

David L. Mefford

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Curriculum Vitae

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Experienced Contractor/Consultant specializing in Construction, Floods, Fires, Sewage, & Mold

David Mefford is an experienced contractor and remediation expert. His first job was as a carpenter's apprentice the summer of 1965. Since then, he has built, repaired or remodeled over 3000 residential and commercial buildings. Of those projects, over 2500 have occurred since 1999 as a result of construction defects, water damage, fire, and mold, including the remediation and repair of most projects.

Work related experience

1. **Consultant and Expert Witness for Building, Fire, Water, & Mold** – 2004 to present
 - Provide consultation, expert reports, depositions and testimony for cases involving construction defects, water damage, fire, sewage, and mold.
2. **Owner and Estimator of Utah Flood and Fire Network**, 2008 – 2011
 - Oversight of company, including: hiring, firing, training, certification, equipment purchases, budgets, project scheduling, etc.
 - Inspected new jobs, wrote estimates and scheduled all work, obtained approval for estimates with insurance adjusters, hired sub-contractors, maintained quality control, collected payments, and customer service.
3. **Estimator for Utah Disaster Kleenup**, 2001 – 2008
 - Inspected new jobs, wrote estimates and scheduled all work, obtained approval for estimates with insurance adjusters, hired sub-contractors, maintained quality control, collected payments, and customer service.
4. **Estimator for Stone Flood and Fire Restoration**, 2000 – 2001
 - Inspected new jobs, wrote estimates and scheduled all work, obtained approval for estimates with insurance adjusters, hired sub-contractors, maintained quality control, collected payments, and customer service.
5. **Estimator for Venturi Flood and Fire Restoration**, 1999 – 2000
 - Inspected new jobs, wrote estimates and scheduled all work, obtained approval for estimates with insurance adjusters, hired sub-contractors, maintained quality control, collected payments, and customer service.
6. **Supervisor/Carpenter for Residential & Commercial Projects** in Utah, Idaho and California since 1974

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Professional Certification

1. **Lead-Based Paint Safety Renovation, Repair and Painting**, 2010, expires 4-2020
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Utah State Division of Air Quality
2. **Certified Mold Professional**, 2009, expires 10-31-2017
The Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification (IICRC)
Interactive Occupational Training, (IOT), Denver, Colorado
3. **Certified Restorer**, 2006, expires 12-31-2017
Restoration Industry Association (RIA), formerly Association of Specialists in
Cleaning & Restoration (ASCR), Maryland
4. **General Contractor dlm inc, B-100 License**, 2001, expires 11-30-2017
Utah State Department of Occupational Licensing (DOPL)
5. **Structural Drying Specialist**, 2006
American Drying Institute, Morristown, Tennessee
6. **Certified Contents Restorer**, 2008
Restoration Industry Association (RIA), formerly Association of Specialists in
Cleaning & Restoration (ASCR), Maryland

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Cases as Expert Witness or Consultant

The Gables at Saratoga Springs v Jade Glass

Civil # 150401246

Client – Jade Glass

Counsel – Mike Brady of Brady Law

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

May 2016 to Present

HOA and General Contractor suing over alleged construction defects.

Case in Progress

The Gables at Saratoga Springs v Riding Siding

Civil # 150401246

Client – Riding Siding

Counsel – Mike Brady of Brady Law

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

May 2016 to Present

HOA and General Contractor suing over alleged construction defects.

Case in Progress

The Gables at Saratoga Springs v Widco Systems

Civil # 150401246

Client – Widco Systems

Counsel – Isaac James of Leonard and James

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

January 2016 to Present

HOA and General Contractor suing over alleged construction defects.

Case in Progress

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Leonard v PC Villas

Civil # 140903125

Client – Foster Leonard

Counsel – Kelly McFarlane of Christensen and Jensen

Consultation and Report

January 2016 to Present

HOA failed to maintain building causing physical damage and loss of eyesight to Mr. Leonard from a fall when balcony railing failed. *Case in Progress*

Smith v Farmers Insurance v ServiceMaster by Phipps

Civil # 150700754

Client – ServiceMaster by Phipps

Counsel – Anna Nelson & Jonathan Hawkins of Morgan Minnock Rice & James

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

October 2015 to Present

Dispute whether proper drying and mold remediation protocol were used.
Case in Progress

Jorgensen v Hendricks (Bear River Mutual Insurance)

Civil # 130907795

Client – Jamie Hendricks

Counsel – Rick Glauser and Jerry Gray of Smith and Glauser

Consultation and Report

September 2015 to Present

Dispute over damage from a sewage back up in a rental unit. Case Settled

John & Emily Blodgett v Van Con Inc & Water Movers, Inc

Civil # 140906726

Client – Van Con Inc

Counsel – Joe Minnock of Morgan Minnock Rice & James

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

August 2015 to Present

Dispute over content damages from water loss.
Case in Progress

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State Farm A/S/O Randal Beck v PLS Construction

Civil # 140100187

Client – PLS Construction

Counsel – Anna Nelson of Morgan Minnock Rice & James

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

August 2015

Third-party insurance subrogation for damage from fire caused by contractor.

Case Settled

ProSight Specialty Insurance A/S/O Paradise Fire Protection v Victaulic Insurance Claim #EWR000011233

Client – ProSight Specialty Insurance

Counsel – Scott C. Powers of Snow Christensen & Martineau

Adam M. Pace of Snow Christensen & Martineau

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

March 2015 to April 2015

Third-party insurance subrogation for water damage from leak in sprinkler system installed by Paradise Fire Protection. Evaluated costs of repair.

Claim Settled

Washington County Water Conservation District v Hancock

Dispute between Water District and Owner

Client - WCWCD

Counsel – Dave Richards of Christensen and Jensen

Expert Witness – Consultation & Report

January 2015 to Present

Dispute over ownership of ground water flooding the Hancock's basement and subsequent repairs required.

Case in Progress

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Allstate v Jacuzzi Inc.

Civil # 140100033

Client – Jacuzzi Inc.

Counsel – Nathan Skeen of Snow, Christensen, & Martineau

Expert Witness – Consultation

November 2014 to Present

Third Party Product Liability Case. Reviewed documents and prepared sample questions for depositions.

Case in Progress

Eagle Mountain City v Miller et al.

Civil #'s 140400474 & 130401549

Client – Eagle Mountain City

Counsel – Scott Martin of Snow, Christensen, & Martineau, counsel for Eagle Mtn City

Dani Cepernich of Snow, Christensen, & Martineau, counsel for Eagle Mtn City

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

October 2014 to Present

Multiple sewage back-ups. Reviewed documents, inspected site and prepared an Expert Report.

Case Settled

Geneva Rock v Miller et al.

Civil #'s 140400474 & 130401549

Client – Geneva Rock

Counsel –Allison Fletcher of Morgan, Minnock, Rice, and James

Daniel Young of Plant, Christensen & Kanell

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

October 2014 to Present

Multiple sewage back-ups. Reviewed documents, inspected site and prepared an Expert Report.

Case Settled

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National Oilwell Varco

Insurance claim

Client – EMM Realty of Utah, Robert Lapin

Counsel – Angus Edwards of Jones, Waldo, Holbrook & McDonough

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

July 2014

Evaluated expert report for repairs and generated comparison estimate.

Assignment Completed

Joseph Tomlinson

Client – Joseph Tomlinson

Consultation and Owner's Representative for flood damage repair unrelated to law suit.

Sept 2014 to January 2015

Owner's representative to Insurance Company and General Contractor.

Re-wrote estimate from \$32,000 to \$56,000 and receive approval from Insurance.

Assignment Completed

Amica Insurance v Tomlinson

Claim # 1613-16414-HO

Client – Amica Insurance

Adjuster – Matt Higginson

Expert Witness – Consultation, Destructive Investigation and Reports

May 2014 to Sept 2014

Determine causation and source of water intrusion for insurance coverage issues.

Re-wrote estimate for insurance portion of coverage to reflect actual costs.

Assignments Completed

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Tomlinson v Doug Knight Construction

Civil # 100500668

Client – Joseph Tomlinson

Counsel – Bastiaan Coebergh of Wrona, Gordon & Dubois

Expert Witness – Consultation, Report and Deposition

January 2014 to Present

Construction Defect Law Suit regarding mistakes that caused extensive water intrusion and mold damage.

Case Dismissed

Garden Grove HOA v Carlco Builders v Mike Duford Construction

Civil # 110915100

Client – Mike Duford Construction

Counsel – Stephen Edwards of Morgan Minnock, Rice, and James

Andrea Keysar of Morgan Minnock, Rice, and James

Expert Witness – Consultation and Summary Report

May 2014 to Present

Construction Defect Law Suit regarding stucco installation and subsequent damage.

Case Settled

Bullock v Mt Sterling Construction

Client – Mt Sterling Construction

Counsel – Eric Davenport of Smith & Glauser

Garrett Walker of Smith & Glauser

Expert Witness – Consultation

January 2014 to Present

Construction Defect Law Suit.

Case Settled before report or consultation

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The Cedars Townhome Owners Assoc. v G&J Construction v Stucco Works Civil # 080401404

Client – Stucco Works

Counsel – Elizabeth McOmber of Snell and Wilmer

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

January 2014 to Present

Dispute over alleged stucco construction defects to multiple condo units.

Ended in Summary Judgment

Peerless Indemnity Insurance v Lone Star Construction & Westec Electric Civil # 130902459

Client – Lone Star Construction

Counsel – Rick Glauser of Smith & Glauser

Mark Thornton of Smith & Glauser

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

January 2014 to 2015

Third-party liability claim for repairs from a fire.

Case Settled

Bunjes v Certified Disaster Dispute with Repair Contractor

Client – Ed & Pat Bunjes

Consultation and Inspection

Sept 2013 to 2015

Contractor defects in restoration of fire damaged home

Claim Settled

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Memcott vs. Maggio

Claim # MPL 12-03172

Client – Shane Maggio

Counsel – Andrea Keysar of Morgan Minnock Rice & James

Joe Minnock of Morgan Minnock Rice & James

Expert Witness – Consultation

September 2013 to Present

Dispute over possible non-disclosed items in sale of home

Claim Settled

Gullihur vs. M&M Properties

Civil # 120900394

Client – Michael Gullihur

Counsel – Keith Johnson of Henriksen & Henriksen

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

July 2013 to Present

*Dispute over coverage of a water loss and mold remediation
which occurred at the time of the sale of the home*

Case Dismissed

Maxwell vs. Heath

Civil # 110500089

Client – Dan Heath, Pine Meadows Property

Counsel – Rob Wallace of Kirton McConkie

Mike Johnston of Kirton McConkie

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

April 2013 to Present

Dispute over possible non-disclosed rodent infestation in sale of home.

Case in Progress

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Johnson vs. Martin

Civil # 070912237

Client – Markay Johnson Construction

Counsel – Jackie Pilling of Kirton McConkie

Christopher Hill of Kirton McConkie

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

June 2013 to 2014

Dispute over work performed and money paid in construction of new barn and house

Case Settled

Carter Electric vs. Robert Oldroyd

Civil # 120400163

Client – Carter Electric

Counsel – Kathie Roberts of Kathie Brown Roberts

Ben Johnson of Bennett Tueller Johnson & Deere

Expert Witness – Consultation, Report, and Court Testimony

December 2012 to March 2014

Dispute over whether additional services were part of the original estimate for fire repair.

Oldroyd Prevailed in Court

The Gables HOA vs. Castlewood Construction vs. BA Critchfield

Civil # 100901740

Client – BA Critchfield

Counsel – Al Gray of Smith and Glauser

Expert Witness - Consultation and Report

November 2012 to July 2014

Dispute over alleged construction defects to multiple condo units.

Ended in Summary Judgment

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State Farm Insurance vs. Integrated Construction Services, Inc; TID, Inc; & Walsh Corporation dba Walsh Concrete Cutting

Civil # 110917599

Clients – Integrated Construction Services, Inc, - TID, Inc, - Walsh Corporation

Counsel – Integrated Construction Services, Inc – Karen Schmid of Berrett & Assoc

TID, Inc – Ben Johnson of Bennett Tueller Johnson & Deere

Walsh Construction – Gainer Waldbillig of GW Law

Expert Witness - Consultation and Report

October 2012 to 2014

Third-party water damage insurance claim. Consultation in subrogation case.

Case Settled

Taylor vs. Water Damage Specialists

Civil # 110904879

Client – Daniel & Verla Taylor

Counsel – Al Gray of Smith and Glauser

Expert Witness - Consultation and Report

September 2012 to Present

Water damage insurance claim. Dispute over charges for services & the method of payment.

Case Settled

Farmers Insurance vs. Timberline Plumbing & Mountain Land Contractors

Civil # 110917814

Client – Mountain Land Contractors

Counsel – Joseph Minnock & Anna Nelson of Morgan Minnock Rice & James

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

September 2012 to 2012

Water damage insurance claim.

Case Settled

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Gatherum vs. Okland Construction

Civil # 120904843

Client – Lamar Gatherum

Counsel – Reed Martineau & Jason Hawkins of Snow Christensen & Martineau

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

September 2012 to 2014

Gatherum home was continually flooded from run-off water from elementary school under construction by Okland Construction.

Case Settled

Bonneville Mill vs. Progressive Insurance

Insurance claim

Client – Bonneville Mill, Wayne Hammon

Counsel – James Burton of Kirton McConkie

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

March 2012

Truck fire parked next to Bonneville Mill caused fire and smoke damage in building. Prepared report detailing real repair costs to equipment and building.

Claim Settled

Huffaker vs. Mapleton and Springville Irrigation Companies

Civil # 080400758

Client – Mapleton Irrigation Company

Counsel – Dave Richards of Christensen and Jensen

Client – Springville Irrigation Company

Counsel – Gary Johnson of Richards Brandt Miller Nelson

Expert Witness – Consultation, Report, Deposition and Court Testimony

October 2008 to November 2011

Huffakers claimed water from irrigation canal seeped into their home causing irreparable structural and mold damage.

*Court found Mapleton & Springville Irrigation companies **not** liable for damages*

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Purple Wall vs. Auto Owners Insurance

Insurance Claim

Client – Auto Owners Insurance

Counsel – Rick Glauser of Smith and Glauser

Expert Witness – Consultation and Report

September 2010 to January 2011

Renters moved out and left extensive damage to home. Owner claimed damages but insurance company disputed costs and extent of liability.

Claim Settled

Rivas Construction vs. Scottsdale Insurance

Civil # 060904781

Clients – Hired by both Rivas Construction and Scottsdale Insurance

Counsel for Rivas – Baird Morgan of Richards Brandt Miller Nelson

Counsel for Scottsdale – Andrew Morse of Snow Christensen & Martineau

Fact and Expert Witness – Consultation, Report, and Deposition

May 2007 to May 2011

Insurance company initially denied coverage for liability claim, but later reversed their opinion. Contractor sued for damages from delay in coverage.

Case Settled

Shadow Wood Apartments vs. Nova Casualty Company

Civil # 0-80403326

Client – Nova Casualty Company

Counsel – Angus Edwards of Jones, Waldo, Holbrook & McDonough

Expert Witness – Consultation, Report, and Deposition

October 2008 to March 2011

Apartment owners made repairs from fire damage and presented a final bill of \$1,250,000.00.

Estimate for repairs was \$397,000.00.

Case Settled

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Neff vs. State Farm

Arbitration of Insurance Claim

Client – State Farm Insurance

Adjuster – Pete Tesch, State Farm Insurance

Fact Witness and Consultation

2004

Owner hired public adjuster over dispute with State Farm Insurance Company over total compensation due from a fire to their boutique shop rental property.

Ended in Arbitration

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Rate Schedule

Inspections, analysis, calculations, conclusions, preparation of reports, or presentations, phone calls, emails and necessary travel time:

\$200/hour, billed in 15 minute increments, plus expenses.

Time is calculated port to port.

Court appearances and depositions:

\$250/hour, 4 hour minimum per day, billed in 15 minute increments, plus expenses.

Time is calculated port to port.

Reimbursable expenses:

Personal vehicle mileage beyond Salt Lake and Utah Counties – \$0.75/mile

All other expenses will be billed per invoice or receipt plus 20%; including, but not limited to;

Air fare, train fare, taxi, rental vehicles, hotel accommodations, meals, postage, office & clerical supplies, presentation displays and other reasonable expenses as agreed with counsel.

Pro Bono Consultation

Regularly giving free consultation to those who do not have the ability to pay or are seeking direction as how to proceed in difficult losses.

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Publications and Presentations

“Construction Defects and Water Intrusion”

Presentation to attorneys, adjusters and property managers on how construction defects permit water intrusion.

Construction Defects and Dispute Conference

Sandy, Utah, May 15, 2015

“Make a Friend in 3 Days or Less”

Motivational paperback book, self-published, 2012

“How to Get the Price You Need Without the Hassle”

Presentation to restoration contractors on how to effectively write estimates for prompter payment and less problems.

Xactware User Conference 2011 –

Salt Lake City, Utah, February, 2011

“Maximizing Efficiency and Profitability Through the Proper Application And Use of Xactimate[®]”

Presentation on effectively using Xactimate to write estimates for Restoration Contractors.

ASCR (RIA) Convention,

Denver, Colorado, November, 2006

“Maximizing Efficiency and Profitability Through the Proper Application And Use of Xactimate[®]”

Paper on effectively using Xactimate to write estimates

Certified Restorer Certification, 2006.

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Articles published on Disaster Survival Tips

<http://disastersurvivaltips.blogspot.com>

“Lead-based Paint, Lead Poisoning, and Children at Risk”

The realities of lead-based paint poisoning and the risks to occupants, especially children.

“Dr Ralph Spezio Proved Lead Poisoning was Making His Students Stupid”

Elementary school Principal made the link between lead poisoning and student test scores. Identified and healed students, increasing test scores and the health of the school.

“How Do I Know if My House Has Lead?”

Simple knowledge and tests to determine if your home has lead.

“How Do I Get Rid of Lead in My Home?”

Protocols and procedures to remove lead from your home.

“Freddie Gray, Lead Poisoning as a Child Lead to a Life of Chaos, Violence, and an Early Death”

Freddie Gray’s exposure to lead as a child, created health issues that propelled him to his untimely death at the hands of the Baltimore Police.

“How Do You Keep The Cash Flow Going?”

Lists 13 different tips to keep the cash flow moving the right direction, especially in a restoration company.

“Re-ordering the Line Items in an Xactimate Macro”

Explains a simple work-around for a common problem encountered with Xactimate.

“What To Do With Wet Electronics”

The best method to dry-out and save electronic devices that accidentally get wet.

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“How Companies Document Jobs Without Really Trying”

Tips on how successful companies easily document jobs and protect themselves from law suits.

“How Owners Document Losses Without Really Trying”

Suggestions for home owners to properly document losses without too much effort.

“Getting Paid in a Timely Manner”

Details 8 simple steps to help adjusters write the check sooner.

“Mold Coverage and Insurance Policies”

Outlines the different coverage for mold remediation as well as how much insurance companies typically pay for covered losses.

“Mold - What is it and How Does It Affect Us?”

This cuts through many misconceptions of what mold is and the adverse health effects that can accompany it.

“Mold - Where and How Does It Grow?”

Teaches you where mold grows, why mold grows and how to prevent mold from growing.

“Mold - How Do You Clean It Up and Keep It From Coming Back?”

Explains the industry protocols for mold remediation, employee protection and steps needed to prevent mold from returning.

“Mold Myths”

This article debunks several popular mold myths with concrete, practical information.

“What Will My Insurance Company Cover In a Fire?”

Describes the way most insurance policies deal with fires, what is covered and what is not.

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“The Science Of Drying A Structure”

A scientific approach, in layman’s terms, of how to dry a building after a flood; including the methods and equipment that should be employed.

“What Do You Do After A Fire?”

Six practical suggestions or steps to take immediately after you have a fire in your home.

“How To Spot A Bad Contractor”

Explains the difference between a good contractor and a bad one, and how you can weed out the undesirable ones.

“Understanding And Preventing Ice Damming”

Describes the causes of ice damming and how you can stop it from happening to your home.

“When Do I Need A Public Adjuster”

Explains what a Public Adjuster is, how they differ from an Insurance Company Adjuster, and when it would be advisable to hire a PA.

“Tis The Season For Fires”

This article teaches you the most common causes of fires during the holiday seasons and how to protect you and your home.

“Preventing Frozen Pipes”

Chronicles the typical reasons and locations where pipes freeze.

“Tips To Prevent Flood And Water Damage”

Gives you the signs to look for that warn you a water loss is about to occur so you can prevent the heartache of a water loss.

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“What Will My Insurance Cover In A Water Loss?”

Since each insurance company is different, this article explains various insurance policies and how they cover water damage.

“Four Rules To Survive A Disaster”

Four simple rules, if followed, will make any disaster easier to handle.