



PREMIER CLAIMS INVESTIGATIONS
Michael R. Chaney - Professional Qualifications

Education

Midwestern State University Wichita Falls, Texas. *BBA - Management Science* - Summa Cum Laude.
1980 Extensive Fire Investigation & Fire Science Education/Studies/Experience. See below.

Employment

Premier Claims Investigations, Inc. Houston, Texas, June 1994 - Present: Chief Fire Analyst.
Large Loss Fire & Explosion Investigations, Expert Consultation Services, Technical Review of
Investigations for Litigation and other purposes. Supervisor of fire & explosion investigators.

INS Investigations Bureau, Inc. Houston, Texas Chief Special Agent February, 1983 to June 1994
Fire & Explosion large loss investigator and supervisor of investigators.

INS Investigations Bureau, Inc. Special Agent, Shreveport, Louisiana, Sept., 1980 to Feb., 1983
Fire & Explosion investigator.

Wichita Falls Fire Prevention Bureau, Wichita Falls, TX - 1975-1980. 1975-1979 - Fire Inspector &
Fire & Arson Investigator, 1979-1980 - Assistant Fire Marshal. Supervisor of investigators.

Military Experience

U.S. Army Security Agency 1971 to 1974 Specialist E-5 Intelligence Analyst

Training

Wichita Falls Fire Department 1975-1980 Fire Science (NFPA) - Fire Inspection-Code Enforcement
– Electrical System Inspection Protocols - Fire & Arson Investigation-Numerous Other Fire
Investigation and Fire Behavior & Investigation Courses and OJT with Four Certified Fire
Investigators.

Wichita Falls Police Academy Top Graduate June 1976 - 480 Hours

Texas A & M University Engineering Extension Service *Initial State Certification* - Fire & Arson
Investigation - Texas Fire & Arson Investigator's Annual Seminar 1976, 1977, 1978

University of Texas Health Science Center - Fire & Arson Medical & Scientific Investigation 1977

INS Investigations Bureau, Inc. Continuing Education Series Fire Spread, Fire Science, Subrogation-
Injury-Arson Investigation & Fraud Investigation 1980 – 1994 (DeHaan & others)

Louisiana Chapter IAAI Founding Meeting & Fire & Arson Investigation & Related Topics 1983

Training Continued

Texas A & M University Engineering Extension Fire & Arson Investigation, 1983-2014, (Four Exceptions) NFPA 921 and Proper Fire Investigation & Interviewing Techniques, Motor Vehicle Fire Investigation, NFPA 1033, Fatality Fire Investigation, Expert Fire Investigation

A Texas Advisory Council on Arson, ATAC Semi-Annual meetings - 1983 to 1998

Fire Investigation, Scientific Fire Investigation John DeHaan, May 1989, 1992 Live Burn & Flashover Theory - Galveston, 1994 - Houston & 1996, & in Longmont, CO - 1999

GAB Business Services, Inc. Property Claims Adjuster's School, Denver, CO

Galveston County Sheriff's Academy - Auto Theft Investigator's Seminar – Auto Theft – Vehicle & Equipment Fire Losses - Aug 7-12, 1988

International Association Auto Theft Investigators - Auto Theft Investigation, Fire Investigation Omaha, Nebraska - Week School - 1991

International Association of Bomb Technicians & Investigators - Explosion Investigation, Dallas, Texas 1991

Georgia Tech - Atlanta, Georgia Hazardous Material Control and Emergency Response Certified to the Technician Level, 1992, 1993, 1994

Property Loss Research Bureau Property Claims Seminar April, 1993 - San Antonio, Texas Fraud Investigation, Subrogation and Examination Under Oath Courses

Texas Engineering Extension Service June, 1994 Southeast Texas Fire & Arson Investigators First Annual Fire Investigation Seminar

Texas A&M University Hazardous Materials Certification (Emphasis Fire & Related Hazard) Bryan - College Station 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000

University of Cincinnati - *Fire Science Degree Program* - (Fire Cause Determination Strategies 1996. All other Texts for the Fire Science Degree Program received and studied).

NFPA Fire Detection Systems Design & Installation - 1996

Oklahoma State University - Fire Dynamics - 1996

TX IAAI Current Arson Investigation - 1996

TX A&M University - NFPA 921 - Fire Investigation - 1997

South TX College of Law - July 98 Insurance Law Symposium

MAFIT/IAAI 21st Century Fire Investigations, Longmont, CO Jan 1999

MAFIT/IAAI - Vehicle Fire Investigation, Power Generation and Residential Electrical Fire Cause Analysis, Longmont, CO. January, 2000

Additional Continuing Education Pursuits:

NAFI – National Fire, Arson, & Explosion Investigation Tng Program Sarasota, Florida, July 2001
Numerous Subjects – Electrical, NFPA 921, Heat & Flame Vector Analysis, etc.

CIAAI – Colorado IAAI– Electrical Aspects of Fire Investigation, Vehicle Fire Investigation 1/02

CTFIA – San Marcos Texas - (Vehicle Fire Investigation Training Course) October 2002 –
Subrogation and Spoliation NFPA 921 & many other fire related seminars.

Texas A&M University - Fire & Arson Investigators Annual Conference, March 2003

NAFI – National Fire, Arson & Explosion Investigation Training Program Sarasota, Florida, 8/03

NASP – National Association Subrogation Professionals – Fire & Subrogation Seminar, Nov. 2003

TEEX – Texas A&M University – Fire & Arson Investigator’s Conference March 2004 – Electrical
Aspects of Fire Investigation - Vehicle Fire Investigation - Lightning Fire Loss Investigation

ISFI – NFPA – NAFI – International Symposium on Fire Investigation - Fire Dynamics - Fire
Science, Dr. D. Drysdale and Dr. V Babrauskas, Scene Examination, R Ide, Dr. C Foster, P. Kennedy,
D. Churchward, Explosion Scene Investigation, Dr. C Foster, R. Ide, R. Hopkins, Scene
Management, Forensic Pathology, Electrical Fault & Arc Survey Analysis, Rules of Evidence and
Legal Issues, Dr. N. Cooper., D Reiter, Churchward, Stotesbury, Sklar, Vehicle Fire Investigation
Magnus & Cope. – Fire Service College, Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire UK June 2004

NASP – Beyond Origin & Cause & Related Subrogation/Investigation Topics Dallas, TX 8/2004

Society Fire Protection Engineers – Hot Topics in Fire Protection – Austin, Texas ~ January, 2005

ABAG – Hazwopper Refresher - 8 hr CFR 29 Hazmat School Annual Training ~ 3/2005

Symposium on Scientific Fire Investigation Spoliation Subrogation – Dr. Vyto Babrauskas, Dr. John
DeHaan, Professor Ron Hopkins, CFI Dan Churchward, EE Dave Reiter; Attorneys - Cozen
O’Connor ~ NFPA 921 – Electrical Aspects of fire investigation ~ Houston, TX - October 2005

National Association Subrogation Professionals ~ CE Annual ~ Austin, TX Vehicle Fire
Investigation, Pyrolysis, Visual Technology for the Courtroom, Subrogation and Electrical Failure
(Arc Analysis). November 2005

Verite Forensic Engineering/Premier Claims Investigations, Inc. Ford Burn Testing ~ Houston, TX.
Vehicle fire pattern and Cruise Control Deactivation Switch Full Scale Burn Testing ~ Electrical
System Analysis ~ X-ray Analysis @ Bayou City Auction Pool ~ Expeditions ~ F150 ~ Crown
Victoria ~ Mercury Grand Marquis. December 2005

IAAI & Mississippi IAAI Vehicle Fire Investigation and Forensic Pathology in Fire Investigations
Robinsonville, MS – Ford Engineering and Newell Investigative Services March 2005

Houston Ford Vehicle CCDS Fire Test and Burn Pattern Study – December 2005 – Verite Forensic
Engineering and Premier Claims Investigations, Inc. – Lead Engineer – Dave Reiter, PE EE, Lead
Certified Fire Investigator – Michael R. Chaney, CFI – IAAI

Continuing Education Pursuits Cont'd

Central Texas Fire Investigator's Association Electrical Fire Investigation E-102 – Dr. Vytenis Babrauskas Austin, Texas December 2006

52nd Annual Texas Fire and Arson Investigators Seminar – Dr. John DeHaan, Mark Holloway, ATF CFI Steve Carman - Fire Investigation – Ventilation Effects – LPG Gas Explosion Investigation, Myths of Fire Investigation – Scientific Fire Investigation – Fire Dynamics - Emissivity. March 2007

National Association Subrogation Professionals – New Orleans, Louisiana – Hiring Experts the Right Way – Vehicle Fire Investigation – Pyrolysis – Managing a Large Loss Fire Investigation – 11/07

Texas Engineering & Extension Service and Texas International Association of Arson Investigators – Investigator Scene Safety - Mizpah Hotel Fire Case Study - Investigating Fires in Commercial Kitchen Systems - Austin, Texas 53rd Annual TEEX Texas Fire and Arson Investigators March 2008.

National Association of Subrogation Professionals – Review of NFPA 921 2008 Edition and its Changes from Prior Editions, Ford Cruise Control Switch Litigation and Ford's Recall Defense, Surge Suppressors and Power Strips, Fires and Explosions in Industrial Ovens and Furnaces – Hollywood, Florida, November 2008.

Texas Insurance Law Seminar – Michael Johnston Law Firm February 2009 – Insurance Roles – Origin & Cause Investigators & Insurance Adjusters and Related Matters

NAFI – National Fire, Arson, & Explosion Investigation Training Program NFPA 921 2008 Edition, NFPA 1033, 2009 Edition – Explosion Investigation, Electrical Issues in Fire Investigation, Fire Science & Dynamics, Fire Pattern Analysis, Fire Investigation Photography, Heat & Flame Vector Analysis, Fire Scene Safety Denver, Fire Pattern Persistence Through Post-Flashover Compartment Fires – Corbett, G – Denver, CO 3/2009

IAAI – 60th Annual International Continuing Education five day courses: Fire Dynamics – Dan Madrzykowski, Post Flashover – Steve Carman, Electrical Investigation Documentation – Jamie Novak and Lou Bilancia, Fire Death Investigation – J DeHaan, NFPA 921 Issues – Being an Expert – Scientific Method – Spontaneous Ignition – Fire Scene Documentation May 2009 – Arlington, Tx

TCA – Annual Texas Claims Association CE – Corpus Christi, Tx – October 2009 – Ethics – Insurance Law Update

PLRB – Western Regional Property Loss Research Bureau CE – Austin, Tx – October 2009 – NFPA 921 – Origin & Cause Investigation – CSST Fires – M Reynolds & Anthony Morrone; Working Effectively with Experts, legal Counsel, Auto Fraud Investigations: Use of Forensic Evidence, Accident Reconstruction – S Ray Case Forensics.

CTFIA – Central Tx Fire Investigators Association: Scientific Protocols for Fire Investigations December 2009 – Fire and Science – The Chemistry & Physics of Combustion, Fire Dynamics, Fire Investigation Procedures, Analysis of Ignitable Liquid Residues, Evaluation of Ignition Sources, Methodology of Arson Investigation. CFEI, D-ABC John J. Lentini – Board Member Journal of Forensic Sciences.

PLRB – National 2010 Claims Conference – San Antonio, TX March 2010 – Arson Claims: Investigation, Evaluation & Resolution – Douglas Wood, Evolving Standards for Fire Investigation

Additional Training

Special Investigation and Fraud – Gil Ferraro State Farm and Stephen Huchting Morris Policy & Purdy – NFPA 921 NFPA 1033 – Subrogation: Helping Property Managers Navigate the Maze, Jeff Baill CSRP Attorney Yost and Baill and Leslie Wiernik CSRP Ex Director NASP.

Texas A&M – TX IAAI – “Texas Fire and Arson Investigators Seminar” March, 2010, Chris J Bloom “Recreational Vehicle Fire Investigation.” Penal Code Updates, Arson Profiling & Junk Science – The Willingham Arson Case.

Fire Modeling Without Tears & Preparing Expert Reports – Dr. David Icove. Society of Fire Protection Engineers, May 6, 2010

Texas A&M – TX IAAI – Texas Fire and Arson Investigators Seminar – March 2011 – The Willingham Arson Case – Mike Elliott, Clandestine Meth Lab Awareness & Safety – Mike Hill DEA, Home Electrical Systems – Tony Perryman and Kelly Colwell, Instructor at Bridging the Gap Between Public and Private Sector – NFPA 921 Emphasis. Border Violence Larry Villalobos – DEA

Texas DPS – Fire Investigation a Complete Guide NFPA 921 – 18 hours. Tested. March 2013

Texas DPS – Crime Scene Investigation – 40 Hour Tested Course – Ongoing June 2013

CFI Trainer – IAAI Electrical Safety Four Hours Tested June 2013

CFI Trainer – IAAI Fundamentals of Building Construction Four Hours Tested June 2013

SFMO – Texas State Fire Marshal’s Office “LP, Natural Gas Explosions and Unusual Burn Patterns” Fire Dynamics, Fire Patterns, Explosions, Ignition Sources Test Models and Live Burns, Electrical Fire Causation, 24 hours, September 2013, Austin, TX.

CFI Trainer - Basic Electricity - Changes to NFPA 921 and NFPA 1033 – 8 Hrs Tested March 2014

Texas A&M – TX IAAI – Texas Fire and Arson Investigators Seminar, March 2014 – Motor Vehicle Fire Investigation, Investigating Fire Fatalities, Daubert Defense, NFPA 921, NFPA 1033, Interviews, Interrogations, Expert Report Writing. Also on Class CD and studied is Burn Patterns, Hazardous Environment Investigation of Fires

Fire Text Studies and Technical Resources:

- Sixth Edition of Kirk’s Fire Investigation – -2007- Dr John DeHaan
- Scientific Protocols for Fire Investigation - 2006 – Dr. John Lentini
- Fire Technology Chemistry and Combustion – The Institution of Fire Engineers, 2004
- Special Investigations Unit CE – Automobile Theft & Related Topics – Houston, 2003
- NFPA 921 (Each Edition) Guide for Fire & Explosion Investigations
- NFPA 1033 Fire Investigator Qualifications & many other NFPA Standards/Publications
- Kirk's Fire Investigation (All Previous Editions), Detienne's Fire Investigation,
- Carroll’s Physical and Technical Aspects of Fire and Arson Investigation,
- Investigation of Motor Vehicle Fires, Lee Cole
- Practical Fire and Arson Investigation, O’Connor
- National Fire Academy Fire Investigator’s Training Program

Technical Fire Text Studies- Resources - Other (completed):

- Principles of Fire Protection Chemistry, Friedman
- Fire Dynamics, Dr. David Lilley
- Arson Prosecution Handbook
- IFSTA's Fire Investigation Courses
- Advanced Fire Administration, National Fire Academy (NFA)
- Fire Related Human Behavior, NFA
- Fire Protection Structures & System Design, NFA
- Fire Prevention Organization and Management, NFA/FEMA
- FEMA's USFA Fire Burn Pattern Tests 1997 & the NIJ Study & John A. Kennedy Eastern Kentucky University Fire Burn Pattern Testing
- Fire Protection Handbook 17th, 18th, 19th Editions
- SFPE Fire Protection Engineering
- Analytical Approaches to Public Fire Protection
- Liquefied Petroleum Gas Safety Rules, Railroad Commission of Texas
- NFPA's Standards ('90-Present, Including NFPA 921 & NFPA 1033)
- Uniform and Standard Building Codes, Uniform and Standard Fire Codes
- Initial Kennedy & Associates Fire Pattern Persistence and Calcination Studies
- Fire Engineering Periodical, Fire Findings, etc.
- Building Codes-Standard Building Code and Uniform Building Code (& Sister Codes)
- The Ignition Handbook – Vyto Babrauskas (2003-2004)
- Many manuals, guides, books, periodicals, articles and annual training seminars with the Texas Claims Association, HCA, ATAC. Fire Engineer, IAAI periodicals, on-line periodicals and numerous others. Computer Fire Simulation - FPE TOOL. Interactive Virtual Reality Fire Investigation and numerous industry training modules and guides.
- IAAI CFI Trainer Series 2007-2014
- Fire case testing/participation 1975 through 2014. Involves full scale and room scale fire tests of various materials and products.

Professional Organizations

- International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI)
- National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI)
- Texas Chapter IAAI – (1990 - Board Member - Continuing Education Committee)
- A Texas Advisory Council on Arson (ATAC) – 2000-2009
- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
- National Fire Protection Association – Fire Analysis and Research Division
- Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE)

Initial Texas Peace Officer - Fire Investigator & Related Certifications

- State of Texas Peace Officer (WFPD) 1976
- State of Texas Fire & Arson Investigator (WFFD) 1978
- State of Texas Fire & Arson Investigation Instructor (WFFD) 1979

Current Certifications

- Manager - Private Investigations Firm & Private Investigator - State of Texas
- Certified Fire Investigator - International Association of Arson Investigators (CFI – IAAI – Tested – Renewed every five years – Status – Current to 2018)
- Certified Fire & Explosion Investigator – National Association of Fire Investigators (CFEI-NAFI – Tested – Renewed every five years – Status – Current – to 2018)

Expert Witness (see addendum for the List)

Fire Origin & Cause Determination, Fire & Arson Investigation, Fire Science, Arson Fraud Investigation, Fire Spread; Technical Review of Fire Investigation - County - State Courts (TX, LA, CO)

Fire Origin and Cause Determination, Arson Investigation - US District & Federal Courts,

Fire Detection Systems & Response - Harris County, TX

Labeling Standards as related to prevention of Fire on Various Products – TX State District Courts

Guest Lecturer/Instructor

Wichita Falls Police Department & Fire Department - Fire Investigation - 1977-1980

Northeast Texas Fire & Arson Investigator's Seminar - Wichita Falls - Arson Investigation - 1979

Texas A & M University - College Station, Texas - Arson Investigation – 1979

Houston Claims Association - Houston, Texas Fire Investigation – 1983

Texas A & M University Beeville, Texas - Fire & Arson Investigation - 1984

Southeast Texas Police Academy - Jasper, Texas Arson - Fire - 1983, 1984

Kingsville, Texas Fire Department - Fire - Fraud Investigation - 1985

INS Investigations Bureau, Inc. - Fire-Arson-Fraud Seminars (Dallas, San Antonio, Austin, Beaumont, Houston, Corpus Christi, McAllen) 1983 to 1994

Texas Fire & Arson Investigators Seminar, Austin, Texas 1987, 1989

Premier Claims Investigation's Adjuster Continuing Education - Fire Investigation Procedures,

Proper Fire Investigation Methods, Etc. Annually Various Venues- 1994 through 2001.

Houston Claims Assoc. Adjuster's Continuing Ed. Fire Claims Investigation/Arson/Subrogation 1990

Guest Lecturer Completed

South Texas Claims Association and Texas Claims Association 1991, 1992

Arson Fraud Investigation, Subrogation Investigation '91, '92, '93

Electrical Fire Investigation - Southwest Electric Co-Op, Galveston, TX 1992 - Bayview, TX 1997

Texas Ind. Insurance Adjusters Association 1993

ATAC 1993, 1994, 1997 Fire-Arson Investigation – NFPA 921 Procedures

Special Investigations Unit 2nd Annual Conf: Property Claims Fraud Invstgtn (Austin, TX) '95

Numerous in-house presentations to Insurers - Fire, Burglary, Property Claims Investigation

Fire/Fraud Investigation, Subrogation, Fair Dealing, Auto Fire Claims Investigations 1983-1994.

IAAI -TX Large Loss Investigation '96, TX A&M NFPA 921 '97

Republic, St. Paul Insurance Companies - Subrogation 1997

Allstate - 2/98 - Current Fire Investigation Procedures Chubb - 4/98 - Current Fire Investigation

South Texas College of Law - 7/98 - NFPA 921 & Fire and Arson Investigation

TX Chapter International Association, SIU - Arson Investigation Procedures 4-99

Colorado IAAI Fire & Arson Investigator's Seminar – Subrogation – Spoliation Issues – Public & Private Concerns 1-02

Texas IAAI/TEEX Fire & Arson Investigator's Annual Seminar - Austin, TX - Subrogation - Spoliation Public and Private Concerns 3-02

Central Texas Fire Investigators Association – NFPA 921 as Related to Spoliation & Subrogation Concerns 10-02

Special Investigations Unit Continuing Education Series – NFPA 921 & Proper Fire Investigation Procedures - Houston TX 2-03

NFPA 921 & Vehicle Fire Investigation – Allstate – Houston – San Antonio August & Sept 2004

October 2005 Symposium on Scientific Fire Investigation Spoliation & Subrogation Sponsored by – Premier Claims Investigations & Cozen O'Connor – NFPA 921 & Scientific Fire Investigation

November 2005 National Association Subrogation Professionals ~ Fire Scene Investigation (NFPA 921 Emphasis) Austin, Texas

March 2007 Republic Insurance Company Property Claims Division ~ Fire Investigation – NFPA 921, Dallas, Texas

Guest Lecturer Continued

March 2007 Liberty Mutual Insurance Company Property Claims Division ~ Fire Investigation – NFPA 921, Houston, Texas

November 2007 - NASP – National Association Subrogation Professionals – Retaining Experts the Right Way With NFPA 921 Considerations – New Orleans, Louisiana

February 2009 – Texas Insurance Law – Michael Johnston Law Firm – Ft Worth, Texas NFPA 921 and the Role of the Origin, Cause and Responsibility Investigator

September 2009 – Farmers’ Insurance Company – Doyen /Sebesta Law Firm – Austin, TX NFPA 921 – Fire Origin & Cause Investigations.

October 2009 - Texas Claims Association – Corpus Christi, TX Annual CE Convention – Fire Investigation – NFPA 921

November 2009 – Houston Claims Association – Houston, TX Successful Subrogation Strategy – Property Fire Claims – NFPA 921

February 2010 – Houston Claims Association – Houston, TX Arson Fraud & NFPA 921 – for Property Claims Adjusters

February 2010 – Houston Fire Department – District Chiefs CE on: “Suppression – Overhaul – Salvage with Evidence Preservation in Mind” & “Electrical Arc Mapping” & Live Burn Exercise

March 2010 – Austin Claims Association – Successful Subrogation Strategy – Property Fire Claims – With NFPA 921 as a Guide – Myths of Fire Investigation – Proper Notice.

November 2010 – Texas Independent Insurance Adjusters Association - Successful Subrogation Strategy – Property Fire Claims – With NFPA 921 as a Guide – Myths of Fire Investigation – Proper Notice.

March 2011 – 56th Annual Texas Fire & Arson Investigators Seminar – TEEX Texas A&M, Texas Chapter IAAI – Bridging the Gap Between Public and Private Sector – Emphasis NFPA 921 2011 Edition

November 2011 – 1st Annual Greater Houston Area Fire Marshal’s Training Conference – Pasadena, Texas – Bridging the Gap – Emphasis NFPA 921 2011 Edition

Research Papers-Articles

“Arson - Economic Incentives
And Efforts to Combat It”

MSU - Welsh Department of Economics, Dec. 1979

“Cigarette Fire Causation”

Submitted to IAAI Journal, 1982

“Fire Suppression - With Investigation in Mind” Texas Firemen & Fire Marshal's Journal 3/1986

“Subrogation”

Texas Independent Insurance Adjuster, 1994

Research Papers-Articles Completed

“NFPA 921 (1995 & 1998 Editions)”	South Texas College of Law, Houston, TX July 1998
“Spoliation 2004”	National Association Subrogation Professionals 2004
“Large Loss Investigation”	National Association Subrogation Professionals Fall 2005
“Large Loss Investigation”	Fire Engineering March 2006
“Economic Reasons Why Subrogation Should NOT Be Prohibited”	NASP Winter 2010

Other:

Mr. Chaney has personally investigated the origin and cause of well over 2500 fires since 1975. His investigations cover residential, commercial and vehicle fire losses. He and his firm have worked large equipment fire losses made by various manufacturers to include reviews of in house production facility assembly procedures, systems and design. He has conducted numerous fire field experiments related to ignition by and of a wide variety of household products, finishings (and furnishings), to include piloted ignition and cigarette & cigar ignition modules of various materials. Numerous fire simulation exercises have been designed and executed and/or participated in to verify the validity of burn pattern analysis and systems analysis fire reaction to include Ford vehicles (2005) and structural fire losses. Full burn testing of Ford vehicles has been conducted by his firm and a forensic engineering firm.

Michael has supervised the investigation of thousands of fire losses since 1975 and investigated the cause of many notable fire losses in Texas and area history to include: The Coastal Tower, Lockwood Warehouse, Regency High Rise, Almond Cold Storage - Abilene, Mall Del Norte - Laredo, Houston Distribution Warehouse, the 1995 Houston, Port Metal Warehouse loss, the El Dorado Country Club fire - 1996 - McKinney, TX, the MacFrugal’s Distribution Center fire loss (29 acre bldg.) in New Orleans, La. - 1996, the Plumrose Meat Packing (Miss.) fire, the Two Houston Center, Houston fire loss – 1998, The Union Pacific Resources (refinery) Plant fire – 1998, the March 2000 Phillips Petroleum Plant Explosion & Fire, the Four Leaf Towers - Houston 2001, the Chateau de Triomphe Mansion fire in Dallas, Texas and the 10 Westover mansion fire in Fort Worth 2006 along with many large commercial losses to include the Marlin Texas Foam Fabricators fire loss, 2005, the Superior Packaging and Distribution warehouse fire - Houston, 2005, the Formosa Plastics Plant Explosion & Fire of 2005, Tex Tan (Saddlery), Yoakum, Texas. Other fires he investigated include the Westover Hills Mansion Fire 2006, Loggins Meat Company Processing Plant, Tyler 2007, University Texas Medical Center-T Boone Pickens Faculty fire loss, Houston, 2007, Q Development Mansion Restoration Fire loss, the Indeco Sales (School furniture manufacturing facility) – Belton – 2007, Austin Wood Works 2008 loss, Hydrosience Technologies Inc. - 2008, Foster & Petersen residential large losses – 2008 – the Bella Cima total loss residential fire – Austin, Texas Dec 2008, Gallery Furniture fire – Houston – Texas, May 2009, Port Aransas mini-conflagration Oct 2009, the Anthony Petrello mansion fire in 2010, Magnablend, Waxahachie chemical plant conflagration October 2011, the Fred Pounds – Seabrook fire of 2013 and many others.

He and his firm are specialists in fire fatality investigations, investigating many notable fire fatality incidents to include firefighter and civilian fire fatalities. He frequently assists insurers and law firms on high dollar, large loss consultation assignments, civil suits, liability claims, subrogation demands and arson/fraud cases also providing assistance to the law enforcement community upon request regarding fire investigation and fire analysis issues. Technical review services regarding O&C files are also provided by Mr. Chaney.

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Michael R. Chaney – Trial Testimony/Deposition History

State of Texas vs. Don Frost	1977 & 1978	District Court Wichita Falls, Texas – Trial - Trial Defense Attorney – Gene Douglas
(Burn Victim) vs. Lone Star Gas Co.	1978	Deposition - Wichita Falls, Texas
State of Texas vs. K. Dunn	1979	District Court Trial - Wichita Falls, Texas
Commercial Union vs. Howard Franks	1980	Federal Court Trial - Monroe, Louisiana Attorney – Steve Beadles
First State Insurance vs. Mini Togs	1981	Federal Court Trial - Monroe, Louisiana Attorney: Ernest O’Bannon
AAMCO Transmission vs. Commrci Union	1982	Federal Court Trial - Monroe, Louisiana Attorney: Steve Beadles, Shreveport, La.
Gaithwright, et al vs. RCA Television	1983	Federal Court Trial - Shreveport, Louisiana Attorney: Steve Beadles, Shreveport, La.
Insurer (CU - Name?) vs. Mr. Coffee Corp.	1984	Arbitration/Mediation - Dallas, Texas Attorney – Steve Beadles, Dallas, TX
Mi Anitas Rest/B Silor vs. Relnc Insrnc	1984	Federal Court Trial - Baton Rouge, Louisiana Attorney: Ernest O’Bannon
La Champagne vs. GAB Business Services	1989	District Court Trial - Houston, Texas Attorney: Jack McConn, Steve Owsley
M. Self vs. Central Insurance	1991	District Court Trial - Tyler, Texas Law Firm: Not Recalled
Cause #90-063729	189th Judicial District State of Texas vs. J. Lynch	1993 District Court Trial, Houston, Texas Attorney: Harris County Assistant D.A. – Michael Johnston – Broude Nelson & Harrington
Cause #91-56542	Gilberto and Alicia Garza vs. Rollins Security Co.	1994 District Court Trial, Houston, Texas (Fire alarm system case – non O&C). Charlie Davidson @ Hardin, Beers, Hagstette and Davidson, Houston, TX.

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- Cause #93-036410 Houston General Insurance Company vs. TX Industrial Services, Inc., 125th Judicial District Court - Harris County, Texas 1995 & 1996 Deposition & Trial Atty: Janis Harlan @ Boswell & Hallmark, Houston, TX
- Cause #94-11199 United States Data Corporation vs. Printronics & Smith Security, 193rd Judicial District - District Court of Harris County, Texas Deposition 1996, Atty: James K. LaRoe – LaRoe & Associates.
- Cause #93-36711 Trans America Holding, Inc. vs. the Market Antiques and Home Furnishings, Inc., 281st Judicial District - District Court of Harris County, Texas Deposition 1996, James K LaRoe, LaRoe & Associates – Dallas, Texas
- Cause #94-033912 Alwin Corporation vs. Amir Madhani DBA Southwest Cleaners, et al District Court, Harris County, Texas Deposition 1996 James K. LaRoe, LaRoe & Associates – Dallas, TX
- Cause #94-035307 Texas Pacific Indemnity Company vs. GAF Corporation, Brinkman Roofing & Sheet Metal Co., in the 127th Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas. Deposition 1996 Attorney: Steve Munisteri – Munisteri & Associates, Houston, TX
- Cause #95-059074 Gloria Rizo et ux. vs. Houston Lighting & Power Company and General Electric Company in the 234th Judicial District court of Harris County, Texas. Deposition August 1996, Trial September 1996. Law Firm: Baker Botts,
- Cause 96 02 0017C CV Leigha Hutchison et al, vs Graham Mobile Homes, et al., 97th Judicial District Clay County, Texas. Deposition 2/98, Attorney: Mike Sydow, Sydow & McDonald, LLP (Subsequently there was a Robinson challenge against several Hutchison Experts and we all prevailed).
- Cause #97-24365 Raymond Mendez vs Royce Homes, J&V Electric. 11th Judicial District Court, Harris County Deposition, 8/98, Trial 10/98 (165th Harris County Courthouse). Law Firm: Baker & Botts, Houston, Texas
- Cause #97-27238 Janette L. Linck, Individually, et al v. Enterprise Products Co d/b/a Enterprise Transportation Grocer's Supply Co., Inc. et al; in the 334th Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas. Deposition 9/98. Kevin Corcoran @ Phillips & Akers
- Cause #96-00089 Galena Park Independent School District vs. Alamo Asbestos Abatement, etc. Tellepsen Corporation et al; in the 333rd Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas. Deposition 9/98. James K. LaRoe @ James K. LaRoe & Associates – Dallas, TX
- Cause #96-45585 Patrick Dunn et al vs. Houston Lighting and Power Co. in the 164th Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas - Trial 11/98, Firm: Baker Botts – John Anaipakos.
- Cause #22,848 Estate Jeremy M Norris, Deceased, Christopher Norris Individually vs. Sony Electronics, Inc. And Dixon Manufactured Homes, Inc. in the Probate Court of #3 Brazoria County, TX Deposition 4/1999. William Book & Robin Ballette @ Tekell, Book, Matthews & Limmer.
- Cause # 97-2628 Falcon Workover Co., Inc. dba Blake Workover & Drilling vs Caterpillar Inc. et al in the Eastern District Court-Louisiana, United States District Court - 10/99 - Deposition. Trial - 5/2000, Womble & Cotellesse & David Cotellesse.

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- Cause # 98-42560 Raymond Mendez vs. Houston Lighting Power Company (HL&P) and Jason Frick in the 295th Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas. Deposition 6/2000, Attorney: Sam Cooper @ Baker & Botts, Houston, TX
- Cause # 98-52565 Terry & Cynthia Franklin, W. Glen & Linda Jarnagin, Raymond & Rhonda Jasso, & John Chenoweth vs HCB Mechanical, Inc., 295th Jdcl Dist. Crt, Harris County, TX. Deposition 6/2000, Law Firm – Shain Khoshbin @ Butrus, Khoshbin, & Wilson.Dallas, TX
- Cause # 99-03598 Rex Tichnor & Vickie Tichnor vs Mark Kurio, B.R. Kurio and Ellen B. Kurio in the 55th Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas. Deposition 6/2000, Dale Wainwright @ Haynes & Boone, Houston, TX
- Cause # DC-98-174; Juan Antonio Juarez, et al v. Centrury Products Co., Inc., et al; in the 229th Judicial District Court, Starr County, TX - Deposition 7/2000 Law firm: Alvarez & Notzon (Mario Bordini), San Antonio, TX
- Cause # 36,445 Madalyn Letney, et al v Leviton Manufacturing Co. & Sandy Dawson and d/b/a American Family Housing, in the 88th Judicial District Court, Hardin County, Texas - Deposition 9/2000, Law firm: Mark Lapidus @ Burck, Lapidus & Lanza - Houston, TX
- Arbitration: Karen Rawls/Prudential P&C vs Keith Spoonmore/Fire Insurance Exchange Arbitration Forums P109004290000 Austin, Texas 12/28/2000 PCI – 9908313
- Cause # 1008-6-32 Stanley Chen & Cindy Chen vs. Thomas & Betts Corporation and Intellectron Products Company in the 281st Judicial District Court, Harris County, Texas – Deposition 1/2001 Lawyer: Jim Dendinger – Cozen & O’Connor
- Cause #: C-00-361 West Ward Individually & D/B/A West Ward Cattle Company v. The New Piper Aircraft, Inc. United States District Court, Southern District of Texas – Corpus Christi Division – Deposition 3/2001 Law Firm: Sebesta & Bowman @ Cozen & O’Connor – Dallas Texas
- Cause #: H-01-0047 Clifton Hall v. GE Plastic Pacific (etc.) in the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston Division Deposition 5/2001 – Lawyer: Joe Meyer @ Joe Meyer & Assoc.
- Cause # 2000-20159- Glosser Equipment Company Vs. Schumacher Electric Company, District Court, 158 Denton County, Texas, 158th Judicial District, Deposition 8/2001 – Lawyer: Patrick Madden, McCauley, Macdonald & Devin
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- Cause # 2008-41526 State Farm Lloyds as Subrogee of Barbara Glick vs. Coleman Cable, Inc. d/b/a Woods Industries, Inc., in the District Court of Harris County, Tx 280th Judicial District; by and through its attorney of record, Mr. Nicolas A Morrow – Deposition – February, 2010
- Case # 1285120 State of Texas vs. Sharon Watkins – in the District Court of Harris County, TX, 338th Criminal District Court Judge Hazel B. Jones – Attorneys Todd C Dupont, Defense, & Colleen Barnett, Assistant District Attorney. Daubert Hearing vs. Cecil Callahan September, 2011
- Case # 1285120 State of Texas vs. Sharon Watkins – in the District Court of Harris County, TX, 338th Criminal District Court Judge Hazel B. Jones – Attorneys Todd C Dupont, Defense, & Colleen Barnett, Assistant District Attorney. Trial – Criminal Court October, 2011
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- Cause # 2010-17572 Ada Skinner Tucker v CDPB Timber Run, LLC, Greystar Corp et al; In the 164th Judicial District Court of Harris County – Defense – Corry Reed – Thompson Coe January 2012
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- Cause # D-1-GN-10-002006 Joe & Diane Allbaugh vs Zbranek Custom Homes, LTD, Earthcore, Fireplace systems et al, Travis County 261st District Court – State of Texas - Judge Laura Livingston– Cozen O’Connor Ann Cook, Trial October 2013*****
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*This case included a Robinson hearing against the experts on the Hutchison side of the matter. This motion failed to quash any of our experts’ testimony whereas a counter Robinson motion was successful against several experts from the other side.

**This case included (3/31/2003) a Robinson style Motion to Quash Testimony regarding a Two Week Span from the Date Of Loss to the Investigation and a Rekindle by the Defense (Scott Cummings) before Judge Evans and D. R. Horton (our client’s side and my testimonial acceptability prevailed).

***A Robinson/Daubert style challenge to the admissibility of the evidence was presented to the court in this matter and we prevailed in the admissibility of all evidentiary items.

****Testimony involving technical review of Investigator Richard Downing’s O&C Investigation, wherein my opinion was he had conducted a proper investigation following NFPA 921. We prevailed.

*****A Daubert hearing was presented to the 250th District Court, Judge John K Kietz, in Austin, Texas to eliminate my testimony, October, 2013, and the testimony of the other two experts in this matter and the Petitioner was unsuccessful. We were allowed to testify and subsequently won the case.