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David L. LaPorte

David L. LaPorte has almost 20 years of experience with the trucking industry, and has evaluated the safety management practices of hundreds of trucking companies. As an attorney, Mr. LaPorte regularly represents trucking companies in administrative proceedings before the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. He has broad experience with all other legal issues confronting the trucking industry, including catastrophic accident claims, cargo claims, disputes involving shippers, brokers, and freight forwarders, owner-operator issues, OSHA investigations, post-policy insurance audits and insurance coverage litigation, employment matters, and general business disputes.

Prior to practicing law Mr. LaPorte was employed by the Federal Highway Administration's Office of Motor Carriers, the predecessor to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. There he worked with the trucking industry on a host of regulatory issues, including the then newly implemented Alcohol and Drug Testing Regulations. An article written by Mr. LaPorte, "The Conflict and Interaction of the Americans with Disabilities Act with the Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act: Two Modest Proposals to Achieve Greater Synchrony," appeared in the Winter, 1996 edition of the DePaul Law Review. Mr. LaPorte practiced law as a partner with the Chicago law firm Querrey & Harrow, Ltd. prior to forming LaPorte & Associates, P.C., where, in addition to trucking, Mr. LaPorte represented clients in the areas of construction litigation, general commercial litigation, and civil rights.

Mr. LaPorte is a member of the Trucking Industry Defense Association and the Transportation Lawyers Association. Mr. LaPorte served as an adjunct faculty member of the John Marshall Law School, where he taught in the Lawyering Skills Program. He received his J.D., with honors, from DePaul University's School of Law and his B.A., with honors, from Michigan State University. He previously served on the Executive Board of the Chicago Bar Association's Judicial Evaluation Committee, the Board of Directors for the Chicago Legal Clinic, a not-for-profit organization providing legal services to the poor, and is a past-president of the Michigan State University Alumni Club of Metropolitan Chicago.

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Jeffrey D. Clark

Jeffrey D. Clark has over 33 years' experience in the transportation industry. Throughout Mr. Clark's lengthy career, he has been involved with the hiring, training, evaluation, and management of commercial motor vehicle drivers. Mr. Clark is frequently called upon by corporate entities, including Fortune 500 companies, to design and implement training programs for commercial motor vehicle drivers, safety directors, and operations staff. Mr. Clark consults with many companies to improve their safety management practices and regulatory compliance, and to assist them reduce accidents and CSA scores. He is frequently asked to serve as an expert witness in truck accident litigation.

In addition to serving as CTSE's Director of Training, Mr. Clark is the managing partner at Eagle Training Services, an CDL training school for entry level drivers, where he is responsible for all aspects of the operation, including curriculum development and ensuring compliance with state licensing requirements. In addition to its two stand-alone facilities, Eagle Training Services partners with several community and technical colleges to provide entry-level CDL driver training.

Mr. Clark is also Transportation Program Leader, Continuing Education Division at Harper College. In this capacity, Mr. Clark recruited several industry trade groups and organizations to assist Harper College develop a Transportation Safety Certificate Program. This program is designed to service the needs of manufacturing companies, shippers, insurance carriers and transportation providers to educate their workforce in safety, regulatory compliance and managing risk.

Mr. Clark is a member of the Diesel Advisory Board at Gateway Technical College in Kenosha, WI, where he assists in developing curriculum and approving classes for the Diesel Technology Associate Degree Program.

Mr. Clark is a member of the National Association of Publicly Funded Truck Driving Schools, the Illinois Trucking Association, the Wisconsin Trucking Association, the Warehouse Education and Research Council, the Traffic Club of Chicago, the Intermodal Association of Chicago, the National Safety Council, the Employer Partnership of the Armed Forces, and the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance.

Mr. Clark attended Lansing (MI) Community College, Michigan State University, and Eastern Illinois University. He is licensed as a CDL instructor by the State of Illinois, and also holds a valid CDL license.



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Dr. Karl E. Arriola

Karl E. Arriola, Ph.D is an Industrial/Organizational Psychologist who's passion is helping trucking companies implement the safety management practices necessary to achieve regulatory compliance and reduce accidents, and establishing the organizational platforms and behaviors key to maintaining a culture of safety within the company. His areas of expertise include Organizational Alignment and Performance, Change Management, Workforce Productivity, Training/Coaching, and the use of psychological testing and assessments to improve safety performance.

"Dr. Karl," as he is affectionately known by his clients and colleagues, has extensive knowledge and experience regarding the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations and commercial motor vehicle safety. He was employed by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration ("FMCSA") from 2009 to 2014, serving first as a Special Agent with the FMCSA's Illinois Division, and then as the Federal Programs Manager for the North Carolina Division, where he was responsible for training and supervising approximately 16 Special Agents and state enforcement officers. Dr. Karl served for 15 years as a Trooper with the Florida Highway Patrol, where he was also an Advanced Field Training Officer and traffic homicide investigator.

Dr. Karl received his Ph.D in Industrial Organizational Psychology and his M.S. in General Psychology from Capella University. He received his B.S. in Criminal Justice Administration from Lynn University. Dr. Karl is an Adjunct Faculty member at Cardinal Stritch University's School of Business Management in Milwaukee, WI, where he teaches Management Psychology, Human Services, and Business Management Leadership.

Dr. Karl was the 2006 recipient of the Department of Homeland Security's Heroism Award, a 1997 recipient of the Florida Highway Patrol's Medal of Valor, and the Florida Highway Patrol's 1997 Law Enforcement Instructor of the Year Award. Dr. Karl is a Doctoral Member of the American Psychological Association, the Society for Industrial Organizational Psychologists, and the American Society of Training and Development. He is also a licensed private pilot and a member of the Aircraft Owners & Pilot's Association.