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Background

I have been involved in the auto body collision repair and restoration industry since 1985, as an owner, operator and certified technician. In early 1987 I established James McHugh's, an auto sales and service facility. I have spent many hours in many different auto auctions buying and wholesaling motor vehicle and many years in the retailing of motor vehicles. The main part of my original business was purchasing damaged motor vehicles, repairing them and wholesaling and retailing them to dealers and to the general public. I have a clear understanding of the value of a properly repaired vehicle, poorly repair vehicle and that of an undamaged motor vehicle. I have specialized in antique, high-end luxury and exotic motor vehicle. My areas of certification and expertise have been in damage assessment, estimating, including unibody and structural analysis, body repair and refinishing plastics, repairs and structural repair and alignment. I am ASE and ICAR equivalent certified. I am certified from PPG, BASF, DuPont, Sikens and Standox refinishing products, techniques and training. I have been involved in the pre and post repair inspection business and the pre and post purchase inspection business since 1994, which includes but is not limited to, repair forensics including specializing in the re-repair of motor vehicles that have been structurally compromised and poorly and unprofessionally repaired. The calculation of the loss in value to a motor vehicle (diminished value) and the post repair value of a motor vehicle and the cost of returning vehicles back to their pre-loss condition after exposing the repair related defects, flaws and safety related problems.

I specialize in assisting law firms and individual consumers both plaintiff and defendants with difficult claims as to property damages, total loss settlements, diminished value claims, repair monitoring, post and pre repair inspections, post and pre-purchase inspections and corrective re-repairs. I have been certified as an expert witness in the following jurisdictions: Monroe, Collier, Dade, Broward and Palm Beach County's.

My expert assistance may include, but is not limited to, consultation, case evaluation, inspection of vehicle(s), photographic documentation, still (digital or 35 mm) and/or video, inspection/review of repair documents, preparation of estimates, analysis and reports, as well as attending inspections, testifying at depositions and/or trials and other forensic services.

I am certified in:

ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) approved in:

- Unibody damage analysis and estimating
- Structural analysis and repair
- Non structural analysis and repair
- Estimating of structural and non structural repairs

Painting and Refinishing Techniques and Chemicals:

- Standox and DuPont

- PPG
- BASF
- Sikens

ICAR (Inter Industry Conference on Auto Repairs) equivalence in:

- Structural and unibody repairs
- Plastics repairs
- Sheridan Vo-Tec center for automotive repairs

Work History

Owner/Operator
James McHugh's in Hollywood, Florida
1987-present

An auto body and restoration center, auto sales and services. Specializing in high quality collision repairs and restoration of antique and collectible motor vehicles, sales and services of all kind of motor vehicles.

Operator
Wreck Check/Car Scan
1994-present

A consumer protection company. Specializing in post repair inspections, Diminished Value assessments and documentation for Plaintiff add defendants. Expert witness documentation and testimony

Subcontractor part time
Mike Susies Auto Body
1985-1987

Part time auto body technician and painter

Senior software engineer, Racal Milgo, A data communications company.

Senior software engineer, Gould computer systems

Software engineer, systems and engineering group

Personal

Founder/Club Director
Florida Sons Volleyball Club
2005-present

Boys division from the ages 10 though 18

Founder/Club Director
Florida Sons/Suns Volleyball Club
2008-present

Added girls division and changed name to Florida Sons/Suns Volleyball Club Girls divisions for ages 10 through 16

Director of Volleyball
Cypress Bay High School
2009-present

Boys and Girls Director of Volleyball

Education

High School

San Jorge Academy, San Juan, Puerto Rico

College

Sacred Heart College, San Juan, Puerto Rico
Miami Dade Community College, AA, Computer Data Processing.
Nova University, Computer Classes toward BS
Florida Atlantic University, computer classes towards BS

L.I.S.T. Law in Simple Terms, Graduate.