

## 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 took over barn chores at her training barn to work off the lease for her horse, giving her further insight and knowledge into proper horse care, equine health and behavior from the trainer and farm owner. 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.

Tanja started leasing a dressage horse at a private horse boarding facility with 28 horses, just outside of Washington, DC. Before long, clients and boarders noticed Tanja’s expertise and began asking her advice for equine care questions and trusting her competence to handle, take care of and school their valuable horses. Soon Tanja 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. Tanja

turned her lifelong passion into a full-time profession and accepted the barn manager position.

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.

Her extensive experience providing barn management services and taking excellent care of the resident performance horses at busy boarding barns, includes a modern 20-stall boutique barn, located at the long-established Loch Moy Farm, which is home to the Maryland Horse Trials as well as managing the exclusive 8 horse training facility of a USDF Gold, Silver and Bronze medalist and FEI Dressage Rider.

Tanja is now the Director and Park Manager at The South Carolina Equine Park, located in Camden, SC. The South Carolina Equine Park is a 60-acre multiple-discipline horse competition facility, featuring several show rings and a total of 288 stalls, spread out over 9 barn buildings. With an average of 30 competition weekends each year, consistently producing an economic impact of more than \$4 million dollars annually, the park is a major economic driver in the area.

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 course.

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.

Tanja is also a member of the American Society of Equine Appraisers and has established her own equine appraisal business, Sigma Equine, LLC, providing clients with high-quality equine appraisals. She is a consultant and expert witness with The Equine Expert LLC with specialties in barn management, behavior and appraising.

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## **SEMINARS/COURSES COMPLETED:**

### **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

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## **MEMBERSHIPS:**

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

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## **PUBLICATIONS:**

### **2022**

Donating to a non-profit organization as unconventional solution to rehome your horse – published by The Plaid Horse Magazine 10/7/22

Profile on Tanja Schnuderl, Certified Equine Appraiser – published by Equus Education 6/21/2022

Can Your Horse Recognize You in a Lineup? Published by The Plaid Horse Magazine 5/31/2022

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

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## CASE OVERVIEW 2021/2022

Case number	Overview	Role	For
EW-13	Negligence case - Rider got injured, resulting in permanent partial vision loss.	Consulting Expert	Plaintiff
EW-14	(Negligence case - Improper care while horse was leased out cause long-term health issue.	Testifying Expert	Defendant
EW-16	Personal Injury case - Spectator got injured by horse that broke loose on the farm)	Testifying Expert	Defendant
EW-17	Divorce case – Assets included high-level, prize winning international dressage horses.	Consulting Expert	Plaintiff

EW-18	Personal Injury case - Junior rider got injured resulting in permanent scaring.	Testifying Expert	Plaintiff
EW-19	Insurance claim - Evaluation of 2 Oklahoma Panhandle State University Rodeo Team	Testifying Expert	Defendant
EW-20	Negligence case - Standardbred Racing horses were injured by vet in medical procedure affected value and racing ability.	Consulting	Plaintiff
EW-22	Negligent Misrepresentation case - Evaluation whether pasture can be used as riding area although it occasionally floods due to severe weather.	Testifying Expert	Defendant
EW-24	Bucks county Equestrian community residents got injured by neighbor handgrazing horses in her backyard.	Consulting Expert	Defendant
EW-25	Sales and fraud case between Trainer and Client regarding the purchase of a high dollar Grand Prix Jumper imported from Europe.	Consulting Expert	Plaintiff
EW-26	Liability, valuation and standards case in show jumping industry. Rider and horse are injured while on course during a thunder storm at Tryon.	Consulting Expert	Plaintiff
EW-27	3yo Belgium draft horse stallion got stuck and injured in hay feeder. Appraisal including loss of potential future earning as breeding stallion	Consulting Expert	Defendant
EW-30	Contract dispute between the pioneer company of cloning horses and their business partner regarding ownership and advertising rights to clones of world class polo horses.	Consulting Expert	Plaintiff
EW-31	Veterinarian Malpractice case, appraise fair market value of imported sporthorse that had to be euthanized.	Testifying Expert	Defendant
EW-33	Rescue horse got stuck and injured in open septic tank after the tank had be cleaned. Expert opinion on barn management with regards to pasture safety.	Testifying Expert	Defendant

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

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**EDUCATION:**

*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