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## EXPERTISE

### Security Professional with expertise in the following areas:

- *Internal Investigations*
- *Background Screening*
- *Loss Prevention*
- *Drug Testing*
- *Behavioral Interviews*
- *Safety Standards*
- *External Investigations*
- *Expert Testimony*

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### *Founder*

**Secure Check, Inc.**, Columbus, Ohio  
1996 - Present

- Developed Pre-Employment Screening protocols to enable organizations to make informed hiring decisions.
- Advised clients regarding industry risk and formulated appropriate hiring strategies.
- Administered in excess of 700,000 background checks.
- Provided employment screening services to more than 300 companies.
- Consulted with non-profit organizations to assist in developing appropriate volunteer screening protocols.
- Consultant, Checkpast, LLC, a Dallas based National Screening Company that acquired Secure Check, Inc. in April, 2007.

### *Security/Safety Officer, Structure Division*

**The Limited Corporation**, Columbus, Ohio  
1995 -1996

- Responsible for Internal Security Investigations in the Corporate and Distribution Centers.
- Conducted Background Checks/Investigations on all new employees, temporaries, and subcontractors.
- Discovered and investigated internal theft resulting in substantial dollar recovery.

### *Loss Prevention Associate*

**Lazarus, Federated Stores**, Columbus, Ohio  
1994 -1995

- Responsible for detecting and apprehending shoplifters.
- Responsible for internal theft investigations and processing cases.
- Provided case preparation and incident testimony.
- Reduced shrinkage and loss in excess of \$100,000.
- Served on store Safety Board.
- Received company-wide loss prevention award for 90 apprehensions in one year.

## EDUCATION

**The Ohio State University**, Columbus, Ohio  
Bachelor of Arts, 1993  
Major: National Security Policy; Minor: Criminology  
Continuing Education:  
**Wicklander & Zulwalski**, Interview and Interrogation Techniques, 1996

## AFFILIATIONS

- National Association of Professional Background Screeners – Founding Member
- Association of Certified Fraud Examiners
- Drug and Alcohol Testing Industry (DATIA)
- National Association of Women Business Owners
- National Crime Victim Bar Association - Charter Allied Member
- Leadership Columbus Class of 2008

## HONORS

- Business First's "Forty Under Forty" Award
- Awarded the only State Term Schedule for Background Screening and Drug Testing in the State of Ohio
- Selected to be part of the FBI Fingerprint Pilot Program

## PRESENTATIONS

- "Safety and Security in the Workplace," The Institute of Management Accountants, 1998
- "Comprehensive Representation of Crime Victims," George Mason University, October 19-20, 2001
- "Changing Times – A New Focus to Safety and Security in the Workplace," Ohio Society of Association Executives, November 2002; BOMA, IFMA

## PUBLICATIONS

- "Million Dollar Minutes" Workplace Violence, **The Journal of the National Crime Victim Bar Association**, Winter 2000
- "Negligent Hiring: What you don't know can hurt you!" **National Crime Victim Bar Association**

## MENTIONS

- "Your own Border Patrol," **Fortune Small Business**, September 2006
- "Chasing the Rainbow," **Columbus CEO**, May 2003
- "Company Profile," **Columbus Dispatch**, March 29, 2002
- "Tips for Hiring Childcare," **Columbus Parent**, April 2002
- "Health Care Report," **Business First**, April 2002
- "Terror Time," **Columbus C.E.O.**, April 2002
- "Going Under the Microscope," **Business First**, March 2002
- "Negligent Security," **Victim Advocate**, Spring 2000
- "Forecast 2000," **Columbus C.E.O.**, December 1999
- **Institute of Management Accountants**, 1998

## MEDIA COMMENTARY

- WTTE-Fox 28, WSYX-Channel 6, WCMC-TV NBC 4