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**Lexington, South Carolina**



<b>Current Employer-Title</b>	Builders Engineering Corporation – Principal Engineer
<b>Profession</b>	Mediator, Arbitrator; Professional and Consulting Engineer
<b>Work History</b>	Principal Engineer, Builders Engineering Corporation, 1988 – Present; Civil/Structural Design/Project Engineer, SCANA Corporation, 1981 – 2000; Construction Project Engineer, Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, 1976 – 1981.
<b>Experience</b>	<p>Construction and engineering experience, encompassing a broad range of responsibilities for residential, commercial, industrial, nuclear and fossil electrical generating plant facilities. Responsibilities include construction and design engineering, scheduling, permitting, building code consultation, contract administration, claims analysis, forensic investigations, and expert witness testimony.</p> <p>Technical expertise in civil and structural design, earthwork, layout, tunnels, underground construction, blasting, reinforced and post tensioned flat &amp; vertical concrete, masonry, structural and cold formed steel, wood and light framing, roofing and waterproofing, insulation, fenestration, drywall, painting, tile, floor covering, plumbing, HVAC, electrical and systems interaction.</p>
<b>Mediator Experience</b>	Case experience includes issues arising from contract and construction defect disputes between owners, contractors and subcontractors.
<b>Representative Issues Handled as a Mediator</b>	Typical mediation issues handled involve construction defects, costs, or contract interpretation.
<b>Mediator Style &amp; Process Preferences</b>	<p>The mediators role is to help the parties find the resolution that they have been unable to find by themselves. I have been successful in presenting solutions from "outside the box" that helped resolve that parties finally come together.</p> <p>Because of both the technical and emotional nature of construction related disputes, mediation is by far the best and most efficient process for resolving them. It is the mediator's role to provide a framework for the parties to address their issues and to assist them in working toward resolution.</p>

My approach to a particular mediation varies depending on the circumstances. I always study the submitted contract and mediation demands before accepting an assignment. I will also research the parties and the issues to ensure the process will continue to move forward.

I usually like to address any emotional issues upfront then move to the more complex and technical issues once everyone has had their say. The most important thing I ask from the parties is their heartfelt desire to resolve the issues.

## **Education**

Cleveland State University (MSIE, Engineering Management-1981); Ohio University (BS, Civil Engineering-1976)

## **Professional Licenses**

Professional Engineer, South Carolina (# 8942); North Carolina (# 026144); Georgia (# 028897); Tennessee (# 121960 inactive); Virginia (# 051052 inactive); Connecticut (# 21252 inactive); Ohio (# E-45963 inactive)  
Licensed General Contractor (Buildings), South Carolina (# G108772 inactive)  
Residential Building and Remodeling Contractor, State of South Carolina (# 9156 inactive)  
International Code Council, Commercial Building Inspector (# 5218616-B2 inactive); Building Plans Examiner (# 5218616-B3 inactive); Certified Building Official, International Code Council (# 5146094-CB).

## **Professional Associations**

American Society of Civil Engineers (National, State & Local), Member (inactive)  
American Society of Civil Engineers, Committee on Forensic Practices, Member (inactive)  
American Society of Civil Engineers, Technical Council on Forensic Engineering, Member (inactive)  
Building Inspection Engineering Certification Institute, Board Certified Building Inspection Engineer (inactive)  
Engineers Without Borders, University of South Carolina Chapter, Professional Mentor (inactive)  
International Code Council, Registrant Member (inactive)  
National Academy of Building Inspection Engineers, Charter Associate Member (inactive)  
National Society of Professional Engineers (National, State & Local), former Columbia Chapter Director (inactive)  
South Carolina Building Codes Council (5 years Chair, 4 years Vice Chair) (inactive)  
South Carolina Council of Engineering and Surveying Societies, Ex-Officio Member (inactive)  
South Carolina Safe Home Advisory Committee, Ex-Officio Member (inactive)  
South Carolina State Guard, Engineering Detachment Reserve, Captain  
South Carolina Urban Search & Rescue Task Force 1, Structural Specialist (inactive)  
Structural Engineering Institute, Standards Committee on Condition Assessment & Rehabilitation of Buildings (inactive)  
Structural Engineers Association of South Carolina, Member

## **Recent Publications & Speaking Engagements**

### **PUBLICATIONS:**

"Using the Beaufort Wind Scale in Assessing Wind Damage," THE ANALYST, 2000; Review Editor, JOURNAL OF COMPUTING IN ENGINEERING, American Society of Civil Engineers, 1984-85; numerous reports and papers describing analysis of failures associated with individual cases.

### **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:**

Sustainable Engineering Decisions in Disaster Recovery, Intl. Assoc. for Bridge & Structural Engrg., Stockholm, SE; Urban Search & Rescue: What's in it For You, SC Society of Professional Engineers, North Charleston, SC; SC Building Codes: Myths Busted, Secrets Revealed, SC Society of Professional Engineers, Myrtle Beach, SC; Forensic Engineering: Is This For Me?, American Society of Civil Engineers – USC Student Chapter, Columbia, SC; Tricks of the Trade for a Forensic Practice, American Society of Civil Engineers – Midlands Chapter, Columbia, SC; Best Practices in the Investigation of Building Failures, SC Society of Professional Engineers, Myrtle Beach, SC; Best Practices in Construction Defect Investigations, South Carolina Bar Association, Kiawah, SC; An ounce of Prevention is Worth 10 CuYds of Cure, Home Builders Association of SC, Myrtle Beach, SC; Forensic Engineering: What's That?, South Carolina Society of Engineers,

Camden, SC; Structural Tests and Special Inspections, Columbia Contractors Association, Columbia, SC; South Carolina Building Code Council, American Society of Home Inspectors, Columbia, SC; South Carolina Building Code Council, SC Association of Home Inspectors, Columbia, SC; SC Building Code Council, South Carolina Society of Professional Engineers, Columbia, SC; Using the Beaufort Wind Scale in Assessing Wind Damage, Columbia, SC; Human Performance Event Case Studies, Port Gibson, MS

Numerous presentations describing analysis of failures associated with individual cases

**Locations Where Parties Will Not be Charged for Travel Expenses** Columbia, South Carolina

**Mediation Rate** \$295 Per Hour

**Languages** English

**Citizenship** United States of America

**Locale** Lexington, SC

The AAA’s Rules provide the AAA with the authority to administer a mediation including, mediator appointment, general oversight and billing. Accordingly, mediations that proceed without AAA administration are not considered AAA mediations, even when the parties select an mediator who is on the AAA’s Roster.

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