



## **Curriculum Vitae of Greg J. Monfette**

**OBJECTIVE** To assist in the review of Arboricultural and Forestry situations where I can optimally utilize my abilities, strengths and knowledge to provide outstanding service to my clients.

**EXPERTISE** We are a professional arboricultural consulting firm providing analysis, testimony, and litigation support services in evaluating damages and developing cost appraisals. Clients include attorneys, corporations, government agencies, neighborhood counsels, property managers, landscape architects, and professions within the construction industries. We have successfully completed over 1200 cases throughout California with services ranging from wild land fire expert witness testimony to specialized landscape damage loss analysis, and tree root & infrastructure management conflicts.

We have extensive expert witness services assessing fire damage and claims associated with over 200 cases in multiple fires throughout California. The assignments required extensive damage documentation, repair and mitigation cost analysis, and direct participation in mediations, settlement conferences, and court cases.

Greg Monfette, owner of Tree Case Management, has served as an expert witness performing forensic work for cases up to \$20,000,000. He has testified at bench and jury trials, at over 80 depositions, and 40 mediations and arbitrations.

**EDUCATIONAL  
EXPERIENCE**

Diablo Valley College/Santa Monica College 1981-1984  
Environmental Design - Pierce College - 1983  
Plant Identification & Use - Pierce College - 1989  
Street Maintenance Technology Certificate LACC 1997-1999  
American Society of Consulting Arborist Academy – 2003  
West LA College – Business Law 2010

**PROFESSIONAL  
REGISTRATION**

Registered Consulting Arborist #481  
California State Contractors License # 953525  
Certified Tree Risk Assessor Qualified #1033  
International Society of Arboriculture, Certified Arborist #0729AU  
International Society of Arboriculture, Certified Utility Arborist

## **PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT**

### **11/81 to Present                    SELF EMPLOYMENT / PRIVATE COMPANY EXPERIENCE**

- **1/11 to Present- Owner Tree Case Management. Providing case management work on Wild Land Fires, and high-end properties. Court and Litigation work addressing all legal situations involving trees, landscaping and vegetation. Specializing in Wild Land Fire Damage Appraisal and Cost Analysis, and, tree root and infrastructure damage, as an expert witness.**
- **7/00 to Present- Owner of Neighborhood Consulting Arborist. Provide consultations to the community on tree related matters and beautification projects. Perform a range of arboriculture services. Specialize in tree root intrusion and infrastructure damage.**
- **1/83 to 7/00- Owner of Neighborhood Tree Service. Responsible for labor scheduling, estimates, customer relations, equipment and vehicle maintenance.**

### **8/96 to 12/15                    CITY OF LOS ANGELES, BUREAU OF STREET SERVICES, URBAN FORESTRY DIVISION, SUPERINTENDENT I**

- **Assisted the Chief Forester of the Urban Forestry Division in Los Angeles.**
- **Presented to City Council, Community Councils, Planning Department, and various communities throughout the City on Urban Forestry matters.**
- **Oversight of the city's landscape maintenance section on a citywide basis.**
- **Oversight of the landscaping of the Santa Monica Blvd Project.**
- **Review and approval of landscape and beautification projects in the city.**
- **Coordinate the city's sidewalk repair program to ensure public safety and tree retention.**
- **Recommend the use, and oversee the implementation, of alternative options in lieu of conventional sidewalk repair throughout the urban forest of Los Angeles.**
- **Coordinate streetscape, beautification projects, and alternatively funded programs.**
- **Prepare reports for the Director, Board of Public Works, and the City Council.**
- **Work effectively with elected officials and various community groups.**
- **Direct subdivision activities, review development plans, oversee tree maintenance contracts, and the enforcement of street tree ordinances and policies.**
- **Formulate, refine and project budgetary requirements for the new fiscal year.**
- **Develop training classes, safety meetings and internal staff meetings.**
- **Review claims requested by City Attorney, provide expert testimony and supply appropriate written documents.**

### **10/95 to 8/96                    CITY OF LOS ANGELES, BUREAU OF STREET SERVICES, URBAN FORESTRY DIVISION, SUPERVISOR II - CLAIMS SUPERVISOR**

- **Handled all litigation materials, represented the division in court, attended arbitrations, depositions and provided expert witness testimony.**
- **Review of maps and legal considerations affecting division matters.**
- **Met with the public, city council members and others discussing policies and procedures and other matters affecting the department.**
- **Investigated all division damage claims, conducted on-site inspections, and prepared reports for interrogatories, depositions, and arbitrations.**

5/88 to 10/95

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES, BUREAU OF STREET SERVICES,  
URBAN FORESTRY DIVISION, SUPERVISOR II – AREA  
SUPERVISOR**

- Investigated damage claims, conducted on-site inspections, prepared reports for interrogatories, and supervised office and field personnel in various areas of the city's urban forest.
- Coordinated work production requirements with personnel and equipment in accordance with city regulations.
- Responded to emergency situations, citizen requests and complaints, employee concerns and disciplinary issues.
- Developed new scheduling procedures, field reports, conducted inspections and performed plan review for construction projects.
- Conducted crew work performance inspections.
- Attended division depositions, and arbitrations.
- Met with the public, City Council members and others as a representative of the bureau, discussing policies and procedures and other matters affecting the department.
- Handled planting notices, contracts, and street repair and improvement projects.

11/86 to 5/88

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES, BUREAU OF STREET SERVICES,  
URBAN FORESTRY DIVISION, SUPERVISOR I**

- Oversaw the operations of a programmed tree trimming (production) crew.
- Handled scheduling of crews and maintain work schedules.
- Conducted safety meetings, performed crew work performance inspections.
- Performed periodic inspections, damage reports, claims, and prepared responses to Council letters and citizen request.
- Coordinated tree trimming activities, tree removals, and enforced city safety rules and regulations.

10/85 to 11/86

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES, BUREAU OF STREET SERVICES,  
URBAN FORESTRY DIVISION, TREE SURGEON**

- Performed climbing, trimming, treating, planting, and removing trees.
- Sprayed trees with aerial spray equipment.
- Conducted training sessions and followed city safety rules.

**CAREER ENHANCEMENT  
DEVELOPMENT COURSES**

- Voice & Articulation - Los Angeles Community College
- Spanish Conversation - Los Angeles Community College
- Electrical Craft Helper - Los Angeles Community College
- Electrical Hazards Awareness Program
- Various Specialized Training Seminars on a yearly basis
- Future Focused Leadership Training Program for City Managers
- Street Maintenance Facilitator / Leader Training
- Certificates of Training – Tree Maintenance / Energized Line Clearance
- Supervision in Public Works Productivity Improvement

## **SPECIAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS**

- **Registered Consulting Arborist #481**
- **Certified Tree Risk Assessor #1033**
- **Certified Arborist Western Chapter International Society of Arboriculture #0729**
- **Certified Utility Specialist of the Western Chapter ISA**
- **Certified Line Clearance Tree Trimmer / City of Los Angeles**

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- **American Society of Consulting Arborist Board Member (ASCA) 2016**
- **Past President, International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) 2010-2011**
- **Director, International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) 2005-2008**
- **President, Street Tree Seminar (STS) 2004**
- **Los Angeles Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) 1996**
- **Member, California Oak Foundation (COF) 1998-2010**

## **SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/COURT CASES/ EXPERT WITNESS TESTIMONY**

- **More than 200 cases (Information Is Available Upon Request)**

## **PUBLICATIONS/ARTICLES/POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS/CLASS INSTRUCTIONS/FIELD DEMONSTRATIONS/SEMINARS**

- **How to plant a tree**
- **The California Sycamore Tree**
- **Tree Trimming Guidelines and Specifications**
- **Why Topping Hurts Trees**
- **Myths and Facts of Trees**
- **Property Values Relating to Trees**
- **Can Trees be Considered a Spite Fence**
- **Construction Guidelines and Specifications Around Trees**
- **Rooting Out Problems**
- **Armillaria Melia**
- **Working With An Air-Spade**
- **Million Tree / Tree Planting Project (ppt)**
- **Rot Crown Excavations (ppt)**
- **Diseases Related to Tree Pruning (ppt)**
- **Tree Pruning Guidelines (class)**