

James R. Braden

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Education

Jefferson State Junior College, Center Point, AL 1972-1973

University of Alabama, Birmingham, 1974-1976

Career Experience

Pit Row Legal Services (PRLS) 2019-present

Partner

An Alabama based company providing a wide range of Motor Carrier Services such as:

- Consulting services for Motor Carrier companies bridging the gap between Motor Carrier and state agencies for permits, escorts and other regulatory issues encountered in the freight movement arena
- Expert witness services related to Motor Carrier Transportation issues
- Provide consulting services to the Motor Carrier for all aspects of movement of oversize freight and equipment from origin to destination

James Braden Consulting Services, Inc. 2019-present

- Provide training services for Motor Carriers in reference to State Laws and Regulations, Super load movement, sharing information and building relationships with state agencies

Volkert Inc.

A professional services company providing infrastructure engineering to State and Federal Agencies, local and municipal governments and private industrial clients throughout the United States

Assistant Project Manager

- Provide oversight and leadership for Alabama Department of Transportation's Outdoor Advertising and Junkyard control inventory and program data bases
- Review and classify each Outdoor Advertising Sign on all regulated routes in the State making sure the sign is classified correctly

Alabama Department of Transportation

Assistant Maintenance Bureau Chief

Vehicle Enforcement Administrator, 2015-2018

- Responsible for Developing and Implementing ALDOT's Commercial Vehicle Size and Weight Enforcement Plan
- Administrator of Oversize, Overweight Vehicle Enforcement Office. Supervising all vehicle enforcement and permit activities including issuing oversize and overweight vehicle permits, supervising all weight enforcement activities, and working with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) planning and implementing weight enforcement strategies.
- Responsible for writing State Laws and Regulations pertaining to enforcement of Alabama Commercial Vehicle size and weight laws.
- Developed and implemented regulations for the night time movement of super loads in the state of Alabama
- Alabama's liaison with all Trucking, Crane and Specialized Carrier Associations
- Member of ALDOT Freight Advisory Committee

Alabama Department of Transportation
Assistant State Maintenance Engineer,
Permits and Operations 1999-2015

- Responsible for final review and approval for all permitted activities on ALDOT Right of Way including permits for the following: 1. Private and Commercial Access to State Highways 2. Construction of Median Crossovers 3. Accommodation of Utility Facilities 4. Installation of Drainage Structures 5. Grading and Landscaping 6. Cooperative Maintenance Agreements 7. Seismic Surveys 8. Any miscellaneous activities permitted on Right of Way
- Supervised Maintenance of all Welcome Centers and Rest Areas
- Supervised all Two-Way Radio Communication activities
- Supervised Alabama's Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Office
- Supervised the Issuance of all Outdoor Advertising Permits outside ALDOT Right of Way
- Supervised the Issuance of all Junkyard Licenses outside ALDOT Right of Way
- Responsible for writing all Miscellaneous Permits and Agreements for use of expenditures on ALDOT Right of Way.

Alabama Department of Transportation
Assistant Permits and Operations Engineer, 1985-1999

- Responsible for review and recommendation for approval for all permits for the use of Right of Way
- Supervised the Oversize, Overweight Vehicle Permit Office

Alabama Highway Department
District Permit Engineer, Jefferson County, 1982-1985

- Responsible for review and recommendation for approval of all permit requests to perform work on highway Rights of Way in Jefferson County
- Supervised all Roadway Maintenance activities in Jefferson County

Assistant Project Engineer
Bridge Construction, Shelby County, 1979-1981

- Responsible for Engineering and Inspection of Bridge two bridges constructed on US Highway 280

Project Engineer
Reinforced Earth Wall Projects, 1977-1979

- Responsible for Engineering and Inspection of three Reinforced Earth Walls on US Highway 280 in Shelby County

Alabama Highway Department
Chief Inspector, Roadway Construction
US Highway 280, Shelby County, 1975-1977

- Supervised all Inspection Activities for Construction of Grade and Drain Project on US Highway 280 in Shelby County

Survey Party Chief
Construction Survey Party Chief US Highway 280
Shelby County, 1974-1975

- Responsible for supervision of survey party setting line and grade for all bridges, slopes, drainage structures, cross sections, and related duties for two construction projects on US Highway 280.

Professional Involvement

Member American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials, (AASHTO) 1987-2018

Member AASHTO Sub-Committee on Highway Transport, 1988-2018

Chairman AASHTO Sub-Committee on Highway Transport Size and Weight Task Force, 2010-2018

Member AASHTO Committee on Access Management

Member AASHTO Committee on Right of Way, Utilities and Outdoor Advertising, 2008-2018

Member Southeast Association of State Highway Transportation Officials, (SASHTO) Multi State Permit Group, 1987-2018

Chairman SASHTO Multi State Permit Group, 2006-2012

Member Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance, CVSA, 2010-2018

Member of the University of Alabama, Center for Advanced Public Safety (CAPS) Steering Committee

Represented Alabama in all national meetings involving Right of Way permitting activities

Accomplishments

Led Phases 1&2 of the AASHTO Harmonization Initiative between states

One of the original members of the SASHTO Multi State Permit Group

Member NCHRP 20-68A Domestic scan on Advances in State DOT Super Load Permit Processes and Practices.

Authored and Implemented the ALDOT Permit Manual for Work on State Rights of Way, 2006

Authored and Implemented Chapter 450-10-1 of the Administrative Code of Alabama to provide Procedures and Requirements for Outdoor Advertising Control

Authored and Implemented Chapter 450-3-1 of the Administrative Code of Alabama to establish regulations for the movement of Oversize/Overweight Vehicles and loads upon the state highways which included the AASHTO Harmonization Effort

Co-authored the Alabama Access Management Manual

Considered subject matter expert of State and Federal Highway Beautification Act

