

Richard Nellis | AVP, National Lead – Forensic Services, CET, CFEI

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Professional Summary:

Mr. Richard Nellis is the National Forensic Services Line Leader for EFI Global in Canada, and brings more than 30 years of industry experience to the position.

Mr. Nellis' background includes investigation, assessment and report production of a broad range of failures for the insurance and legal professions. Specific areas of experience include fire investigation, slip trip and fall, catastrophic stair falls and product / contractor liability matters. Expertise in environmental assessment of properties and land, building damage and condition assessments, construction and building failure analysis as well as building material assessments.

Licenses and Certifications:

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

Project Experience:

EFI Global, Hamilton, Ontario – Responsible for the development and delivery of forensic engineering services through Canadian regional offices with the ultimate goal of assisting in the resolution of claims and liability for clients in the legal and insurance areas.

Kleinfeldt Consultants Ltd, Mississauga, Ontario – Department manager involved in the focus and direction of all forensic engineering services project. Oversaw site examination documentation and report production. Projects encompassed engineering failures, including: building collapse, slip and fall accidents, metallurgical 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, Ontario – 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 Canada 2012 – Present

Assistant Vice President

Kleinfeldt Consultants Ltd., 2009 – 2012

Forensic/Environmental Department Manager

Kleinfeldt Consultants Ltd., 2001 – 2009

Director

Kleinfeldt Consultants Ltd., 1989 - 2001

Manager, Forensic Services

Walter's Consulting Corporation 1987 – 1988

Supervisor, Civil Engineering Services

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 2001.

Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator, National Association of Fire Investigators, October 2003, re-certified October 2008, and 2014.

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

Education:

Civil Engineering technology Diploma – Dawson College, Montreal

Affiliations:

Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologist (OACETT)

National Association of Fire Investigators