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CURRICULUM VITAE

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Tanja is an accomplished bilingual professional with extensive experience in both the legal and equine industry. After completing a 3-year vocational training to become certified as a Legal Secretary with Dietz, Tonhauser & Partner in Germany, Tanja spent over 9 years supporting Managing Partners in Germany as well as working for the Head of the International Department with Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP in Atlanta, GA. She successfully completed her Business Law studies with a Bachelor of Law degree (LL.B.).

Tanja grew up riding and showing horses in Germany. She had her first riding lesson at the age of 7. An Oldenburger gelding named “Noblesse Oblige” became her four-legged partner for many years and started her lifelong passion for horses. Tanja has been actively involved in equine care and horse behavior her entire life.

As a teenager she attended horse camps every summer where she learned the basics of equine care. At the age of 14 she passed the “German Horseshoe”, recognized as the equestrian course in Germany that educates junior riders about horse care and management. When Tanja turned 16, she worked for the trainer and barn owner at her training barn in exchange for the lease for her horse, giving her further insight and knowledge into proper horse care, equine health and behavior. Tanja passed the exam to earn the “German Equestrian Badge” as recognition for her advanced knowledge in equine care, nutrition, sickness prevention and medical aid. In addition to over a decade of horse behavior, and care, custody and control experience, Tanja also gained extensive knowledge about boarding, buying, leasing and showing horses in the following years. When she moved to the US in

2013, she brought her international equestrian experience and continued to ride and show horses here in the US.

Soon after leasing a dressage horse at a private boarding facility outside of Washington DC, clients and boarders noticed Tanja's expertise and began asking her advice for equine care questions. Soon they trusted her competence to handle, take care of and school their valuable horses. Tanja quickly took over different horse care responsibilities on a weekly basis. Her professional demeanor and extensive knowledge provided a career path to working with horses fulltime, and she accepted a position as Barn Manager of 30 horses.

Her professional demeanor, attention to detail, and expertise in equine management finds her now servicing top Sport Horses at the long established Loch Moy Farm, a modern 20-stall boutique barn, which is home to the Maryland Horse Trials. In addition, Tanja works at the exclusive 8 horse training facility of USDF Gold, Silver and Bronze medalist and FEI Dressage Rider Barbara Strawson in Montgomery County, Maryland.

Tanja has a proven track record of feeding customized equine diets, taking care of injuries, monitoring horses for signs and symptoms of sickness or discomfort, administering supplements and medicines, managing feed orders, and working together with farriers and vets. Implementing barn rules and protocols and keeping a watchful eye on horses and customers are additional responsibilities of the barn manager position, in order to ensure the safety of riders, horses and boarders.

Since 2020 she holds a USDF University diploma as recognition for her continuing education, awarded after successfully completing close to 100 courses and exams on various equine care, horse behavior and dressage topics. Additionally, Tanja is continuously extending her equine expertise with seminars and online courses.

Tanja is an active member of the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), the United States Dressage Federation (USDF) and the Potomac Valley Dressage Association (PVDA) and competes at dressage shows on a regular basis.

With Tanja's background as an international paralegal, growing up in the equine industry in Germany and her experience as an equine expert witness, she serves as The Director of International Services for The Equine Expert LLC with specialties in barn management, horse behavior and appraising.

#### **EDUCATION, COURSES, SEMINARS:** ---

- *Diploma* - USDF UNIVERSITY, October 2020
- *Bachelor of Law (LL.B.)* - EURO-FH, HAMBURG June 2018
- *Certified Bankruptcy Specialist* - INSFO HAMBURG, GERMANY, July 2008

- *Certified Legal Secretary* - KAUFF. KREISBERUFSSCHULE, GERMANY, July 2006
- *High School Diploma* - HIGH SCHOOL MOECKMUEHL, GERMANY, Aug 2003

## 2022

- “Finding the right feed for your horse”, Kentucky Equine Research (4/2022)
- “Insurance Considerations for Equestrians”, StriderPro (2/2022)

## 2021

- “Advanced Principles of Valuation”, American Society of Equine Appraisers (8/2021)
- “Saddle Up!”, Amazinggrazing (7/2021)
- “Safe Sport Training”, USEF (5/2021)
- “Maryland Horse Council, quarterly meeting”, Maryland Horse Council (5/2021)
- “Equine Business Communication”, StriderPro (4/2021)

## 2020

- “Principles of Valuation”, American Society of Equine Appraisers (12/2020)
- “The Inner Game of Dressage”, USDF University (9/2020)
- “Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Competitions”, USDF University (9/2020)
- “Breeding Basics”, USDF University (8/2020)
- “Sport horse Confirmation and Judging”, USDF University (8/2020)
- “Scribing for Sport Horse Classes”, USDF University (8/2020)
- “Starting the Three-Year-Old”, USDF University (8/2020)
- “Sickness prevention – Biosecurity & infectious diseases”, University of Guelph (4/2020)
- “Practical Sports Psychology for Riders”, Janet Sasson Edgette, PsyD (3/2020) 11/1/20

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

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- United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) – Active professional member
- United States Dressage Federation (USDF) - Active professional member
- American Society of Equine Appraisers (ASEA) - Certified member
- Potomac Valley Dressage Association (PVDA) – Active professional member

**AREA OF EXPERTISE:** \_\_\_\_\_

International Equine Services  
Barn Management  
Teaching and Training  
Horse Behavior

Dressage  
Standards in the Industry  
Care, Custody and Control  
Valuations

**PUBLICATIONS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**2022**

- How much water does my horse need in a day? – 4/10/2022
- 4 Things you’ll learn from watching your horse eat. – 3/12/2022
- International affairs – Helpful tips on buying a horse overseas. – 1/10/2022

**2021:**

- Anhidrosis – When horses lose their ability to sweat! 7/18/2021
- Muzzle Management – 4 things to know about proper fit, nutrition and risks. 7/5/2021
- Spring-clean your medicine cabinet with these quick and easy tips! 5/18/2021
- Ask the Expert - 5 questions about the risk of overgrazing and how to reintroduce horses back to grass. 5/11/2021
- “Tanja Schnuderl of Sigma Equine LLC”, Interview with Horses4yourconsideration. 5/6/2021
- Ask the Expert: 4 important questions about the Equine Herpes Virus answered! 4/14/2021
- Equine Herpes Virus (EHV) – What you need to know about the virus and how to protect your horses! 3/3/2021
- Horses & severe weather alerts - Tips to prepare for weather emergencies. 2/7/2021
- Contagious equine diseases - Minimize the risk and keep your horse safe. 1/31/2021
- Barn rules - How to improve the safety of riders, horses and boarders. 1/18/2021
- Why grooming your horse is so important - Health benefits you should know about! 1/10/2021
- Equine poisoning - These common plants are highly toxic to horses! 1/2/2021

**2020:**

- Easing the stress of stall rest – How to keep your stalled horse happy. 12/20/2020
- Barn hazards to avoid – How to provide a safe home for your horse. 12/12/2020
- What is an Equine Emergency Sheet and why should you have one? 12/5/2020

**CASE OVERVIEW:**

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<b>Case number</b>	<b>Overview</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>For</b>
<b>EW-13</b>	Negligence case - Rider got injured, resulting in permanent partial vision loss.	Consulting Expert	Plaintiff
<b>EW-14</b>	(Negligence case - Improper care while horse was leased out cause long-term health issue.	Testifying Expert	Defendant
<b>EW-16</b>	Personal Injury case - Spectator got injured by horse that broke loose on the farm)	Testifying Expert	Defendant
<b>EW-17</b>	Divorce case – Assets included high-level, prize winning international dressage horses.	Consulting Expert	Plaintiff
<b>EW-18</b>	Personal Injury case - Junior rider got injured resulting in permanent scaring.	Testifying Expert	Plaintiff
<b>EW-19</b>	Insurance claim - Evaluation of 2 Oklahoma Panhandle State University Rodeo Team	Testifying Expert	Defendant
<b>EW-20</b>	Negligence case - Standardbred Racing horses were injured by vet in medical procedure affected value and racing ability.	Consulting	Plaintiff
<b>EW-22</b>	Negligent Misrepresentation case - Evaluation whether pasture can be used as riding area although it occasionally floods due to severe weather.	Testifying Expert	Defendant
<b>EW-24</b>	Bucks county Equestrian community residents got injured by neighbor hand-grazing horses in her backyard.	Consulting Expert	Defendant

*All cases listing Tanja as Testifying Expert settled outside of court after her expert opinion was submitted.*