

# Richard Nellis, CET, CFEI

Assistant Vice President

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Years Experience: 30

### **Professional Summary:**

Richard brings 30 years of industry experience to EFI Global. Background includes investigation, assessment and report production of a broad range of engineering failures for the insurance and legal professions. Expertise in environmental assessment of properties and land, building damage and condition assessments, construction and building failure analysis as well as building material assessment.

#### **Licenses and Certifications:**

CET, Certified Engineering Technologist CFEI, Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator

## **Project Experience:**

**EFI Global, Hamilton, ON -** Responsible for regional offices (Montreal, North Bay, Thunder Bay, Ottawa, Calgary, Halifax, and Hamilton) providing 24/7 spill response services across Canada. Developing the Forensic Engineering Services department, with an ultimate goal of assisting in the resolution of claims and liability for clients in the legal and insurance arenas.

**Kleinfeldt Consultants Limited, Mississauga, ON -** Department manager involved in the focus and direction of all forensic engineering services projects. Oversaw site examination, documentation and report production. Projects encompassed a broad range of engineering failures, including: building collapse, slip and fall accidents, product failures, metallurical failures and fire investigations, for insurance claim resolution and litigation.

Also oversaw the completion of numerous Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments, for the purpose of identifying potential areas of environmental impact and delineating the extent of the contamination.

**Walters Consulting Corporation, Toronto, ON -** Investigation and assessment of building failures. construction liens, and claim analysis. Also carried out fire cause investigations, structural fire damage assessments, and performed building condition assessments.

#### **Professional Experience:**

EFI Global, Inc. October 2012 - Present Assistant Vice President

Kleinfeldt Consultants Ltd. 2009 - 2012

Vice President and Forensic/Environmental Department Manager

Kleinfeldt Consultants Ltd. 2001 - 2009 Director

Kleinfeldt Consultants Ltd. 1989 - 2001 Manager, Forensic Services

Walters Consulting Corporation 1987 - 1988 Supervisor, Civil Engineering Services

Walters Consulting Corporation 1986 – 1987 Supervisor, Civil and Fire Investigation

Paul B. Walters & Associates Ltd. 1981 – 1986 Project Manager

#### **Academic History:**

Civil Engineering Technology Diploma Dawson College, Montreal, 1979

#### **Specialized Education:**

Certificate of Competence for the English XL Variable Incidence Tribometer (Slip Tester), December 2006, re-certified January 2010.

Canadian Certified Playground Inspector, Canadian Parks and Recreation Association, May 2004, re-certification in progress, February 2011.

Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator, National Association of Fire Investigators, October 2003, re-certified October 2008.

"The role of Environmental Audit and Site Assessment in Property Transfer", Georgia Institute of Technology

#### Affiliations:

Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists (OACETT) National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI)