

Elayne Angel

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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: <i>The Piercing Bible—The Definitive Guide to Safe Body Piercing</i>
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 , <i>Pain Magazine: Guide for Body Modification Professionals</i> 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

	Association of Professional Piercers
1996-Present	Business Member (Business Member at Large since 2006)
2011-2014	Board of Directors, President
2008-Present	Newsletter Co-Editor/Copy Editor, <i>The Point</i>
2002-04, 2008-11	Board of Directors, Medical Liaison
1999-2001	Board of Directors, Outreach Coordinator
2001-2004	Newsletter Editor, <i>The Point</i>

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 Conferences, BMXnet, APTPI, and other educational events in the US, Mexico, and Europe—numerous courses
2015	American Urological Association; The Safe Care of Patients with Genital Piercings
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, 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