

HOW TO USE DOCUMENTED PHOTOGRAPHY TO WIN COURT CASES

Here are some tips and actual court examples:

#1 Documented photography with authenticated photo dates from a professional aerial photography company gives you undisputed visual evidence to prove your point. A picture is worth a thousand words.

#2 A consultative approach to solving your needs. You should seek a company who will provide you with trained personnel to explore with you how to best accomplish your objectives. There are many routes to take, including custom high resolution photographs and extensive searching of dozens of libraries to find photos with more specific dates and/or higher clarity. Anyone can sell you a photo. You need a solution to your problem. Make sure someone will work with you to explore how best to accomplish your goals utilizing vertical photography to present your case. Here is an example of our vertical imagery.



Here are some real examples where authenticated aerial photography provided the evidence needed to settle the case:

Case Challenge #1: A multi-million dollar dispute arose between a car dealership and a Redevelopment Agency as to whether the dealership had used certain properties for vehicle storage during portions of 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008. Usage would trigger multi-million dollar obligations to the Agency. The Agency asserted that the property had been so used. The dealership denied this.

Solution: Counsel for the Agency used Eagle's historical imagery to show that key properties in question had in fact been used for storage. The car dealership sought to preclude introduction of the historical imagery into evidence by challenging its authenticity. Eagle's co-owner, a former partner in an international law firm, was able to effectively deflect challenges to authentication and imagery details in deposition, and was able to testify successfully at trial, helping the Agency to obtain a judgment against the dealership.

Case Challenge #2: A traffic accident occurred 3 years prior to the trial date. By the time plaintiff's counsel was preparing the case, the lane striping and other critical information about the scene had been changed; therefore, they could not prove what the scene looked like at the time of the accident.

Solution: Our Historical search located a photo within 6 months of the accident date that depicted the precise accident location. The attorneys were then able to scale the photo and measure and show what the scene of the accident looked like at the time of the accident. Additionally, a photograph turned out to be much more powerful evidence than just a drawing.

Documented aerial photography has been pivotal in winning cases for many years. There are tens of thousands of date documented aerial photographs available throughout Southern California. You need the right one for your case. Although not always available in every situation, it is in your interest to see whether one is available. A photograph can prove crucial to the success of your case.

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