

STEPHEN CHARLES DAVIS—PROFILE



Stephen Charles Davis was a first rate occupational and environmental health professional, with a career reflecting more than forty-five years of technical, managerial, and consulting experience in the environmental and occupational/community health and safety fields in a broad cross section of military, government, insurance, industry and consulting sectors.

A visionary, he proved to be extremely skilled in developing people and processes within organizations. He never failed to share his knowledge and guidance with generosity, thoughtfulness and an ability to facilitate others' growth and success. He strongly believed in "carrying it forward" and often encouraged those who learned from him and with him to nurture other colleagues.

Military & Insurance – His career began in 1964 in the military in the field of preventative medicine with assignments in Washington, Korea and Thailand. In 1968, he joined the California State Compensation Insurance Fund, starting its first industrial hygiene program. During this period, he also earned a Masters of Public Health (MPH) degree in Environmental Sciences/Industrial Hygiene at the University of California at Berkeley, served on the first Cal/OSHA Health Standards Advisory Board and earned Certification in the Comprehensive Practice of Industrial Hygiene (CIH) from the American Board of Industrial Hygiene and a Certification as a Safety Professional by the American Board of Safety Professionals.

Mining & Environment – In 1976, Mr. Davis joined the Environmental Quality Department at Utah International, a subsidiary of Brokers Hill Proprietors (BHP), Inc. Inc. as the Corporate Manager of Industrial Hygiene. He designed and implemented the environmental and occupational health programs for aragonite, coal, copper, gold, iron ore and uranium mines in the US, Canada, Chile, Mali, New Zealand and Australia, often instrumental in setting up the corporation's first industrial hygiene/environmental programs and "growing" their professional capability. He served as Chairman of the Carcinogen Subcommittee for the American Mining Congress, planned and moderated seminars in Washington D.C. and at UC Berkeley on quantitative risk assessment, and published numerous articles on health and safety program development in the mining industry. Unafraid of new challenges, he also managed the corporate Human Resources responsibilities of compensation, medical services, organizational staffing and development.

Consulting & Litigation – In 1990, Mr. Davis joined Health Science Associates (HSA) as Senior Vice President. During his 12 years with HSA, he diversified the Northern California client base to include industrial hygiene/environmental services for organizations such as Space Systems/Loral, US Mint, FAA, National Park Service and large commercial and residential property management firms.

In June 2002, Mr. Davis co-founded the firm of LaCroix Pryor Davis, LLC. In 2004, the firm was restructured and the name was changed to LaCroix Davis, LLC. He managed the very successful environmental division in Lafayette, California and continued to serve as a senior consultant to academic, governmental and industrial clients and to function as an expert witness in asbestos, benzene, lead, mold, and other toxics litigation.

Professional, Public Service & Teaching – Throughout his career, he volunteered as a technical expert on Local, State, and National committees. He served on the City and County of San Francisco's Lead Hazard Reduction Citizens Advisory Committee, on the Cal/OSHA Special Emphasis Program on Lead in the Construction Industry, and on curriculum advisory committees for UC Berkeley Extension, Hazardous Materials Management Program. He was honored by the Board of Supervisors, City & County of San Francisco, in public recognition of his outstanding service to the people of the City and County in Working for a Healthy Environment. He was also an instructor on hazardous materials at UC Berkeley Extension for twenty plus years. And if that was not enough, he served as president of the Northern California Section (NCS)-AIHA in the late 1970s-early 1980s during a period of tremendous membership growth and, more recently, served as incoming president of the Yuma Pacific Southwest Section (YPSW)-AIHA. He was awarded the honor of Fellow in 2009, an honor bestowed on those nationally who have made significant contributions to the practice of industrial hygiene and/or related disciplines.

On a personal note, Stephen, married to fellow professional Chris Laszcz-Davis, proved to be a first rate husband, soul mate and best friend, as well as a superb Dad to their children, Lauren and Grant, and son-in-law James.