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Professional Summary:

Michael joins the EFI Community coming from the public sector as a Fire Investigator, where he is also currently employed with the City of Chicago. Although newer to the Fire Industry, Michael has responded to and investigated over 200 fire incidents since 2022. His past includes work at the Federal level, having knowledge and experience in criminal prosecution regarding Anti-trust violations. Additionally, Michael has worked as a Project Attorney performing legal document review across various industries. He maintains his license to practice law in the State of Illinois, however, does not act in that capacity with EFI. A proud United States Air Force Veteran, Michael honorably served as a Technical Applications Specialist with experience in both seismic and satellite data analysis.

Licenses and Certifications:

Certified Fire & Explosion Investigator, National Assoc. of Fire Investigators, License #26800-15294

Fire Investigator, Office of Illinois State Fire Marshal, IL

Emergency Medical Technician, Illinois Department of Public Health (Region 11), IL, License #06851921

Basic Operations Firefighter, Office of Illinois State Fire Marshal, IL

Illinois State Bar, Illinois Supreme Court, IL, License #6334276

Professional Experience:

EFI Global, Inc, Fire Investigator, 2022 – Present

Chicago Fire Department, Fire Marshal, 2022 – Present

Epiq – Global Legal Solutions, Project Attorney, 2022 – 2022

Department of Justice – Antitrust Division, Paralegal Specialist, 2018 – 2020

Robert Half Legal, Contract Review Specialist, 2017 – 2018

United States Air Force, Seismic/Satellite Operations Manage, 2007 - 2011

Specialized Education:

Expert Witness Courtroom Testimony, International Association of Arson Investigators, 2023 (20 hours, tested)

Fire Patterns, Fire Dynamics, Scene Excavation, Fire Fatalities, Chicago Fire Department / Alcohol Tobacco & Firearms, 2023 (16 hours, tested)

Fire Dynamics, Electrical Failures, Fire Fatalities, Scene Examination, Fire Fatalities, Chicago Fire Department / Alcohol Tobacco & Firearms, 2022 (24 hours, tested)

CFITrainer Certificates:

2023 Arc Mapping Basic, 4 hours

2023 Electrical Safety, 3 hours

2023 Insurance and the Fire Investigation, 4 hours

2023 MagneTek: A Case Study In The Daubert Challenge, 2 hours

2023 Effective Investigation and Testimony, 3 hours

2023 Fire Effects Part 1: Heat Effects on Fuels, 3 hours

2023 Fire Effects Part 2: Combustion By-Products Effects, 3 hours

2022 Investigating Motor Vehicle Fires, 4 hours

2022 Fire Investigations for Fire Officers, 3 hours

2022 Documenting the Event, 4 hours

2022 Ethics and the Fire Investigator, 3 hours

2022 Effective Investigation and Testimony, 3 hours

2022 Introduction to Evidence, 4 hours

2022 Fire Chemistry, 3 hours

2022 Residential Electrical Systems, 4 hours

2022 The Scientific Method for Fire and Explosion Investigation, 3 hours

2022 Critical Evaluation and Testing of Commonly Reported Accidental Causes, 3 hours

2022 Charting Your Career Path in Fire Investigation, 3 hours

Education:

Juris Doctor Law, John Marshall Law School (Now University of Illinois – Chicago)
Chicago, Illinois, May 2016

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science Prelaw, University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida
May 2011

Affiliations:

International Association of Arson Investigators, (IAAI)
National Association of Fire Investigators, (NAFI)

Honors and Awards:

1L Mock Trial Finalist, John Marshall Law School, 2013