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## **EXPERIENCE (PRIMARY)**

### **Independent Marine Expert Witness & Consultant**

Hart Marine Consulting, Inc. | 2016 – Present

- Provide expert witness services for **plaintiff and defense counsel** in marina-related incidents
- Conduct case analysis, site inspections, deposition review, and expert reporting
- Evaluate **standard of care, liability exposure, and causation**
- Deliver consulting and testimony in matters involving marina operations, design, and safety

#### **Representative Engagements (non-confidential):**

- **Slip & Fall Incident – Miami-Dade County, FL (2025)**  
Retained by defense counsel to evaluate liability involving obstruction-related injury at a condominium marina facility
- **Wrongful Death Case – Cleveland, Ohio Marina (2023)**  
Retained by national law firm to evaluate floating dock construction and marina design
  - Reviewed depositions and construction practices
  - Conducted comparative analysis of similar marina facilities
  - Provided findings on design consistency and industry standards
- **Dock Planking Failure-Fall- Through Injury – San Francisco, CA (2025)**  
Retained as expert witness for plaintiff in a marina accident involving deteriorated dock planking that failed, resulting in a fall through and serious lower leg injury
  - Conducted accident reconstruction using photographs, video evidence, and technical evaluation of floating dock configuration
  - Analyzed physical layout and structural condition of dock system relative to the shoreline to determine conditions of substructure

- o Provided opinions regarding causation, maintenance deficiencies, and applicable standard of care
- o Submitted expert opinion “witness disclosure” and prepared opinions for deposition for the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Sacramento, CA

**Geographic Scope: Nationwide**

**Case Types: Personal injury, wrongful death, marina design defects & accident reconstruction, operational negligence**

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## **EXPERT WITNESS REFERRAL & PROFESSIONAL PRESENCE**

- Available for engagement by maritime and admiralty law firms nationwide
- Prior engagements with nationally recognized law firms including:
  - o Fowler White Burnett
  - o Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP
  - o Berschler Associates, PC

## **EXPERT NETWORK AFFILIATIONS**

### **United Expert Holdings, Illinois (d/b/a Round Table Group “RGT” (2025 to present))**

- Consultant services defined in the contract are to mainly provide personnel and/or perform technical consulting assignments,
- Litigation expertise, as a witness consultant relative to depositions and court testimony and to perform other tasks as may be required on behalf of clients of RTG;
- Tasks assignments in accord with the agreement primarily are to review of materials, research, preparation of reports, and testimony;
- All specific services and engagement terms are strictly set out by RGT.

### **ForensesGroup (FGI), Pasadena, CA (2025 to present)**

- All expert witness services are required within the scope of work as determined by the FGI client for completion:
- Expert witness services require contact with prospective clients of FGI to answer questions and discuss qualifications, availability, conflicts of interest, timing limitations, and other matters bearing on the potential representation.
- Consultation is primarily for analyzing cases and expert witness testimony associated with bodily injury and accidental death in a marina or similar environment.

- Services provided as the “expert witness” should take into consideration the degree of care, skill, and professionalism relevant to the case in accord with a marina and similar environment in accord with analyzing industry methods, standards, and common practices.
  - Specific instructions are mainly agreed upon with the client of FGI (e.g., reporting procedures, maintaining confidentiality of information, etc.).
  - Written work product is normally submitted directly to the client of FGI and only requested and discussed with
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## **MARINA INDUSTRY - EXECUTIVE EXPERIENCE — TIMELINE - Early Career – Marine Operations & Development**

### **1985-2014**

Progressive roles in marina operations, facility management, and waterfront development Built foundational expertise in **dock systems, vessel operations, and marina safety**

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### **Supervisor of Marine Facilities**

#### **City of Fort Lauderdale, FL | 1985 – 2010**

- Managed **190-slip mega-yacht marina**, 10 moorings, and 3 public boat ramps
- Oversaw all operations: staffing, maintenance, safety, compliance, and revenue systems
- Served as **Marine Advisory Board Liaison** for 25 years
- Led **marine code enforcement**, including violation hearings and compliance actions

#### **Key Achievements:**

- Increased annual revenue from ~\$150K to ~\$1.4M
  - Expanded operating budget to ~\$1.6M
  - Secured **\$11.25 Million Dollars + in grant funding** for marina and waterway projects
  - Directed planning and development of multiple municipal marina projects
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## **Marina Harbor Director**

### **Town of Lake Park, FL | 2012 – 2014**

- Directed turnaround of underperforming **112-slip municipal marina**
- Managed full-service operations including fuel dock, ship store, and boat ramps

#### **Key Achievements:**

- Increased revenue from ~\$450K to ~\$700K
  - Expanded staffing and operational efficiency
  - Led capital improvements including seawall and infrastructure upgrades
  - Developed marketing programs and hosted major marine events (2,500+ attendees)
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## **Marine Consultant (Municipal & Government Projects)**

### **2010 – Present**

#### **City of Dania Beach, FL**

- Developed RFPs for marina management and redevelopment
- Led marina design and renovation planning
- Secured ~\$3.6M in grant funding
- Advised on code revisions, vessel regulations, and safety standards

#### **City of St. Petersburg, FL (Grant Specialist)**

- Procured federal, state, and local funding for:
    - Marina development and expansion
    - Dredging projects
    - Shoreline and infrastructure improvements
    - Derelict vessel removal
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## **CORE EXPERTISE**

- Expert Witness & expert disclosure testimony for depositions and court hearings
  - Marina operations & management
  - Marina design & construction standards
  - Marine code enforcement & regulatory compliance
  - Risk assessment & safety protocols
  - Grant procurement & project funding
  - Contract development & RFP processes
  - Waterway management & vessel regulation
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## EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

- **Bachelor of Science (B.S.) – Humanities & Social Sciences**  
Minor: Business Administration  
Drexel University (1975)
  - **Graduate Coursework Completed Toward Master of Science – Athletic Administration**  
Western Illinois University (1978)
  - **Certified Marina Manager (CMM) – 1995 / #33**  
International Marina Institute
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## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & INDUSTRY RECOGNITION

### Award of Excellence:

- Marine Industry Association of South Florida
- Annual Leadership Award (2010)

### Association Membership Affiliations:

- **Member**, Association of Marine Industries (2018 to present)
- **Member**, California Marine Recreation Association (2025 to present)
- **Member**, International Association of Marine Investigators (2025 to present)
- **Member**, Fort Lauderdale Mariners Club (2025 to present)
- **Former Member**, Marine Industries Association of South Florida (1987 to 2010)
- **Coordinator** – Fort Lauderdale Sponsorship & Operations - Whitbread Round the World Race (1990)