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SUMMARY

A results-driven and forward-thinking strategic legal operations manager with versatility and expertise in legal project management, traditional project management, process improvement, change management, organizational design, team building, management, and training. Technically savvy with a proven track record of increasing operational results by assessing opportunities for improvement and developing strategies to maximize returns. A natural communicator and team leader with strong motivational skills and ability to build, produce, and succeed.

MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS EXPERIENCE

MAYER BROWN, LLP

Chicago, Illinois

Global Legal Project Management Operations Manager

2016-2021

Assistant Director of Legal Project Management – North America

2021-Present

Responsible for building and directing the firm's global legal project management function across all practice groups and offices, and leading the legal project management team in North America. Work closely with the firm's pricing teams throughout the world to ensure seamless matter management and increased profitability.

- Manage the firm's Legal Project Management operations globally, including direct supervision, guidance, and leadership of LPM support resources in the United States, and indirect supervision of team members in Europe and Asia.
- Develop LPM and matter management training materials and teach in-person LPM and matter-management classes to the firm's partners, associates, and business support staff in each of the firm's US offices, and virtually to those across Europe and Asia.
- Continue to create and refine standard processes for LPM and matter management efforts and ensure compliance among the firm's regional LPM teams.
- Led the deployment of a matter management and budgeting system, as well as the subsequent global rollout to all partners, counsel, and senior associates in North America, Europe, and Asia.
- Took charge and led the effort to keep the global Pricing Strategy and Legal Project Management team members (around 25 individuals) connected and motivated throughout the 2020 pandemic work-from-home arrangement.

ATI PHYSICAL THERAPY

Bolingbrook, Illinois

Operations Project Manager

2015-2016

Reported directly to the CEO and directed dozens of high-profile and confidential projects through to completion during tenure. Maintained relationships with vendors and led initiatives involving development of high-visibility and high-risk technology projects, and deployment of nation-wide training and patient-engagement system. Facilitated strategy sessions with highest levels of company leadership, resulting in creation of various task forces that addressed and streamlined operations throughout company.

GRANICUS, INC.

Chicago, Illinois

Project Manager

2013-2014

Lead Project Manager

2014-2015

Led 60 mid- to large-size implementation projects with public entities throughout U.S. and Canada, including Seattle, Phoenix, New York City, Maui County, Saint John (New Brunswick), and Parkland County (Alberta). Led initiatives to overhaul internal policies and procedures, ranging from creating scopes of work for company's offerings, to analyzing resource utilization, to standardizing deployment processes. Trained and oversaw development of team of project managers and business analysts, as well as coordinated efforts of product trainers and designers.

LEGAL PRACTITIONER EXPERIENCE

MELTZER, PURTILL & STELLE LLC, Chicago, Illinois, **Attorney**, 2012 Worked closely with C-level clients to prepare strategy regarding corporate litigation and other business-related legal matters. Managed caseload of 40 individual matters with 40 clients. Acted as the primary attorney in multiple trials throughout northern Illinois and defended other corporate clients in various administrative and investigatory matters.

POLSINELLI SHUGHART, PC, Chicago, Illinois, **Attorney**, 2009-2011. Managed wide array of corporate litigation matters throughout Illinois, Missouri, and California, and obtained multiple judgments in favor of firm's clients. Assisted many large corporations with contract issues involving service providers, ranging from moving and storage companies to IT service providers.

HART, KING & COLDREN, PLC, Santa Ana, California, **Attorney**, 2006-2008. Served as second chair of two-month jury trial in breach of contract dispute on behalf of real estate investor, resulting in multimillion-dollar verdict in favor of client. Drafted special jury instructions and closing arguments and interviewed jurors after return of verdict.

ADDITIONAL PRIOR EXPERIENCE

GE MEDICAL SYSTEMS, Chicago, Illinois, **Project Manager**, 2000-2002. Oversaw multiple, company-wide, technology and business projects that spanned multiple countries. Implemented new project management system throughout company. Assessed and implemented needs of various medical imaging groups regarding their marketing and Internet presence.

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL, Los Angeles, California: J.D.	2006
LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO, Chicago, Illinois: B.A., Political Science	2000
Accredited Legal Project Manager (ALPM)	2019
LPM LaunchPad Certificate in Fundamentals of Legal Project Management	2018
Project Management Professional (PMP)	2015
Licensed Attorney (Active and eligible to practice) – Illinois	2007
Licensed Attorney (Voluntarily inactive and eligible to return to practice) – California	2006
Six Sigma Green Belt	2002

PUBLICATIONS / SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Global Legal Project Management Summit – Featured Speaker	2021
Project Management for Lawyers Handbook (Practising Law Institute) – Contributing Author	2020
Pricing, Project Management, and Process Improvement Conference (P3 Conference) – Featured Speaker	2019
Renaissance Spook (Fiction, Black Hill Press) – Author	2015

VOLUNTEER / BOARD EXPERIENCE

Respiratory Health Association – Board of Directors	2017-Present
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OTHER INTERESTS

Volleyball, travelogues and historical non-fiction, science-fiction, running, cycling, coaching, international travel and exploring the US off the beaten path.