

## Expert Witness History of Michael R. Roop

NOTE: Testimony is marked in **Bold, Red phrases** within each case description. This document is FYI to illustrate the types of cases, who Roop has worked for, and Roop's actions in the case.

1. **Roop is currently working on rail tank car fall related case as a plaintiff expert.**
2. [REDACTED] Vs. [REDACTED] Restaurants, LP  
- Houston, TX (2023)  
Attorney – [REDACTED]  
Roop worked as an investigating expert for the defendant in a trip and fall injury case involving a store employee tripping inside the food preparation area of the restaurant. Roop conducted a thorough investigation of the incident scene, wrote an expert report, and **testified at a judicial arbitration.**
3. [REDACTED] Vs. [REDACTED] Telecommunications  
- West Creek, New Jersey (2019-2023)  
Attorney – [REDACTED]  
Roop worked as a **fall protection** expert for the defendant in a tower climber fatal fall from a telecommunications tower. Roop conducted two site visits, examined several thousand pages of documents, photographs, and company policies/procedures as well as providing an expert report, and subsequently **testified in deposition.** The case was settled.
4. **Secretary of Labor (SOL) OSHA – [REDACTED]**  
- Mounds, Illinois (2021-2022)  
SOL Attorney: [REDACTED], Department of Labor  
Roop worked as a **confined space and fall protection** expert in a case involving illegal railroad tank car entries where [REDACTED] was inspected and subsequently cited by OSHA for both CS & FP violations. Roop examined several thousand pages of documents, photographs, and company policies/procedures as well as providing attorney support for depositions. Roop wrote an extensive report substantiating the OSHA citations. [REDACTED] agreed to pay the fines for the OSHA violations.
5. [REDACTED] Vs. [REDACTED]  
- Saginaw, TX (2022)  
Attorney: [REDACTED]  
Roop worked as a fall protection expert in a case involving a fall from a roof ladder. Roop conducted an on-site inspection and produced an expert report. The case was settled.
6. [REDACTED] v [REDACTED] City [REDACTED] (2021)  
- Saginaw, TX (2022)  
Attorney: [REDACTED]  
Roop worked as safety expert in a case involving a plaintiff that fell stepping off a curb to the street in front of her house. Roop examined almost two thousand pages of documents and photographs, and produced an expert report. Roop's research found that plaintiff had an abnormal gait which led to her fall. Attorney advised Roop that the plaintiff settled and that the City was happy with settlement.
7. [REDACTED] Vs [REDACTED] Backhoe, [REDACTED] . et. al. (2021-2022)  
- Richmond, TX (2022)  
Attorney: [REDACTED]  
Roop worked as a trench collapse expert for the defendants after a fatal work trench collapse. Roop investigated the scene, wrote an expert report, and subsequently **testified in deposition.** The case was settled in favor of the defendants.
8. [REDACTED] v. [REDACTED]  
- New Jersey (2020 – 2021)  
Attorney: [REDACTED]  
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and company policies/procedures as well as providing attorney support for depositions. The case was settled out of court.

9. [REDACTED] v. [REDACTED]  
- Austin, TX (2020 – 2021)

Attorney: [REDACTED]

Roop worked as a general safety **fall protection** expert for the defendant in a construction fall protection and walking/working surfaces accident involving the plaintiff falling through an open hole that the plaintiff uncovered. Roop examined documents/scene photographs, assisted attorney with deposition questions, and submitted an expert report. The case settled out of court.

10. [REDACTED] v. [REDACTED] **Engineering Group**  
- Camden, New Jersey (2019-2020)

Attorney(s): [REDACTED]

Roop worked for the defendant in an iron worker **fall protection** case at a Philadelphia 76'ers practice facility construction site. The worker was using unsuitable and defective fall protective equipment that allowed the worker to fall to the ground. Roop examined several thousand pages of documents, photographs, and company policies/procedures. Additionally, Roop examined the defective equipment as it was being tested at an independent laboratory in Delaware. Roop also traveled to Camden to do a location site inspection. The plaintiff dropped the defendant from the lawsuit.

11. [REDACTED] v. **Engineering [REDACTED]**  
- Brownsville, TX (2019-2020)

Attorney(s): [REDACTED]

Roop worked as a general safety expert for the defendant, Engineering Safety Consultants, who was a subcontractor to the general construction contractor, [REDACTED]. This case involved a separate subcontractor who fell off a ladder during construction work. Roop examined several hundred pages of documents, photographs, and company policies/procedures and provided support to the attorney deposing multiple witnesses. Plaintiff released client from lawsuit.

12. **City of [REDACTED] v. [REDACTED] Contracting, L.P. dba [REDACTED], L.P.**  
- Corinth, TX (2019-2020)

Attorney(s): [REDACTED] Intergovernmental Risk Pool

Roop worked as an investigator, consultant, and potential confined space expert witness for the prospective plaintiff, the City of [REDACTED]. The city was attempting to get a city contractor, who caused severe damage by creating a fire within a city sewer lift station **permit required confined space**, to reimburse the city for the resulting damages. Roop examined the case documents and photographs and then performed a site investigation of the damaged lift station. The contractor agreed to pay the repair damages before the city filed its lawsuit.

13. [REDACTED] v. [REDACTED] **Petroleum & [REDACTED] Safety**  
- Lafayette, LA (2018 – 2020)

Attorney(s): [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Roop worked as a confined space rescue and **fall protection** expert for the defendants in a case involving a fall inside a **permit required confined space** within an offshore oil platform. The plaintiff was a confined space entrant fell into a pit inside a confined space after failing to utilize his **fall protection** and then claiming he was further injured by the defendant's rescue team. Roop examined thousands of pages of case documents photographs, interviewed the defendants' rescue team workers, and produced an expert report as well as a rebuttal report to the plaintiff's expert. **Roop also was deposed** on this case. The case was settled out of court.

14. [REDACTED] v. [REDACTED] **Petroleum & [REDACTED] Safety**  
- Lafayette, LA (2018 – 2020)

Attorney(s): [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Roop worked as a confined space rescue expert for the defendants in a case involving a worker who was attempting to assist a **permit required confined space** rescue team extract another fallen worker from

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inside a PRCS within an offshore oil platform. The plaintiff claimed he was injured in the successful rescue of the fallen worker. The case was settled out of court.

15. [REDACTED] v. [REDACTED] Mobility / [REDACTED] Engineering

– Allentown, PA (2017-2018)

Attorney(s): [REDACTED]

Roop worked as Case Consultant and subsequent **fall protection** expert for the defendants in a personal injury case involving a [REDACTED] tower climber falling from an [REDACTED] telecommunications tower. Roop examined several thousand pages of documents, photographs, company procedures, and opposing experts' reports. Roop conducted an on-scene investigation that entailed Roop climbing the tower's removable climbing pegs utilizing a Go Pro audio-video recording to document key elements of the plaintiff's climb and ensuing fall. Roop also attended opposing experts' ground visual examination of the tower. Roop submitted an original report and an additional rebuttal report to opposing experts' reports. The case was settled out of court.

16. **Confined Space Rescue Training Incident Investigation**

– [REDACTED] CO (2017)

Attorney(s): [REDACTED]

Roop worked the case a consultant and **confined space rescue expert**. Roop was hired by the attorney for the City of [REDACTED] to investigate a [REDACTED] rope rescue training incident involving a vertical lift using a rescue patient packaging device from an actual **permit required confined space**. A PFA firefighter playing the role of the rescue scenario "victim" was significantly injured in the incident. Roop conducted an on-site investigation, interviewed sixteen witnesses, and orchestrated a controlled, live re-creation of the rescue scenario utilizing the participants of the actual incident. Roop prepared an extensive report outlining the contributory causes of the incident as well as the (requested by the PFA) recommendations for future [REDACTED] Rescue procedures and operations. [REDACTED] subsequently adapted Roop's recommendations.

17. [REDACTED] v. [REDACTED] Insurance

– Chattanooga, TN (2016-2017)

Attorney(s): [REDACTED]

Roop worked as a **fall protection** expert for the defendant insurance company in a personal injury (leg amputation) sustained via plaintiff's fall while working/climbing a utility pole. The case was several years old when Roop was retained and the site of the incident had been radically modified making a site investigation not feasible. Roop examined documents, reports, company procedures/records, the OSHA investigation & subsequent citations, depositions, and photographs before submitting an expert's report. **Roop testified in two depositions for this case.** The plaintiff withdrew his lawsuit.

18. **Potential Litigation Case Investigation**

– San Antonio, TX (2015)

Attorney(s): [REDACTED]

Roop was retained as a general safety expert to investigate a stairwell slip and fall incident resulting in a personal injury. Roop investigated the scene of the accident, researched pertinent building codes, and presented notes and findings to the attorney who settled the case.

19. [REDACTED] v. [REDACTED] America, Inc.

– Bowling Green, KY (2015)

Attorney(s): [REDACTED]

Expert and consultant for the defendant in a **rescue training and fall protection** personal injury case. Product liability claim by plaintiff. Roop conducted an on-scene investigation and prepared a report. The case settled out of court.

20. **USA Department of Justice v. [REDACTED]**

– Baton Rouge, LA (2013)

Attorney(s): [REDACTED]

Retired Captain with the Louisiana State Police Roop served as the defense team's law enforcement expert against the U.S. Attorney's Office (federal court) in a criminal prosecution of the former Louisiana

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[REDACTED]. The defendant was charged with 40+ felony and misdemeanor counts. Roop reviewed the charging documents, depositions, and state/federals laws and then **testified in the two-week criminal trial**. The jury found the defendant not guilty on all charges.

21. Department of [REDACTED]

– Denver, CO (2010)

Roop worked this case as a **permit required confined space** expert and consultant for OSHA and the U.S. Attorney's Office in a criminal prosecution arising out of a confined space multiple fatality OSHA case. Roop investigated the accident scene, wrote a report, and **testified in a pre-trial hearing**.

22. [REDACTED] et al., v. [REDACTED] Group, Inc., et al.

– Wheeling, WV (2009)

Attorney(s): [REDACTED]

Expert for the Plaintiff in a case involving a fatality inside a fire stack. Roop investigated the accident scene, prepared a report and **testified in a deposition**. The case settled out of court.

23. [REDACTED] v. [REDACTED]

– Houston, TX (2009)

Attorney(s): [REDACTED]

Roop worked this case as a general safety expert for the defendant in a personal injury case involving a truck driver who slipped and fell while walking around his truck. Roop investigated the accident scene and prepared a report. The case settled out of court.

24. [REDACTED] v. [REDACTED] Railroad

– San Antonio, TX (2006)

Attorney(s): [REDACTED]

Roop worked the case as a general safety expert for the defendant in a personal injury case arising out of a train derailment. Roop investigated the accident scene, prepared a report and **testified in a deposition**. The case settled out of court.

25. [REDACTED] v. [REDACTED] Technologies, Inc.

– Des Moines, IA (2006)

Attorney(s): [REDACTED]

Roop worked the case as a **permit required confined space** expert for the Plaintiff in a case involving two deaths in a sanitary sewer. Roop performed an on-site investigation and produced a written a report. The case was settled out of court.

26. [REDACTED] v. [REDACTED], Inc. et al.

– Edinburg, TX (2006)

Attorney(s): [REDACTED]

This was a **trench excavation and subsequently a permit required confined space** case arising out of SOL v. Jimerson Under-Ground Inc., referenced below. Roop was hired by the Plaintiff in a wrongful death case. The plaintiff's husband and another worker were killed in a sanitary sewer while working as contractor's employees for the defendant. The case was settled out of court.

27. [REDACTED] v. [REDACTED] Engineering

– Deridder, LA (2005)

Attorney(s): [REDACTED]

Roop worked the case as a **permit required confined space expert** for the Defendants in a confined space case personal injury lawsuit. Roop performed an on-site investigation and produced a written a report. The case was settled out of court.

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28. **Secretary of Labor (SOL) v. [REDACTED] Inc.**

– Edinburg, TX (2004)

Attorney(s): [REDACTED]

Expert for the government in construction **trench excavation and subsequently confined space** related to OSHA violations that occurred during the relining of a sanitary sewer system for the city of [REDACTED]. OSHA cited the company for failing to follow federal regulations under both the Construction standard as well as the Confined Spaces standard. Roop conducted an on-site investigation and wrote a report. **Roop was deposited and testified in court** (February, 2005) as OSHA's expert. OSHA's case/citations were upheld.

29. [REDACTED], et al v. [REDACTED] Insurance, et al

– Lake Charles, LA (2004)

Attorney(s): [REDACTED]

Case consultant and subsequent Expert for the Defendant in wrongful death case resulting from a **permit required confined vertical entry into a railroad tank car** on the defendant's property. Expert researched case reports, photographic evidence, and depositions in preparation for trial. Expert conducted on scene investigation and helped create a video program for trial illustration. **Roop was deposited** and the case settled prior to trial.

30. **Secretary of Labor (SOL) v. [REDACTED] Shipyard**

– Houston, TX (2002)

Attorney(s): [REDACTED]

Roop worked the case as confined space expert for the government in a shipboard Confined Space that resulted in two injuries. Expert researched case reports, photographic evidence, and depositions in preparation for trial. The defendant paid the OSHA fines prior to trial.

31. **Bayne v. Honolulu F.D. (Capt. [REDACTED])**

– Honolulu, HI (2001)

Attorney(s) - [REDACTED]

Expert for the Defendant in wrongful death case resulting from a Honolulu Fire Department helicopter crash during a search and rescue event. Roop conducted an extensive (3-day) on-scene mountain investigation, interviewed witnesses, and prepared a report. The defendant was subsequently dropped from the case by plaintiff prior to Expert's deposition or trial.

32. **Estate [REDACTED] v. [REDACTED] Company**

– Houston, TX (2001)

**Fall protection** expert for the Plaintiff in a wrongful death case resulting from a fall during a rescue training exercise. Roop investigated, conducted witness interviews, reviewed a video of the training exercise, prepared a report, and **testified in a deposition**. The defendant employer settled during the trial prior to Roop's court testimony.

33. **Secretary of Labor (SOL) v. [REDACTED]**

– Nolanville, TX (1998)

Expert for the government in **permit required confined space** case involving 4 employee injuries. Employees injured after entering a furnace cupola containing a dangerous level of CO. Roop conducted an on-scene investigation and prepared a report. Defendant employer paid OSHA fines before going to trial.

34. **Secretary of Labor (SOL) v. [REDACTED] Bakery**

– San Antonio, TX (1996)

Expert for the government in an employee fatality **permit required confined space** case. Employee killed in a yeast vat. Roop conducted an on-scene investigation, conducted interviews, and prepared a report for SOL. Defendant employer paid OSHA fines before going to trial.

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**35. Secretary of Labor (SOL) v. [REDACTED] Company**  
– Cleveland, TX (1996)

Expert for the government in employee **permit required confined space** complaint case. Roop conducted an on-scene investigation and conducted interviews with the plaintiff and others, **Roop was deposed and testified in an administrative hearing.** The Employer had required employees to wear and use wristlets for vertical extraction while cleaning tank cars containing actual and potential hazardous atmospheres. **Roop testified and performed a court room demonstration** that a full body harness was the correct PPE versus wristlets. OSHRC Docket No. [REDACTED] Administrative Law Judge Decision – denied defendant's petition for review. 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit US Court of Appeals - [REDACTED]

**36. Individual Plaintiff v. [REDACTED] Manufacturing Company**  
– Summerville, NJ (1993)

Expert for the Defendant in a personal injury case. Plaintiff was injured in a fall resulting from the misuse of defendant's equipment. Roop conducted an on-scene investigation, interviewed the plaintiff/others, and performed a re-creation of the incident to demonstrate the plaintiff improperly used the equipment. The case settled out of court.