

# Dawson Pena

## Sign Maker

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## STRENGTHS

- ✔ **Production Accuracy**  
Pre press checks caught scale, color, typography, bleed, and cut path issues before shop production began.
- 🔧 **Field Installation**  
Site measurements and material staging helped crews complete building, parking, vehicle, and fence installations smoothly.
- 🗣️ **Customer Consultation**  
Project contacts received practical guidance on placement, readability, materials, dimensions, and realistic turnaround needs.
- 📋 **Regulatory Awareness**  
MUTCD and ADA requirements guided roadway, accessibility, parking, and building graphics during everyday production work.
- ♥️ **Safe Equipment Use**  
Shop and field assignments built confidence with ladders, lifts, hand tools, power tools, and material handling.
- 🔗 **Resource Planning**  
Material estimates and inventory records gave supervisors clearer visibility into supplies, job costs, and replenishment.

## SKILLS

Sign Fabrication Sign Installation

Sign Repair Vector Graphics

Digital Pre Press

Wide Format Printing

Laser Engraving Vinyl Graphics

Fleet Decals MUTCD

ADA Signage Material Estimating

Inventory Control Work Orders

Customer Consultation

## SUMMARY

Sign Maker with five years of experience producing, installing, repairing, and maintaining commercial and transportation signage in shop and field settings. Brings four years of vector graphics, **digital pre press**, **wide format printing**, plotter cutting, vinyl graphics, and **laser engraving** experience. Translates customer requests into print ready artwork, fabricated signs, maps, visual aids, fleet decals, name plates, and durable installed graphics. Applies MUTCD and ADA requirements across roadway, parking, building, vehicle, and public facing sign systems. Handles material estimates, work orders, inventory records, installation planning, and field repairs with careful attention to safety. Holds a valid **Nevada Class C driver's license** and works confidently with hand tools, power tools, ladders, lifts, and work vehicles.

## EXPERIENCE

### Sign Maker

Desert Line Signworks 📅 May 2023 - Present 📍 North Las Vegas, NV

Supports commercial and transportation signage from customer consultation through **vector artwork**, digital pre press, fabrication, installation, repair, and material tracking. Works across shop, field, parking, building, vehicle, and **public infrastructure** settings while applying MUTCD and ADA requirements.

- Produced regulatory, directional, facility, parking, and identification signs from approved work orders.
- Built **print ready** vector files for **wide format printers** and plotter cut vinyl output.
- Applied MUTCD and ADA requirements across roadway, parking, accessibility, and building sign projects.
- Installed and repaired signs on **buildings**, fences, parking structures, posts, and vehicles.
- Estimated substrates, vinyl, hardware, fasteners, and supplies for active **work orders**.
- Consulted with project contacts on dimensions, placement, readability, materials, and turnaround needs.

### Sign Fabrication Technician

Mojave Graphics & Fabrication 📅 January 2021 - April 2023 📍 Henderson, NV

Handled interior and exterior sign fabrication, artwork preparation, engraving, fleet graphics, repairs, and field installation support. Built practical experience with production equipment, job records, material staging, site measurements, and safe shop operations.

- Fabricated interior and exterior **signs**, **fleet decals**, name plates, and wayfinding graphics.
- Prepared vector artwork with clean paths, scale checks, cut lines, and pre press review.
- Repaired sign faces, posts, mounting hardware, and applied **graphics** for safe service.
- Operated drill presses, band saws, **hand tools**, **power tools**, and sign shop equipment.
- Tracked materials and **completed work** by job number for inventory and job costing.
- Supported field crews with measurements, material staging, vehicle loading, and installation sequencing.

## PROJECTS

### Transportation Signage Production 📅 2023

Produced coordinated regulatory, directional, parking, and facility graphics through artwork preparation, fabrication, installation, and repair. Applied sign design fundamentals, MUTCD guidance, ADA requirements, durable materials, and field safety practices.

### Fleet Graphics and Engraving 📅 2022

Created fleet decals, desk name plates, awards, and engraved graphics using vector preparation, vinyl application, laser engraving, material selection, and finishing methods suited for clear identification and lasting service.

LANGUAGES

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|---------|--------------|
| English | Native       |
| Spanish | Intermediate |

MY CAREER



- Sign Maker at Desert Line Signworks (3.3 Years)
- Sign Fabrication Technician at Mojave Graphics & Fabrication (2.2 Years)

LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- Recognized by supervisors for dependable sign production, repair support, and accurate work order completion.
- Selected for independent field assignments after building strong fabrication, installation, and equipment safety skills.
- Earned trust from project contacts through clear consultations and practical material recommendations.

EDUCATION

High School Diploma  
Canyon Springs High School 🎓 GPA: 3.0 📅 2020 📍 North Las Vegas, NV  
*Coursework: Technical drawing, design fundamentals, workplace safety, computer applications*

CERTIFICATIONS

- Nevada Class C Driver's License 📅 2026
- OSHA 10 Hour General Industry 📅 2022

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Vector Graphics:** Adobe Illustrator, CorelDRAW, vector paths
- **Digital Pre Press:** Print ready files, bleeds, cut lines
- **Wide Format Printing:** Wide format printers, plotters, vinyl cutters
- **Laser Engraving:** Laser engravers, name plates, awards
- **Sign Fabrication:** Substrates, vinyl, hardware, finishing
- **Regulatory Standards:** MUTCD, ADA signage, FAA AC 150/5340-18G
- **Field Installation:** Buildings, fences, parking structures, vehicles
- **Material Handling:** Material estimates, supply collection, inventory
- **Shop Equipment:** Drill presses, band saws, hand tools
- **Access Equipment:** Boom lifts, scissor lifts, forklifts, ladders
- **Safety Practices:** OSHA, shop safety, lift safety
- **Documentation:** Work orders, completion records, material usage
- **Transportation Graphics:** Fleet decals, maps, visual aids
- **Airport Signage:** Regulatory signs, operational messaging, secure areas
- **Customer Service:** Requirement consultation, project coordination, field communication

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Professional sign making community, focused on fabrication quality, safe installation, and current production methods.
- Nevada transportation and public infrastructure work, supporting clear communication through durable visual systems.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Work Status** : Authorized to work in United States. No sponsorship required.

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST