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Mr. Sellon has more than 35 years of very broad-based experience in electrical failure analysis, engineering design, construction & start-up in a variety of industries. His focus is to provide clear explanations.

## Work History (Forensics)

President, Principal Engineer, Sellon Forensic Inc. (SFI), 2014 - Present; Colorado

Senior Engineer, PT&C Forensic Consulting Services, P.A., 2012 - 2014; Colorado

Principal Engineer, Western Engineering & Research Corporation, 2003 – 2012; Colorado

President, Principal Engineer, Electrical Failure Analysis, Inc., 1998 – 2003; Colorado

Contract Forensic Engineer (from Behrent) to Knott Laboratory, starting 1994; Colorado

## Work History (Consulting Engineering & Other)

Principal, Behrent Engineering Company, 1989 - 2001; Colorado

Principal, AC Engineering Company, 1986 – 1989; Colorado

Plant Electrical Engineer, Honeywell, Inc., 1984 – 1986; Colorado

Senior Electrical Engineer, R.W. Beck & Associates, 1982 – 1984; Washington

Senior Electrical Engineer, Dravo Engineers and Contractors, 1980 -1982; Colorado

Electrical Engineer, Behrent Engineering Company, 1975 - 1980; Colorado

Maintenance & new construction electrician, Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, 1973 – 1974; California

Student Engineer, Iowa Power & Light, prior to 1973; Iowa

## Failure Analysis

Mr. Sellon identifies the causes of electrical system failures involving heavy industry, equipment breakdown, oil & gas, commercial & residential, utility including overhead power lines, mines, solar & wind energy, elevators, vehicles/marine, and appliances; shock/electrocution - safety, stray current. Electrical systems include power, control, instrumentation, grounding and lightning protection, fire alarm, communication, lighting, automation, and static electricity generation systems. Mr. Sellon also identifies failures in the construction process including defects, contracts, jobsite safety, and he provides cost estimates and cost verification of electrical construction and engineering economic analysis/present worth.

## **Engineering and Design**

Mr. Sellon has designed generation, power distribution, motor control (hardwire & PLC including programming), grounding, lightning protection, fire alarm, lighting & receptacle, and instrumentation systems. His design experience included heavy industry, chemical, oil & gas, data processing, building, telecommunication, utility, and government agency projects such as waste water plants and airports, as well as metal & nonmetal and coal mine projects. His master plan for the electrical power distribution at Denver's airport from 230 kV to 120 volts was selected over the plans of other engineering firms including the local electric utility, which ultimately built its part of the system to his plan.

#### Testimony

Mr. Sellon has testified in depositions and courts numerous times.

#### **Awards and Accomplishments**

Mr. Sellon is an expert and has been a frequent lecturer on Nikola Tesla, father of electrical engineering. Traveling from Colorado, he has presented lectures on Tesla at Carnegie Mellon University (Pittsburg) and Columbia University (New York). Mr. Sellon served as the technical consultant to the authors of the book <u>Obstruction of Justice</u>.

### **Affiliations**

IAAI, IAEI, IEEE, NAFI, NFPA, RMEL, AULDP, Lightning Data Center (inactive)



#### **Practice Areas**

- Electrical
- Construction
- Equipment Breakdown
- · Personal Injury
- Fire & Explosion Cause
- Wildland Fires

#### Credentials

- BSEE, Iowa State University "Power Option"
- Worked as electrician
- Licensed Professional Engineer in 30 states
- NCEES record holder
- Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator (CFEI), 1998
- Certified Vehicle Fire Investigator (CVFI), 2003
- Numerous continuing education seminars regarding aspects of electrical systems and associated failures and fire & explosion causes, electric utility, electrical jobsite safety, job hazard analysis, codes, standards, and regulations such as NEC, NESC, NFPA, OSHA, and MSHA (mining)

#### International

 Antarctica, Antigua, Brazil, Canada