

Robson Forensic

Engineers, Architects, Scientists & Fire Investigators

BROOKS RUGEMER Commercial Trucking Specialist

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Trucking company: operation, management, hiring standards, record keeping, delivery schedules, transit times, training

Truck and trailer: maintenance programs

Warehousing: operation, management, freight handling and storage

Loading docks: forklifts, operator training, safety, loading & unloading

CDL drivers: driver actions, log books, driver fatigue, negligent retention and entrustment issues

DOT and OSHA: compliance, review and audit of DOT and OSHA safety programs, accident and injury reduction programs

Cargo: damage claims, theft, spoilage, freight shift

Intermodal: rail yards, seaports

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2005 to present **Robson Forensic, Inc.**
Associate
Provide technical investigations, analysis, reports, and testimony towards the resolution of commercial and personal injury litigation involving truck driver training, driver actions, trucking operations and terminal operations and failure analysis.
- 2007 to 2009 **Performance Food Group**
Safety & Claims Manager
Responsible for trucking & warehouse related accident and injury investigations; claims management including settlement authority; DOT, OSHA, FDA, HACCP compliance and inspections; and employee training & certifications.
- 2005 **Independent Consultant**
Retained by several regional trucking firms to restructure their recruiting and HR departments enabling them to meet their increased staffing needs, to establish new operations and to update and revise their safety training programs.

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- 2002 to **Gainey Transportation Services**
2005 *Regional Manager*
General Manager for northeastern US and Canada. Managed a staff of 30 and a fleet of 170 OTR drivers at one full service truck terminal and an off-site location.
- 2001 to **Hahn Transportation**
2002 *Safety / HR Manager*
Duties included incident and injury investigations and incident injury reduction programs. Also responsible for CDL driver recruiting, DOT compliance and safety training.
- 1999 to **Consolidated Freightways**
2001 *Director of Safety*
Responsible for safety at 33 terminals consisting of 3800 employees. Performed incident/injury investigations and managed Workers Comp cases. Oversaw DOT, EPA and OSHA compliance measures. Researched and analyzed insurance losses and initiated measures to reduce losses.
- 1998 to **Maryland Safety Services**
1999 *Owner*
In charge of company providing safety training, CDL driver recruiting, HOS auditing and consultation services to regional trucking firms.
- 1996 to **JB Hunt Transport**
1998 *Regional Safety Instructor*
Responsible for training and compliance for all dedicated fleets and rail operations in the northeast. Start-up Manager for distribution centers for several major retail chains, and various other smaller dedicated fleet locations.
- 1994 to **Eagle Carriers**
1996 *Terminal Manager*
Managed 27 company drivers and 11 owner operators. In charge of all hiring and contract functions, payroll and settlement, scheduling, and dispatching.
- 1989 to **CTS/Sherwin Williams**
1994 *Driver*
Regional and Canada; tractor trailer deliveries to retail paint and home improvement stores.
- 1984 to **Overnite Transportation**
1989 *Driver*
Regional and Canada; over-the-road driver.

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1982 to **Smelkinson Bros.**

1984 *Driver*

Local and regional; deliveries to food service industry.

CREDENTIALS

Professional CDL-A Driver, 1.5 million safe miles (1982-1994)
OSHA 501 General Industry Instructor, West Virginia University, OSHA Training
OSHA 'VPP' Program Implementer, West Virginia University, OSHA Training
Certified Instructor, Defensive Driving Course, National Safety Council
Certified Instructor, Smith System Defensive Driving Program
Certified Instructor, 3-D Defensive Driver Training, Hartford Insurance
Certified Instructor, National Transportation Safety Institute

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Federal Motor Carrier Regulations, On-campus, 60-Hour Certification, Department of
Transportation - Transportation Safety Institute (TSI) – Oklahoma City: 1996, 1998,
2000, 2002; On-line Recertification: 2003, 2005, 2007, 2008

30-Hour OSHA General Industry Certification: 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008

10-Hour Recertification Course: 2003, 2005, 2007

U.S. Army, Munitions Transportation, Field Logistics, 1980 to 1982