

Born and raised in Brightwaters, Long Island, NY. After graduating from Bay Shore High School I enrolled in Upsala College in East Orange, New Jersey for two years as a non-matriculated student taking exclusively Insurance Courses to prepare for a career as an agent in an independent General Insurance Agency selling Property and Casualty Insurance to both individuals and businesses. I maintained a 4.0 average taking advanced courses that focused on the interpretation of the insurance contract and insurance law.

I served two years on active duty in the US Army and 4 years in the Army Reserves when I received an Honorable Discharge. I received and maintained a New York Property and Casualty Insurance Brokers License in 1958 and my Life and Health License in 1960 and maintained those licenses until 1987 when I sold my business and moved to Arizona. I also held a Real Estate Brokers License in NY from 1960 to 1987. I owned and operated my insurance business, The Insurance House of Deer Park, NY from 1960 to 1987. I was co-owner of a 2nd insurance agency, The Insurance House of Saugerties, NY from 1974 to 1984 when it was also sold. I was a Notary Public in NY from 1961 to 1987. During my insurance career I was elected to Board of Directors of the NY Professional Insurance Agents Assoc. (PIA) from 1968-1977.

I moved to Scottsdale, Arizona in 1987 and purchased an existing Collision Repair shop business, New Image Paint and Body Shop, Inc. in 1988 which I operated for 25 years in Tempe, Arizona. I sold that business and retired from in March, 2013. While owning the shop I served on the Board of the Arizona Collision Repair Association from 1990 to 2000 and I also served as President of the Association from 1992-1994. I remained a member of the collision association from 1988 until my retirement. I also served on a special committee, called the Auto Advisory Complaint Committee of the Arizona BBB which investigated and resolved consumer complaints on both general auto repair and collision repair shops. From 1987 to 1997 I was a member of a volunteer group called Flights for Life. We flew both blood and organs around Arizona and into neighboring states often on an emergency basis. I was a licensed private pilot with an instrument rating and owned a Beech Bonanza, donating my plane and time to serve for this great cause. I was also a Licensed Property and Casualty Adjuster in Arizona from 1990 to 1998. I did not renew my license because I felt it had no value to me as a collision shop owner.

I attended and received certificates from ICAR for numerous difference classes during my time in the collision business. I was also a Founding member of the CCRE (Coalition for Collision Repair Excellence) a national group dedicated to repair excellence. I served both on the board and as an officer of the CCRE for over 10 years.

From 2013 to 2016 I did some part time consulting with collision repair shops as well as expert witness work for lawyers that primarily involved inspecting bad repairs for consumers and their law firms. As a shop owner we performed numerous post repair inspections of jobs that were poorly repaired by other shops. Our new venture with Collision Safety Consultants is a continuation of that work which serves to help consumers both confirm the repairs made were safe and to assist them in collecting a fair settlement of their diminution of value resulting from the accident.

