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Executive Summary

With over 35 years of experience in the entertainment and hospitality sectors, I offer an in-depth, hands-on perspective to each case. My extensive background spans various roles, from management to consultancy, providing a comprehensive understanding that ensures every detail is considered. Attorneys representing both Plaintiffs and Defendants nationwide have retained me for my insights, expert opinions, and testimonies tailored to the complexities of the hospitality and entertainment industries.

Areas of Expertise

- **Dram Shop Liability:** Comprehensive knowledge of responsible alcohol service, over-service, and legal implications for establishments.
- **Nightlife, Entertainment & Event Security:** Expertise in security management, use of force, foreseeable risks, and crowd control in high-volume venues.
- **Hospitality Operations:** Deep understanding of operational procedures, training, and management best practices across diverse hospitality settings.
- **Premises Liability:** Proven expertise in identifying and mitigating hazards, ensuring safety protocols, and assessing liability in various commercial and event spaces.
- **Video Compiling & Analysis:** Skilled in analyzing and compiling surveillance footage for incident reconstruction and legal proceedings.
- **Ownership & Management Neglect:** Assessment of management failures and their impact on safety, security, and operational standards.
- **Alcohol Service to Minors:** Expertise in preventing and identifying underage drinking, and the associated legal ramifications.
- **Special Event Management Operations:** Proficient in planning, executing, and securing large-scale events, festivals, and concerts.
- **Injury, Violence, Accidents, Death:** Comprehensive analysis of incidents, contributing factors, and liability in cases involving injury, violence, accidents, or death.

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Professional Experience

Ryan Dahlstrom Consulting and Expert Witness | 2013 - Present
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- Provides expert witness services in litigation related to dram shop, nightlife and entertainment and event security, hospitality operations, and premises liability.
- Conducts thorough assessments, generates expert reports, and delivers compelling testimony in depositions and trials.
- Offers strategic consulting to legal teams, leveraging extensive industry experience to provide valuable insights and opinions.
- ASIS International Member. IAPSC (International Association of Professional Security Consultants) Member.

The Bar & Restaurant Experts | October 2008 - Current
Founder/Consultant

Highly experienced professional in the entertainment and hospitality industries with an extensive background covering a wide range of roles, including management and consultancy, providing a comprehensive understanding of industry complexities.

- Specializes in hospitality design, buildout, and fulfillment for Bars, Restaurants, Hotels, and Nightclubs, overseeing projects from concept to completion.
- Developed and authored over 1,000 pages of fully editable training manuals, handbooks, reports, guides, job descriptions, pricing guides, and operating procedures, resulting in more than 100,000 fulfilled requests within 12 months.
- **Publications and Published Articles:** *The Bar Starts Here* | *Life Behind Bars* | *Bartender Training Manual* | *Wall Street Journal* | *Las Vegas Weekly* | *Fox TV* | *Server Training Manual*

Nightclub Hall of Fame | October 2013 - Current
Founder/President

- Recognizes and honors outstanding members of the Nightclub & Bar industry through inductions, award ceremonies, speaking engagements, and global events.

Questex Media Group | October 2011 - October 2014
Nightlife & Entertainment Director - Nightclub & Bar Convention
Program Director - On The Rocks Las Vegas

- Programmed celebrities and managed nightlife events for the 2012-2014 Nightclub & Bar Show, and Jon Taffer's (Spike TV's Bar Rescue) On The Rocks Las Vegas.
- Collaborated with numerous high-profile nightclubs and celebrities including CeeLo Green, Calvin Harris, Toby Keith, Tiesto, Lil Jon, Ne-Yo, XS Nightclub, Marquee Nightclub, Hakkasan Nightclub, Tao Nightclub, Hyde Nightclub, Tryst Nightclub, Chateau Nightclub, Krave

Ryan Taylor Dahlstrom | Consulting and Testifying Expert Witness:
Hospitality and Entertainment Industry - Dram Shop, Security, Premises Liability

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Nightclub, Vanity Nightclub, Sapphire Day Club, Ghost Bar, Gilley's, Senor Frogs, and Bagatelle Nightclub.

Crowne Plaza Dallas / Thrive Nightclub | May 2009 - June 2010
Hotel Director of Beverage / Nightclub General Manager / Manager On Duty

- Served on the Upper Management Team for the comprehensive hotel remodel, including FFE (Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment) sourcing and fulfillment.
- Oversaw the design and buildout of the restaurant, nightclub, and event space, including FFE sourcing and fulfillment.
- Managed all beverage and security operations for the hotel and nightclub, ensuring profitability and adherence to brand standards.

R Dahlstrom Construction | Tucson, AZ (1990-2000)
Foreman

- Managed and supervised residential and commercial construction projects for a family-owned business.
- Oversaw various aspects of construction, ensuring quality, safety, and timely completion.
- Key projects included: Davis Monthan Air Force Base, Nellis Air Force Base, Fort Huachuca, and NAVY Federal Credit Union.

Other Relevant Experience

- **Cannery Ballroom, Mercy Lounge, High Watt, ONE**: Managing Partner, responsible for management and oversight of all operations, security, production, inventory, compliance, special events in Nashville, TN. (2017-2022).
- **Park City Live Utah:** Operating Manager, responsible for significant improvements in operational procedures and venue management, receiving two letters of appreciation from the City of Park City (October 2014 - June 2015).
- **KRAVE Nightclub:** General Manager, secured and activated licensing, permits, and operational procedures & security to operate as the first 18 & Over Nightclub on the Las Vegas Strip (2011).
- **Steve Wyrick Theatre:** General Manager (Las Vegas Strip) (December 2008 - March 2009).
- **Soul Circus Inc ("UniverSoul Circus"):** Touring Manager for the 2008 United States Tour.
- **NAVY Entertainment:** Managed 2009 United States Military Celebrity Tours in Spain, Italy, Greece, Korea, Guam, Kuwait, Iraq, Africa, Japan, Dubai, Germany, Turkey, Jordan.

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- **Our Troops First:** International Tour Manager (March 2007 - 2009).
- **CSA Ltd, Kuwait:** USO Coordinator / Tour Manager (2005-2007).
- **Dahlstrom Entertainment:** Owner / Producer, coordinating & managing security, venue production, live performances, celebrity meet & greets, travel, accommodations, and transportation (August 2000 - 2008).

Client Portfolio (Partial List)

- Jon Taffer of Bar Rescue on Spike TV
- Nightclub and Bar Convention
- Cannery Ballroom Nashville, TN
- KRAVE LGBTQ Las Vegas, NV
- Park City Live Park City, UT
- Gotham Nightclub San Bernardino, CA
- Mercy Lounge Nashville, TN
- Senior Frogs Las Vegas, NV
- Twelve 25 Tuscaloosa, AL
- Crown Plaza Dallas, TX
- Revolution Lowell, MA
- Midnight Rodeo Albuquerque, NM
- ONE Wedding Venue Nashville, TN
- New West Tucson, AZ
- XS Nightclub Las Vegas, NV
- Thrive Nightclub Dallas, TX
- Pink Shell Resort Ft. Myers, FL
- Old Crow Smokehouse Chicago, IL
- Sapphire Gentlemen's Club Las Vegas, NV
- Memphian Hotel Memphis, TN
- Parrot Bay Puerto Peñasco, Sonora Mexico
- Venue of Scottsdale Phoenix, AZ
- The High Watt Nashville, TN

- National Football League (NFL)
- Carrie Underwood
- World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE)
- Navy Entertainment
- Lady Gaga
- 50 Cent
- Def Leppard
- Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC)
- Kid Rock
- Sundance Film Festival
- United Services Organization (USO)
- Bruno Mars
- Floyd Mayweather
- Willie Nelson
- Toby Keith
- Lil Jon
- Tiesto
- Eminem
- Calvin Harris
- Harlem Globetrotters
- Black Eyed Peas
- Chuck Berry
- Jason Aldean

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Trials and Depositions

- **Vander Blue v. Pasha & Sina, Inc:** Retained by Arnold & Itkin LLP Trial Lawyers (Plaintiff) (Premises Liability) (Event Negligence) Review, Site Visit, *Trial – July 10-12, 2023 (CC-18-02128-E) County Court at Law No. 5, Dallas County, TX*

- **Haupt v. Fiesta Hotel and Casino:** Retained by GGRM Law Firm (Plaintiff) (Premises Liability) (Event Security) Settled, Review, Report, *Deposition - March 20, 2020 (A-18-776379-C) District Court, Clark County, NV*

- **Martinez v. Bowlero of Farmington:** Retained by Weems Hazen Law (Plaintiff) (Dram Shop, Security, Video Surveillance) Review, Report, *Deposition – January 23, 2025 (D-1116-CV-2023-00849) 11th Judicial District, San Juan County, NM*

- **Draskovich v. Richards Bar:** Retained by Pullano & Siporin (Plaintiff) (Bar Security) (Dram Shop) Settled, Review, Report, *Deposition – March 18, 2026 (2022 L 063072) CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS*

Engagements (Partial List)

- **Edith Broten v. Brinker Texas, Inc d/b/a/ Chili's:** Retained by Doyle & Seelbach PLLC (Defense) (Safety) (Premises Liability) Review, Report

- **Farnum v. Carvers (Utah):** Retained by Siegfried & Jensen (Plaintiff) (Dram Shop) Review, Settled

- **Sanderson v. Rattlesnake Mountain Brewing Co (Washington):** Retained by Clyde & Co US LLP (Defendant) (Dram Shop) Review, Settled

- **Martina Perez v. MC-VC, Inc d/b/a Party Place Cabaret:** Retained by Thomas J Henry (Plaintiff) (Dram Shop) (Safe Harbor) Review, Report, Settled

- **Christopher Roselli v. Newcom's Tavern:** Retained by Jeckering & Associates (Plaintiff) (Dram Shop) (Security) Review

- **Beltran v. Amendment (Washington):** Retained by Clyde & Co US LLP (Defendant) (Dram Shop) Review

- **David Martinez-Cervantes v. GV Entertainment, SQ Nightclub:** Retained by Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt, Cappelli & Tipton, LLC (Defendant) (Dram Shop) Review

- **Makayla Tatum v. Wing It Inc. D/B/A Rick's on the Square:** Retained by Miller Weisbrod Olesky, LLP (Plaintiff) (Dram Shop) (Safe Harbor) (Indirect Encouragement) Review, Report, Settled

- **Abdullah v. Blazing Wings Inc:** Retained by Beasley Allen Law Firm (Plaintiff) (Restaurant Management) Review, Report

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- **Boldan v. Dubai Ultra Lounge and Julian Navarrete (Utah):** Retained by Siegfried & Jensen (Plaintiff) (Dram Shop) (Bottle Service) (Overservice) Review, Report, Settled
- **Hernandez v. Potrero LLP:** Retained by Veatch Carllson LLP (Defendant) (Bar Management) Review, Report
- **Smith v. Lucky's of Columbia:** Retained by Harling & West Attorneys at Law (Plaintiff) Review, Report
- **Marilyn Feldman v. Stewed Cow:** Retained by Law Offices of Rosemarie Arnold (Plaintiff) (Liability, Mechanical Bull) Review, Report
- **Danny Chavez v. Chaserz:** Retained by Ramos Law (Plaintiff) (Bar Security) Review, Report, Rebuttal Report
- **Albert Boston v. Romi Hospitality Group d/b/a Days Inn by Wyndham:** Retained (Plaintiff) (Premises Liability) Review, Report
- **Sanders v. AJB Holdings:** Retained by Flickinger, Bolton, Robson, Weeks (Plaintiff) (Bar Management) Review
- **McCombs v. Sexton Enterprises LLC:** Retained by Touchstone, Bernays (Defendant) (Dram Shop) Review, Compile Video Surveillance
- **Kai Pelleriti v. Chicken on the Hill:** Retained by Paul Wilkinson Law Firm (Plaintiff) (Bar Security) Review
- **Estate of Kenneth McBreen v. Stevens Inn and Cal's Shade Western Lounge:** Retained by Strimatter Kessler Kohler Moore (Plaintiff) (Dram Shop) Review, Settled
- **Jimenez v. Ojos Locos:** Retained by Perdue and Kidd (Plaintiff) (Dram Shop, Safe Harbor) Review, Report
- **Claudia Gonzalez Rosas v. Glynn's Shamrock Pub:** Retained (Plaintiff) (Dram Shop) Review, Settled
- **Belle Tung v. The Bowery Presents LLC, AEG Presents Ny, LLC d/b/a Playstation Theater (New York):** Retained by Aaronson Rappaport Feinstein & Deutch, LLP (Defendant) (Event Safety) (Operations) Review
- **Smith v. Aloha:** Retained (Plaintiff) (Bar Security) Review

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- **Monika Thomas v. Outlaw Bar and Grill (CA):** Retained by Zimmerman & Kahanowitch (Defendant) (Bar Operations) (Security) Review

- **Pamela Campbell, as Admin. v. Harrod's Creek Tavern (Kentucky):** Retained by DeCamillis & Mattingly, PLLC (Dram Shop) Review

- **Jane Doe v. Rattlesnake Mountain:** Retained (Defendant) Review

- **Estate of Darrell Caldwell v. Live Nation Worldwide Inc:** Pending (Event Safety and Security)

Consulting Fee Schedule

Professional Services:

- Expert Witness Rate: $500.00 per hour
  - An initial $5,000.00 nonrefundable retainer is required and will be billed against at $500.00 per hour, including but not limited to phone conferences, reading depositions, research, on-site review, answering questions, review for deposition and trial, and preparation of a report (if requested). Once the initial retainer depletes to $1,000.00, an additional $5,000.00 retainer will be required.
- Report Writing: $500.00 per hour.

Deposition & Trial:

- Half Day Deposition Testimony Minimum (4 hours): $2,500.00
- Whole Day Deposition Testimony Maximum (8 hours): $5,000.00
- Half Day Trial Testimony Minimum (4 hours): $2,500.00
- Whole Day Trial Testimony Maximum (8 hours): $5,000.00
- **Cancellation Policy:**
  - Cancellation of a scheduled deposition & trial within 1 week will result in a 4-hour charge.
  - Cancellation of a scheduled deposition & trial within 48 hours will result in an 8-hour charge.
- **Payment Requirement:** If payment for the Deposition and Trial Fee Schedule is not received prior to deposition, the deposition will be considered canceled.

Travel:

- Pre-Payment (at actual cost) is required for travel, lodging, $150.00 per day per diem, and subsistence expenses.
- Reimbursement Payment (at actual cost + 30%) is required for travel, lodging, $150.00 per day per diem, and subsistence expenses.
- Travel Time: $185.00 per hour.
- Site Visit: $3,000.00

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