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I am uniquely qualified to serve as an expert and speak on the topic of body piercing. Publishing my educational book was made possible, in part, because I am renowned as one of the world's most respected and experienced professional body piercers. I'm extremely well versed in my area of expertise and comfortable discussing it in front of any audience. My extensive background in educating diverse individuals and groups about body piercing through public speaking engagements and appearances on radio and television has prepared me for virtually any encounter.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- May 2009 Publication of my book: *The Piercing Bible—The Definitive Guide to Safe Body Piercing*
- May 2006 President's Lifetime Achievement Award, Association of Professional Piercers
- May 2005 Fastest Piercer Award and Best Forceps Piercer Award, Association of Professional Piercers
- 2002 Angel wings tattoo becomes the first body art (and human feature) to receive registration by the US Patent and Trademark Office; wings are Service Marked in relation to piercing services
- 1999 Assisted in Promulgation of Legislation on Commercial Body Art Regulations for Louisiana

EMPLOYMENT

- 2005-Present **Writer**, *Pain Magazine: Guide for Body Modification Professionals*
Write the monthly "Ask Angel" question-and-answer column on various piercing-related topics
- 2004-Present **Expert Witness—Body Piercing**, TASA-Technical Advisory Service for Attorneys
One of three expert witnesses listed worldwide for body piercing
- 1993-2006 **President and Founder**, Rings of Desire, Inc. New Orleans, LA
Professional body piercing; managed staff, and all retail and Internet operations
- 1986-1992 **Vice President of Southern California Operations**, Gauntlet, Inc., Los Angeles, CA
Professional body piercing; managed staff and all retail operations
- 1985-1987 **Supervising Editor**, Chatsworth Canoga Medical Group, Canoga Park, CA
Supervised and trained editing/proofreading staff; Drafted Medico-Legal reports
- 1981-1985 **Sign Language Interpreter**, California State University, Northridge, CA
Translated lectures and University events for hearing impaired students and staff

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- 2011-Present **Association of Professional Piercers**
Board of Directors, President
- 2008-Present Newsletter Co-Editor, *The Point*
- 2002-04, 2008-11 Board of Directors, Medical Liaison
- 1999-2001 Board of Directors, Outreach Coordinator
- 2001-2004 Newsletter Editor, *The Point*

EDUCATION

- 1988-1989 Professional Designation Certificate—Marketing and Management
Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising; Los Angeles, CA
- 1981-1983 A.A. Degree—Sign Language Interpreting; Pierce College, Woodland Hills, CA
Honors: Dean's List, Member Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society

PUBLIC SPEAKING/LECTURING HIGHLIGHTS

- 1999-present Association of Professional Piercers Annual Conference—Numerous courses
- 2010 Keynote Speaker Upper Midwest Body Art Conference
- 2005 Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN), World Congress; Safe Care of Patients with Body Piercings
- 2003 Louisiana Organ Procurement Association (LOPA), Assessment of Body Art Risk Factors in Organ Donors
- 2002 Louisiana State HIV/STD Educational Meeting: Body Art and HIV/STD Prevention
- 1999 Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO), Body Art Safety