developed and wrote system programs; and created project design packages (architectural drawings and specifications) and ensured compliance with all applicable codes, standards, and guidelines.

EXPERIENCE CONT.

Jaffe Holden, Norwalk, CT, 12/2010 – 1/2012

Senior Security Consultant

- Closed a Security Consulting division within a low voltage and acoustic consulting firm. Worked with Healthcare, Higher Education, and Performing Arts clients. Evaluated client's needs and designed enterprise electronic security solutions. Managed all engineered designs (drawings, specifications, and budgets) and advised clients during construction / implementation for enterprise physical security solutions.

Ducibella, Venter, and Santore, North Haven, CT, 4/2008 – 6/2010

Security Consultant/Project Manager

- Evaluated client security requirements; performed vulnerability and risk assessments, designed basis threat analysis, buffer zone planning, Chemical Biological Radiologic (CBR) studies, drafted security policies and procedures, and engineered security solutions to include Physical Security Information Management (PSIM) system. Worked with the client and team of three security consulting firms / security subject matter experts to develop and oversee the implementation of a coordinated security program for the World Trade Center site, which has been implemented. Clients included: Port Authority of New York New Jersey (World Trade Center, Newark International Airport, LaGuardia International Airport, Harrison Station, and Jersey City Powerhouse), Amtrak (Union Station Washington, D.C. and Chicago), Morgan Stanley, J.P. Morgan Chase, and others. Secured Workers Access Consortium (SWAC) credential.

Adesta, LLC, Omaha, NE, 2/2007 – 4/2008

Systems Engineer II

- Engineered integrated physical security systems, procurement of equipment, and project management of the design for the U.S. Corps of Engineers (Ice Harbor Dam), the Department of Interior - Bureau of Reclamations (Shasta, Keswick, Trinity, and Boca Dams), liquid natural gas holding facility, and other critical infrastructures. Public Trust Clearance Required.

EDUCATION

Walden University, Minneapolis, MN

PhD candidate in Public Policy and Administration, 2011

- Concentration in Homeland Security
- Online program and in person residencies

Bellevue University, Bellevue, NE

MS in Security Management, 8/2006

GPA: 3.6

BS in Criminal Justice, 6/2004

GPA: 3.64/4.00 Dean's Scholar National Dean's Scholar

- Awarded Education Qwest Foundation Scholarship, 2003-2004
- Member of Pi Gamma Mu, International Honor Society, 2004 – Present

CERTIFICATIONS & LICENSES

- Florida Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Practitioner - FL §768.0706, 2025
- Sandia National Laboratories (SNL) – Risk Assessment Methodology (RAM) for Dams (-D) and Critical Infrastructure (-CI), 2009
- FEMA – Multiple Certifications
- Additional certifications provided upon request.

PUBLICATIONS

Author:

Authored, Paths to Integrating Campus Electronic Security Systems, *Campus Safety Magazine*, March 2015

Co-Authored, edited, and published undergraduate textbook with classmates (Clarence Hightower, Brad Kriefel, John Jones, Bob Knowels, and Bannon Holliger), *Fundamentals of Security Management: A Common Sense Approach*, Copley Publishing 2007

Utilized undergraduate Senior Capstone project, authoring Nebraska Legislative Bill 116 in 2005, testified before Judiciary Committee and passed into law June 2005, *Neb. Rev. Stat. §43-1725*

Interviewed:

ASIS Dynamics, Women in Security, September/October 2014

Security Systems News column, Specifically Speaking, February 2014

Omaha World Herald, Big Brother? No, Big Sister, March 17, 2014

The Midlands Business Journal, How to Secure Your Business, December 2013

One Consulting Firm's Take on New Security Threats, Government Security News Magazine, March 2010

The Value of a Master's Degree in Security Management, Government Security News Magazine, December 2009

Featured:

Bellevue University Alumni Newsletter, The View, *Connections and Opportunities – Degrees from Bellevue University Garner National Respect*, Summer 2010

PRESENTATIONS & CONFERENCES

Invited Speaking Engagements:

Mastering Assessments / A Practical Approach, Orlando ASIS Chapter, June 2025

Mastering Physical Security / A Practical Approach, Space Coast ASIS Chapter, February 2025

Mastering Assessments / A Practical Approach, Space Coast ASIS Chapter, July 2024

Security Consulting, Iowa AIA Chapter, Council Bluffs, IA, January 2015

Presentation, Security 101, Des Moines ASIS Chapter, November 2014

Presentation, Security 101, Kansas City ASIS Chapter, September 2014

Presentation, Security Consulting, Omaha AIA Chapter, February 2013

Presentation, Security Consulting, Omaha Heartland ASIS Chapter, November 2012

Presentation, Security Consulting, Nebraska InfraGard, October 2012

Identity Theft, Omaha U.S. Attorney's Office, March 2008

Conference Speaking Engagements:

Panelist, Foundations and Fundamentals: Risks, Threats, and Vulnerability Assessments Past, Present & Future, ISC West, Las Vegas, NV, April 2025

Panelist, Workplace Violence, Nebraska Infrastructure Protection Conference, Lincoln, NE, April 2008

Presentation, Integration Between Information Technology and Physical Security, InfoTec, Omaha, NE April 2006

Master of Ceremonies, State of Security Heartland Conference, Bellevue, NE, October 2005

Conference Coordinator:

Coordinator, Nebraska Infrastructure Protection Conference, 2006 – 2008, 2012 – 2015

- Coordinated the conference agenda and speakers.

Coordinator, State of Security Heartland Conference, Bellevue, NE, October 2006

- Coordinated 2 members of the 9-11 Commission to be panelists for the conference.

AFFILIATIONS

Member, Women In Defense (WID), 2025

Member, International Association of Professional Security Consultants (IAPSC), 2024 - Present

Member, ASIS International, 2005 – 2015 and 2023 - Present

Space Coast Chapter

- **Vice Chair**, 2025
- **Women in Security (WIS) and Next Gen Chairperson**, 2024 - Present

Women in Security Council (WIS)

- **Global Liaison Chair**, 2015

Developed position within the council and coordinated council business with 264 ASIS WIS chapters chairs around the world.

- **Council Member**, 2014

Omaha, NE Chapter 59

- **Chairperson**, Law Enforcement Appreciation Luncheon (2014-2015)
- **Planning Committee Member**, Omaha Chapter 59 Awards (2013 – 2015)
- **Women in Security Chairperson**, 2014 - 2015

Executive Council Member for the Nebraska Infrastructure Protection Council (NIPC), 2006 – 2008, 2012 – 2015

Member, American Society for Public Administration (ASPA), 2011 – 2014

Member, International Foundation for Cultural Property Protection (IFCPP), 2010 – 2012

Member, International Facility Managers Association (IFMA), 2014 - 2015