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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Dynamic legal operations executive with a proven track record of building, scaling, and leading high-performing teams across global legal functions. Known for transforming legal service delivery through strategic project management, process optimization, and cross-border collaboration. Brings a rare blend of deep legal expertise, executive-level leadership, and operational savvy to align legal functions with business goals. Adept at influencing C-suite stakeholders, driving change in complex organizations, and leading enterprise-wide initiatives that improve profitability, efficiency, and client satisfaction. Recognized thought leader and speaker in legal project management, pricing strategy, and innovation in legal service delivery.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

MAYER BROWN LLP - Chicago, IL

Assistant Director of Legal Project Management – North America (2021–Present) Global Legal Project Management Operations Manager (2016–2021)

Spearhead Mayer Brown's global Legal Project Management (LPM) strategy, leading cross-functional teams across North America, Europe, and Asia. Serve as a key strategic advisor to firm leadership, enhancing client value, profitability, and operational excellence across practices.

- Built and scaled a global legal project management function from the ground up, overseeing implementation across all practice groups and international offices.
- Lead and mentor the North American LPM team while indirectly managing LPM professionals globally.
- Developed and delivered LPM and matter management training for attorneys and business professionals across all major firm offices.
- Directed the successful global implementation of a firm-wide matter budgeting and management platform adopted by partners and senior associates in three continents.
- Partner with pricing and practice management teams to align matter planning with firmwide financial strategy.
- Played a pivotal leadership role in maintaining team cohesion and productivity during the 2020 remote work transition, leading initiatives that fostered connection and performance across 25 global team members.

ATI PHYSICAL THERAPY - Bolingbrook, IL

Operations Project Manager (2015–2016)

Appointed by the CEO to lead high-visibility, high-impact strategic initiatives at the enterprise level.

- Managed cross-functional project teams in the deployment of national training systems and patient engagement platforms.
- Advised senior leadership on operational bottlenecks, leading to the formation of interdepartmental task forces that improved operational efficiency across the organization.
- Cultivated relationships with technology vendors and ensured strategic alignment across projects involving significant regulatory and reputational risk.

GRANICUS, INC. – Chicago, IL

Lead Project Manager (2014–2015) | Project Manager (2013–2014)

Directed major SaaS implementation projects for large public-sector clients across North America, improving client service delivery and internal efficiency.

- Oversaw over 60 implementation projects across major U.S. and Canadian municipalities, including New York City, Seattle, and Phoenix.
- Led internal process improvements that standardized deployment procedures and improved resource utilization.
- Built and developed a high-performing team of project managers and analysts and collaborated across departments to enhance product delivery.

LEGAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

MELTZER, PURTILL & STELLE LLC – Chicago, IL

Attorney (2012)

Strategic counsel to corporate clients on litigation and business law. Led full case lifecycles and advised C-level clients.

POLSINELLI SHUGHART PC - Chicago, IL

Attorney (2009–2011)

Managed multistate commercial litigation for Fortune 500 clients. Secured favorable judgments and provided contract counsel on vendor negotiations.

HART, KING & COLDREN PLC - Santa Ana, CA

Attorney (2006-2008)

Second-chaired complex commercial litigation resulting in multimillion-dollar verdicts. Drafted key trial materials and conducted jury interviews.

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

GE MEDICAL SYSTEMS - Chicago, IL

Project Manager (2000–2002)

Led enterprise-wide digital transformation projects across international teams. Championed implementation of project management systems and digital marketing initiatives.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

- J.D., Loyola Law School, Los Angeles
- B.A. in Political Science, Loyola University Chicago
- Project Management Professional (PMP) 2015
- Accredited Legal Project Manager (ALPM) 2019
- Six Sigma Green Belt 2002
- Licensed Attorney: Illinois (Active), California (Inactive)

INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT & THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

- Speaker, Legal Value Network LVNx Conference (2024)
- Speaker, Global Legal Project Management Summit (2021)
- Contributing Author, Project Management for Lawyers Handbook, PLI (2020)
- Speaker, P3 Conference (2019)
- Author, Renaissance Spook, Black Hill Press (2015)

BOARD & COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

- Board Secretary, Respiratory Health Association, Chicago (2024–Present)
- Board Member, Respiratory Health Association (2017–Present)

INTERESTS

Volleyball, running, cycling, coaching, international travel, U.S. road trips, science fiction, and historical non-fiction.