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Summary

* Over 25 years of finance, accounting, and strategic planning experience
* Domestic and international M&A experience; transactional, due diligence, transitional, and integration
* Progressively complex, successful restructuring experience
* Direct & managerial responsibility for Financial Planning and Analysis; including complex, interactive modeling
* Kellogg MBA – Finance and Strategy; passed CPA exam 1st sitting

Professional Experience

**Owner and Director**, The Tutoring Center, West University, Houston, Texas September 2014 – Present

Academic and extracurricular mentor of college bound students from all walks of life. Succeeding with students from magnet school systems as well as troubled and at-risk students attending city public schools. Lead development of curriculum, as well as delivery programs through staff.

**CFO & Consultant**, Cagney Logistics, Inc. USA Dallas, TX August 2017 – November 2017

Built and executed exit strategy and bankruptcy filing. Structured debt and asset liquidation to allow most advantageous exit for investors and creditors. Structured and negotiated acquisition plan that was accepted by the Board of Directors and bankruptcy trustees. Loss of largest contract prevented the execution of this plan.

**Principal**, *Secured Debt Workout & Restructuring*, TopView Consulting, Dallas, TX January 2013 – Jun 2014

Conducted numerous enterprise financial & accounting reviews and assessments; including re-negotiation efforts for distressed debt facilities in a variety of industries. These efforts have resulting in successful refunding and restructuring efforts in all occasions, which included the establishment of various and varied accounting/financial/reporting best practices to facilitate partnership between organizations and lending institution

**Owner and CEO**, DevNet, USA, Dallas, TX July 2012 – December 2012

Utilizing state of the art scanning technologies and contacts in Bangladesh, provided BPO services and cost savings to small and medium size businesses. Political involvement in Bangladesh prevented success of this endeavor.

**Chief Financial Officer**, NOVO 1, Inc., Fort Worth, TX May 2010 – July 2012

Responsible for all financial affairs of $65M Outsourcing Call Center. Key member of Strategic Planning Team, with direct report responsibility to Board of Directors.

**Consultant**, Secured Debt Workout & Restructuring, Abrams & Jossel, Chicago, IL May 2009 – Present

Conduct enterprise financial and accounting reviews and assessments; including re-negotiation efforts for distressed debt facilities in various industries. Efforts result in successful refunding and restructuring efforts in all occasions, which included the establishment of various and varied accounting/financial/reporting best practices to facilitate partnership between organizations and lending institution.

**Director of Finance**, Cerberus Capital Management LP, New York, NY 2007 – March 2009

**Director – Corporate and International Finance**, VerizonBusiness, Richardson, TX / Ashburn, VA 2003 – 2006

**Chief Financial Officer and Vice-President – Finance**, Lucia, Inc., Winston-Salem, NC 1996 – 2002

**Manager**, Reorganization/Turn Around Consulting Group, Coopers & Lybrand, LLP, Atlanta, GA 1994 – 1996

**Manager**, Consulting Services, AM&G Consulting/Peterson Consulting, Chicago, IL 1990 – 1994

**Officer**, US Coast Guard, Worldwide Dates???

Education

US Coast Guard Academy *Honors Graduate*

***BS****, Mathematics with emphasis in Computer Science and Electrical Engineering*

Northwestern University, Kellogg Graduate School of Management *Honors Graduate*

***MBA****, Finance and Strategic Planning*

DePaul University *Top Performer*

***CPA***