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## **Curriculum Vitae**

### **Introduction:**

Suzie Wilson has over 30 years of extensive litigation experience, cumulatively, with document management, trial preparation, staff training and supervision, electronic presentations in the courtroom and preparing PowerPoint presentation projects for mediation and trial. Ms. Wilson recently added a graphics designer and 3D animator to the Beacon Litigation staff. Ms. Wilson works closely with lawyers and experts for the purpose of trial preparation, slide presentations, story boards and animations. Beacon Litigation is a trial support company offering a variety of litigation support services.

Since the 1990s, Ms. Wilson has worked with training and overseeing staff for database management, data entry and document coding. In the law firm setting, Ms. Wilson conducted herself as a professional complex litigation paralegal and case manager and was often selected by lawyers in other departments to oversee complex high profile litigation, such as the Blue Dog intellectual property/trade secret litigation, FEMA formaldehyde products liability litigation, tobacco litigation, and the Deepwater Horizon (known as BP litigation) on behalf of a key defendant, Transocean.

In 2012, Ms. Wilson started Beacon Litigation Consultants, LLC/Beacon Paralegal Services, LLC. In 2013 Ms. Wilson traveled to Phoenix, AZ to become a certified trainer for Trial Director legal technologies for electronic presentation of documents at mediation and trial. With 30+ years of litigation experience, Ms. Wilson currently works with law firms, sole practitioners and expert witnesses. Since 2012, Ms. Wilson has worked on many cases, having only listed a portion of the cases, below. Some of those areas of construction include: management of BOP litigation on behalf of plaintiffs involving some of the same defendants as the BP litigation; medical malpractice cases, insurance defense involving extensive medical records, construction litigation, business practice litigation and chemical exposure complex litigation.

Ms. Wilson has testified on behalf of a law firm involving wrongful termination of an employee and is seasoned in the courtroom and working with courtroom staff.

Ms. Wilson currently serves on the Board of Directors for the St. Tammany Humane Society. She was appointed to the Development Committee, Finance Committee and Staff Evaluation sub-committee. Ms. Wilson is committed to community involvement.

## Areas of Expertise:

Oil and Gas, Intellectual Property, Trade Secrets, Chemical Exposure, Products Liability, Professional Malpractice (Engineering, Construction, Medical, Mortgage/Banking)

## Experience:

- 2012 Established Beacon Paralegal Services, LLC and Beacon Litigation Consultants, LLC 2015
  - 2013 Certified Trainer Trial Director – Authorized Reseller
  - Summation Database Trainer – Authorized Reseller
  - 2010-2016 Database training for attorneys and staff via webinars and/or in office case management/document coding
  - Document Management through Excel spreadsheets
  - Adobe Professional Document Management
  - Tulane University - English Literature
  - University of New Orleans – General Studies
  - St. Tammany Notary License (Sitting for exam December 2016)
  - 1985-2016 Extensive litigation case management experience
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- 2016 Business Litigation/Parish Debit Tax Dispute. (Newell Normand, Sheriff and Ex-Officio Tax Collector for the Parish of Jefferson v. ASMECO, LLC, et al. Attended trial 7/2016. (Ruling Pending) (24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Parish of Jefferson)
  - 2016 Document management training for document intensive construction litigation cases. Ongoing litigation, consulting for managing documents in Summation database.
  - 01/2016 Case Manager for chemical exposure/release occurred in 2001 involving over 2,000 individual non-class plaintiffs. Attended trial 01/2016 (Civil District Court, Parish of Orleans) (Active case, New Orleans, LA)
  - 2013-Current Case Manager for chemical exposure/release occurred in 2000 involving over 2,000 individual non-class plaintiffs. Resume management of case (see 2000-2006 below). (1<sup>st</sup> City Court, Parish of Orleans) (Active case set for trial 2017, New Orleans, LA)
  - Corporate litigation: Shareholder dispute. Attended trial to present electronic documents. (24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Parish of Jefferson) (Active case on appeal)
  - Matrimonial distribution of assets: Review and summarize personal and corporate asset documentation of 11 entities, including bank records. Prepare spreadsheet database of nearly 40,000 pages of documents, assist with document production, Bates number documents, providing relevant documents to accounting experts. (Active case, New Orleans)

- Insurance litigation. Review medical records and preparing medical records chronologies. Prepare PowerPoint presentations for mediation and trial. (Active cases in St. Tammany, Orleans, Jefferson and Baton Rouge Parishes)
- 2015-Currently supervising paralegal for database training/strategic document management/planning for complex construction litigation cases through Summation software
- 2014-2015 Expropriation trial document presentation for VA Hospital/Louisiana Medical Center
- 2013-2014 Oil and gas contract dispute. Document management/attendance at trial for electronic presentation of documents (United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana) (Ruling in favor of client, March 2016)
- 2013 Subrogation claim on behalf of insurance company for wrongful death of New Orleans Police Officer/Judge Seber Bridge Incident (*Robinson v. DOTD*, Civil District Court, Parish of Orleans, Louisiana)
- 2012-2013 Consultant and Case Manager of data input and training 6 staff members. Health care class action defense representing health care PPO for retrieval of healthcare provider data. Attended mediation to resolution. (*Williams v. Best Comp, Inc.*, 27<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana)
- 2012 Retained as Case Manager and implement Database System to oversee documents for two firms (Covington/Shreveport, Louisiana) representing plaintiffs. BOP explosion of land based oil well. Total brain injuries of 2 of the 3 injured plaintiffs. Case filed against several oil and gas defendants. Review and management of oil well files and other documents, interviewing and vetting medical experts, including neuropsychiatrist and neuropsychologist, engineers, TBI nurse manager and other experts to prepare case for trial. Prepare demonstrative slides for trial. Prepare case for electronic presentation in court (*Shirley, et al v. Anadarko, et al*)
- 2010-2012 Case Manager/Implement Database System overseeing document management for 4 states and team of 12 paralegals in New Orleans. (*Deepwater Horizon* Oil Spill litigation on behalf of Transocean)
- 2010 Assist with preparing for and attendance at trial for intellectual property seed trademark infringement on behalf of Monsanto. (United States District Court, Northern District of Iowa)
- 2009-2010 Case Manager/Implement Database System for corporate litigation of mortgage/banking client.
- 2009 Hired for case management of intellectual property dispute reversed on appeal. Quickly brought boxes of documents and scores of deposition testimony into database for management, including engineering designs, drawings, etc. Prepare for and attended 2 week trial. 34M verdict for client design/manufacture of oil and gas navigation instruments and products.

Worked directly with engineers, experts, corporate clients and lawyers. (*Input/Output Marine Systems v. Greatbatch, et al.*, 24<sup>th</sup> JDC, Parish of Jefferson) (Engineering, Oil and Gas, Product Design, Trade Secrets, Intellectual Property)

- 2006-2008 Products Liability Case. Hurricane Katrina case management of heavy NFIP case load. Assigned FEMA formaldehyde litigation for travel to Scotbilt Homes in Waycross, GA to review client documents and files for production. Work with engineers to learn manufacturing process of modular homes, study/analysis of MSDS to identify/rule out products potentially containing formaldehyde.
- 2001-2006 Implement Database Systems for chemical release cases in New Orleans. Case Management involving over 5,000 individual non-class plaintiffs, numerous attorney representation and venues
  - Implement Database Systems for Asbestos litigation. Train paralegals for database management, defendants
  - Implement Database Systems managing numerous gas line locations
- 2000 Implement Database System and Case Management, Present Artworks for Intellectual Property Case (*Rodrigue v. Rodrigue*, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana)
- 1996 Tobacco Litigation. Washington, D.C. assignment to review highly sensitive documents for defendant Philip Morris. Travel to VA to tour plant. Review and select documents based on confidentiality and relevance for document production.

### **Client Base:**

Approved vendor for State of Louisiana, Office of Risk Management

Approved vendor for FARA, A York Risk Services Company

Approved vendor for various insurance companies

Numerous law firms

### **Personal Information:**

Resident of Mandeville, Louisiana since 2007

DOB: August 1967

Ms. Wilson has spent a lifetime volunteering with organizations, by way of example of her parents. Ms. Wilson has the following volunteer experiences:

- St. Tammany Humane Society, Board of Directors: 2016-present
- Special Education Ministries: 1982-1995
- Labs4Rescue 1990s: Provide transport legs of rescued Labrador Retrievers
- New Heights Therapy Center, Folsom, Louisiana: 2011-2014
- Jefferson Parish SPCA: Adopted 3 West Highland White Terriers 2015 and currently assists with rescue/placement of other Westies through the Jefferson SPCA

