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**Vitae of JAMES A. GRIFFIN**

**PROFESSIONAL HISTORY**

- Nov 1992 - Present      GRIFFIN MEDIA FORENSICS (*formerly Forensic Tape Services*), Jackson, MS  
Owner  
Provides a full range of technical services to the legal community relating to the analysis, authentication, and enhancement of digital and analog tape recordings. Retained in over 3,000 cases.
- June 1982 - Nov 1992      PARALLAX RECORDING STUDIO, Jackson, MS Owner/engineer  
Music production studio with clients including major recording artists, producers, record companies, and advertising agencies & producers.
- Aug 1982 - Dec 1982      JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY, Jackson, MS Adjunct faculty  
Interim instructor of recording engineering, in Department of Communications
- June 1976 - June 1982      MALACO RECORDING STUDIOS, Jackson, MS Chief Engineer  
Oversaw operations, production, and technical maintenance in the two 24-track studios. Clients included major recording artists, producers, record companies, and advertising agencies & producers.
- Dec 1973 - Jan 1975      KBRS RADIO, Springdale, AR Announcer, engineer  
Part time announcer/engineer during high school and first year of college.

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:**

AUDIO ENGINEERING SOCIETY, Member of SC-03-12, Forensic Audio  
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR IDENTIFICATION  
LAW ENFORCEMENT VIDEO ASSOCIATION

**ARTICLES PUBLISHED:**    *(Copies Available Upon Request)*

10 TIPS FOR ATTORNEYS WITH TAPE-RECORDED EVIDENCE. Aug 1995 in *The Champion*, a publication of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

A PROSECUTOR'S GUIDE TO OBTAINING AND PRESENTING AUDIO AND VIDEO EVIDENCE Nov 1995 in *The Prosecutor*, a publication of the National District Attorney's Association

**CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP:**

MISSISSIPPI PROSECUTOR'S ASSOCIATION, Jackson MS, Oct 1994. Presentation on enhancement and authentication of audio evidence in drug related cases.

TEXAS HOMICIDE SYMPOSIUM, Richardson TX, April 1996. Presentation: *Recording The Suspect: Promises and Pitfalls*

LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS New Orleans, LA, Dec 1996. Presentation: *The Reality of Recordings: The Good, Bad , and Ugly*

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF FORENSIC EXAMINERS / American Board of Recorded Evidence, Naples, FL, Oct 1998.    Presentation: *Enhancement of 911 Recordings: When The Case is in the Background.*

AUDIO ENGINEERING SOCIETY, New York City, Oct 1997; San Francisco Sept 1998; Member of W-12 (Forensic Audio) Participation in board discussions to set standards for authentication and enhancement of audio evidence recordings

TEXAS CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS PROJECT Forensics Seminar August 2003. Presentation on Audio and Video Evidence

MISSISSIPPI CLAIMS ASSOCIATION/MISSISSIPPI DEFENSE LAWYER'S ASSOCIATION Joint Seminar, October 2008.    Presentation: *Plaintiff-Produced Audio & Video Recordings: When Not To Believe Your Eyes and Ears.*

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS - Seminar on Forensic Science, March 27, 2010, Las Vegas. *"Sights and Sounds in the Court Room"*

**ADVANCED TECHNICAL TRAINING:**

DIGITAL AUDIO CORPORATION'S Dac School. March 1996. Specialized training in tape enhancement and digital signal processing.

NEW YORK INSTITUTE FOR FORENSIC AUDIO, May 1998. Courses include Audio Tape authentication and enhancement, Video Tape authentication and enhancement, Voice Identification/Elimination.

IAI 83rd INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE, July 1998. Topics included vocal profiling, voice identification, automatic speaker recognition, covert audio recording, acoustic analysis of gunshots, analysis of on-hook telephone transients.

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF FORENSIC EXAMINERS / American Board of Recorded Evidence, Oct 1998. Topics included enhancement, video/film authentication, voice identification

AUDIO ENGINEERING SOCIETY CONFERENCE: Audio Forensics – Theory & Practice June 2008. Topics included *Basics of Audio Enhancement, Voice ID, ENF: Quantification of the Magnetic Field, Digital Audio Authentication Using ENF, The Role of Transcriptions in the Courtroom, Deciphering Gunshot Recordings, Audio Analysis and Spectral Restoration Workflow, Magneto-Resistive Field Mapping of Analog Audio Tapes.*

### **JAMES A. GRIFFIN TESTIMONY HISTORY**

**Civil** **Gary Randle v City of Ft. Worth, et al**, US District Court, N Div Texas, Ft. Worth, Civil Action No. 4:93-CV-694-Y. Prepared enhancement and transcript on behalf of defendants. Gave deposition at request of plaintiff on 10-25-95. *Attorneys for Defendant: Mark A. Cover and Stuart B. Johnston, c/o VINSON & ELKINS, Dallas, TX (214) 220-7700*

**Malbrough v State Farm**, US District Court, E District of Louisiana, New Orleans, C.A. No 95-3340-C. Authenticated recordings on behalf of defendant, testified at trial October 1996. Attorneys for defendant: *Wayne Lee and Anne Winter, c/o STONE PIGMAN, New Orleans, LA (504)581-3200*

**Mascaro v Mascaro**, 22d JDC, Louisiana. Authenticated and enhanced recordings, corrected transcripts, produced compact disc for trial playback on behalf of defendant. Testified by deposition, May 1998. Attorney for defendant: *Andy Lee, Jones Walker, New Orleans, LA. (504)582-8664*

**Stephanie Odom-Lee vs. Lipscomb Oil**, US District Court, Southern District of Mississippi, Jackson Division, Civ Action No: 3:01CV550LN. Testified at defendant's hearing on motion for sanctions against plaintiff for fabricating evidence. Sept 17, 2002. *Silas McCharen, Daniel Coker Horton & Bell, attorney for defendant (601)969-7607*

**Michael Pardue vs. City of Saraland, Alabama, et al**, US District Court, Southern District of Alabama, Southern Division, CV-99-0799-RV-M. Examined police interrogation tape of plaintiff made in 1973. Testified in deposition at request of defendants, February 27, 2003. *James G. Curenton, Jr, attorney for plaintiff 251-928-3993. Drew Christman, attorney for defendant 334-834-9950. Larry Wettermark, attorney for defendant 251-476-4493*

**In the matter of Ms. Tan Guat Neo Phyllis as an Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore and In The matter of the Legal Professional Act, Chapter 161.** Examined digital audio and video recordings and testified in a hearing before the Tribunal in the Supreme Court of Singapore, July 2006.

**Ronnie Lyman vs. Double Quick, Inc.** Civil Action No 2007-0072 In The Circuit Court of Humphreys County, MS. Enhanced store surveillance video and refuted plaintiff's expert's contention that video had been altered. June 25, 2008

**Cornelius v. Bholanath, Inc, et al**, Washington County (MS) Circuit Court, 2008-0154-CI Testified for defendant in deposition Sept 24, 2009.

**Fernando Hooks v. Jace Martin, et al**, USDC, District of Kansas, Kansas City Case 2:09-cv-02167-KHV-GLR. Testified in deposition for Plaintiff, December 21, 2009.

**Thomas L. Swarek, et al v. Derr Plantation, Inc**, Issaquena County, MS Chancery Court 05-0004. Authenticated audio recordings, testified for Plaintiff in hearing Jan 31-Feb 1, 2011. Charles Pickering, attorney for plaintiff.

**In the matter of Cadet Albert Sheppard** Disciplinary hearing for West Point cadet charged with rules infractions. Testified on behalf of cadet via telephonic deposition Aug 19, 2015. Daniel Conway, attorney for cadet.

**Adrian Armstrong v. United States Attorney General** 3:12-cv-01605-CCC USDC Puerto Rico. Civil case arising from USDC for District of Puerto Rico, CR No. 04-250 (JAG) Repeated testimony that taped evidence was an altered copy.

**Criminal Mississippi v Walter Thomas**, 11th Judicial District, Mississippi. Enhanced tape recordings and testified at trial on behalf of state, February 1996. *Ed Snyder, Assistant Attorney General (601)359-3680.*

**North Carolina v Leopold Armstrong**, 93-CRS-942 Robeson County, NC. Authenticated recordings on behalf of defendant. Testified at suppression hearing and at trial, July 1996. *Angus B. Thompson, Jr., attorney for defendant (910)671-3364*

**Alabama v Steve Wilkerson**, Circuit Court of Marengo County, AL. Enhanced and authenticated recordings on behalf of defendant, testified at trial October 1996. *Walter Griess, attorney for defendant (205) 372-9333*

**Texas v Patrick Delasbour**, 179 D.C. Harris County TX. Enhanced approx 12 hours of tape recordings on behalf of defendant. Testified at pre-trial hearing and at trial, Feb 1997. *Norman J. Silverman, attorney for defendant. (713)546-7060*

**Michigan vs Charles Fisher**, Circuit Court of Wayne County MI. The tape of a 911 call made by defendant was garbled and unintelligible in places. A transcript produced by the state placed incriminating words in the mouth of defendant. Our enhancement and analysis of the original tape revealed that the incriminating words were not on the tape and never could have been on the tape. Testified at trial on behalf of defendant, September 1997. *James M. Kincaid, attorney for defendant. (313) 965-4384*

**Georgia vs Marcus Ray Johnson**, Circuit Court of Doherty County, GA. Our examination of a suspect interrogation tape revealed that the police officer had stopped the tape, despite his testimony to the contrary. An FBI expert later examined tape and agreed. Testified at pre-trial hearing, September, 1997 and at trial April 1998. *Ronnie Joe Lane, attorney for defendant. (912)524-2149.*

**Kansas vs John Cheek**, Circuit Court of Wyandotte County, KS. After an altercation in a bar, a security guard was killed by an off-duty police officer, who was then charged and convicted of first degree murder. The conviction was overturned on appeal and a new trial held. Our analysis of the 911 tape pinpointed the location and timing of gunshots, revealing that the shots could not have occurred as some prosecution witnesses had testified that they did. Cheek was convicted of lesser charge of manslaughter. Testified at trial, April 13 1998. *James R. Hobbs, Cheryl Pilate, attorneys for defendant. (816) 221-0080.*

**Oregon vs. Kennedy**, Circuit Court of Benton County, OR. Testified by telephone at pre-trial hearing on behalf of State of Oregon Attorney General's Office. September 2000

**Mississippi vs. Steve Strickler**, Circuit Court of Jackson County, MS. Testified at Trial on behalf of defendant. May 31, 2002. *Frank Trapp, Phelps Dunbar, Jackson MS.*

**Mississippi vs. Thaddeus Edmonson** Circuit Court, Jones County MS. Testified in at trial regarding enhancement of audio tracks of poor quality video tapes on behalf of state, April 1, 2003. *Lee Martin, Assistant Attorney General.*

**USA v Rady A. Sdoulam, et al.** No. 02-00131-01-CR-W-4 USDC, Western Dist of Missouri. Enhanced gov't recordings, corrected errors and omissions in gov't transcripts, testified at trial on behalf of defendant, May 19, 2003. *James R. Wyrsh, Justin J. Johnston, attorneys for defendant 816-221-0080.*

**Oregon v. Gary Repp** Medford OR Analysis of 911 recording contradicted state's theory of case. Testified at trial Feb 18, 2004. Defendant acquitted. *Jeni Feinberg, attorney for defendant 541-779-8916*

**USA v David L. Knellinger** No. 3:06-CR-126 in the Eastern District of Virginia (Richmond) Testified in pretrial hearing November 6, 2006. Ian N. Friedman, attorney for defendant.

**Mississippi v James Henderson** Madison County Court, April 26, 2007 Testified for defendant regarding the integrity of recording used by him to establish sequence and timing of events. Rogen Chhabra, attorney for defendant.

**West Virginia v Ronald Schleger** Preston County Court, September 6, 2007 Testified at trial for defendant Schleger, who was charged with murder after altercation with neighbor resulted in neighbor's death. Analysis & enhancement of 911 recording revealed that the neighbor was the actual aggressor. Schleger was acquitted. James Zimarowski, attorney for defendant.

**USA v Adrian Armstrong** USDC for District of Puerto Rico, CR No. 04-250 (JAG) Found irregularities proving tapes were altered by a C.I., testified so at hearings October 2007 and October 2008. Government later retained an expert who confirmed our findings.

**New Mexico v. David Lukens**, Albuquerque NM County of Bernalillo CR 2007-0803. Found alterations in tape recording produced by government's lead witness. Testified at hearing and before jury, January 2009. Ray Twohig, defense attorney.

**USA v. Luis Posada Carriles** USDC Western District of Texas, EP-07-CR-87-KC7, Found alterations in government evidence recordings, testified in hearing on behalf of defendant November 16, 2010 and at trial on March 24-25, 2011. Arturo V. Hernandez, Rhonda Anderson, defense attorneys.

**Florida v. Todd A. Ball** Circuit Court of Walton County, 09-CF-0219. Extracted and enhanced still photos from original surveillance video, casting doubt on State's identification of defendant's vehicle. Testified on behalf of defendant via telephone deposition Dec 22, 2010. FBI analysis later confirmed our findings and charges were dropped. Harry Harper, defense attorney

**Georgia vs. Scott W. Davis** Fulton County Court Case No. 05SC37460 Examined audio tape of suspect's police interview, found stops, re-starts, and erasures. Testified in appellate hearing on October 27, 2011. Marcia G. Shein, defense attorney.