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BUSINESS EXPERT AND CONSULTANT¹
FORENSIC EXPERT WITNESS PROFESSIONAL
LICENSED PROFESSIONAL FIDUCIARY-TRUST & CONSERVATORSHIP EXPERT
BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY EXPERT
BUSINESS and PARTNERSHIP DISPUTE EXPERT
CLOSELY HELD, SMALL, AND FAMILY OWNED BUSINESS EXPERT
CORPORATE GOVERNANCE EXPERT

Degrees and Credentials:

PhD USC, Concentration: Policy Analysis, Public Finance
MPA USC, Concentration: Policy Analysis Public Finance, Org. Development/Change
MPA UCLA, Concentration: Policy Analysis, Organizational Development, Urban Planning
BA UCLA, Major: Political Science
California Licensed Professional Fiduciary
Expert Witness Certification
MRP Certificate
Life Standard Teaching Credential

Background and Business Experience:

- Managing Partner of Fiduciary Solutions firm
- Crisis Management, Turnaround and Corporate Restructure specialist incl. Insolvency and Interim C level Management
- Testimony before legislative and regulatory entities.
- Senior Corporate Executive for two Fortune 100 corporations - p & I and operations
 - Management of personnel and operations, change and new technologies implementation for business units of \$1 billion+ in revenues
 - Executive management team member (Officer of the Corporation)
 - Complex Troubled Businesses and Project Management and Implementation including exit strategies and implementation & training for and of new technology
 - Lead Executive-Business Process Reviews & Audits incl. financial mismgmt.
- Small Business Entrepreneur. Business process reengineering and supply chain proprietary software (developed and implemented).
- Early-in-career tenure at Rand Corporation Think Tank as a Project Analyst & Manager
- White House Fellow, Exec Operational responsibility-Special Ass't to Cabinet Secretary

Areas of Expertise: Business & Fiduciary Disputes; Complex Business Issues

- Case Framing/Analysis incl. Assisting Legal Team with optimal Expert Selection
- ✓ Breach of Fiduciary Duty/Responsibility, Self Dealing, Financial Wrongdoing, Breach of Contract
- ✓ Corporate governance incl., Directors & Officers competence and compliance
- ✓ Partnership Dissolution & Disputes

¹ This short background summary is for the purpose of review of areas of expertise. The summary is not meant to be exhaustive. It is an accurate but not a comprehensive representation of skills and expertise.

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- ✓ Family Owned & Closely Held Business Disputes, Heir & Sibling Disputes
- ✓ Fiduciary, Trustee, Executor, Conservator bad conduct/mismgmt., breach of duty
- ✓ Crisis Management and Turnaround Processes, Troubled Enterprises, Bad Practices, Distressed Assets Disputes (causation & analysis)
- ✓ Purchasing & Procurement and Supply Chain, SAS 70, Vendor/Supplier Disputes

Expertise Description Summary

I have more than 30 years experience as a business executive with expertise in breach of fiduciary duty in corporate officer, corporate governance, and Trustee matters. I have given expert testimony in complex business disputes and before legislative and governmental entities.

I am a Licensed Professional Fiduciary with Court appointments as a Trustee, Special Needs Trustee, Estate Administrator and Conservator. I have been retained as an expert in Trustee malfeasance, breach of fiduciary duty, elder financial abuse and other Probate Court related matters.

I have held profit and loss executive management positions with two Fortune 100 Corporations and have held C Suite positions in closely held, family owned, small, and mid cap businesses. An area of focus is disputes in partnerships, family owned and closely-held businesses. I have specific expertise in procurement and supply chain operations, vendor and supplier disputes, crisis management, and business operations mismanagement. I have over 10 years expert witness experience including expert consultation, case strategy, deposition, and Federal and Superior Courtroom testimony.

References: Available on Request

Prof Affiliations: Founder and President, National Association of Professional Fiduciaries
Past President Forensic Expert Witness Assoc (FEWA) Greater Los Angeles; FEWA Natl. Board; Professional Fiduciary Association of CA (PFAC); Founder and President National Association of Professional Fiduciaries; Assoc Member - Women's Law Association of LA (WLALA) - LA County Bar Assoc Litigation & Trusts and Estates Sections