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Experience

1999-PRESENT UPFRONT ANALYSIS

RIVERSIDE, CT/HOUSTON, TX/GUILFORD, CT

Self-Employed consultant providing Business Development and Strategic Services
Upfront Analysis provides business development solutions and services in various industries to small, medium and large companies across the United States. Select engagements include:

- Executive Coach and generation guide for a family owned retail/farm
- Business Development Services to a large Midwest testing equipment manufacture
- Executive Coach and Business Consultant to a small software company
- Business Development Services to a solar thermal manufacturer
- Business Development Services to a biomass development company
- International Project Management Services to a mobile transaction processing company
- Business Development and M&A services to a large biotech and pharmaceutical company focusing on animal diagnostics and other products. Resulted in an acquisition of a \$40 million company
- Business Development services to large public electronic capacitor corporation expanding their product base and improving their bottom line.
- Sale of GE GXS PetroDEX to DTN Energy. \$9 million divestiture
- Developed network of expertise spanning several major industries including energy, communications, manufacturing, and biotech

2004-2012 SIGHTLINES LLC

GUILFORD, CT

Chief Financial Officer/Chief Operating Officer and Owner

Sightlines provides facilities benchmarking and analysis to over 400 College and Universities across the country in areas such as energy, maintenance and grounds.

- Responsible for all aspects of the company including but not limited to; Finance, Operations, Sales, Marketing, Business Development, HR, Legal, Technology
- All Employees reported through me to the CEO and majority Owner
- Company grew from \$900K million in revenue to \$7.5 million (recession hit us in 2009 with a flat year) with employee growth to 65 employees and three remote offices
- Raised additional capital in 2011 from private equity to help propel the growth of the company
- Company was sold in 2015 at 10+ multiple of EBIT

2002-2003 **JESUP & LAMONT**

HOUSTON, TX/ NEW YORK, NY

Investment Banking Consultant (J&L based in NYC)

- Focused on bringing in new business in Energy and Biotech/Healthcare
- Helped develop internal and external company messages
- Networked new Venture and Institutional Capital Sources
- Consulted on Client Strategy and Financing

2001-2002 GE GLOBAL EXCHANGE SERVICES

HOUSTON, TX

Executive Consultant

- Manage the downstream energy vertical for all GE GXS applications and services
- · Convert current downstream energy applications from harvest to growth mode
- Grow base applications into new markets
- Build-Out and integrate new applications into offering

1999- 2001 DOWNSTREAM ENERGY CORPORATION

HOUSTON, TX

President and CEO/CO-Founder

Downstream Energy provided internet-based solutions for the refined products industry helping to increase the speed of which pricing is delivered to the market.

- Signed up 40% of the refined capacity in the United States
- Raised capital for initial funding and subsequent cash infusions over \$7 million
- Located and hired management team of industry experts
- Incubated, developed and successfully launched internet product

Tosco was the largest refiner/marketer of petroleum products in the United States prior to its sale to Phillips Petroleum which included 7 refineries, 5000 gas stations and over 1200 miles of pipeline.

- 1996 Selected for special assignment as **Manager**, **Business Development**, East Coast Terminals and reported to the President of Distribution
 - Assigned to develop strategies and business plans for each of the eight newly acquired proprietary East Coast Terminals: invest or divest.
 - · Marketed terminals targeted for divestiture
 - Analyzed distribution costs and recommended alternative distribution pathways.
 - Supported terminal mangers in economic analysis and business decisions
- 1994 Promoted to **Corporate Planner** and reported to the Executive Vice President of Corporate Planning
 - Continued acquisition analysis and responsible for inventory tracking and assessment during due diligence.
 - Acquisitions included:

\$900 million of Circle K Retail Assets in US

\$1.2 billion refining and marketing system of 76 Products in US

• After acquisition and during the transition phase was responsible for:

Defining corporate pricing strategies used in developing annual budgets Reviewing capital budget projects for logical thinking and feasibility Consulting on commercial contracts greater than one year or \$1 million

- 1992 Manager, Strategic Planning and reported to the Vice President of Strategic Planning
 - Analyzed potential acquisitions in a multi-discipline context.
 - Managed the on site due diligence process while developing modernization strategies for the targeted assets.
 - Acquisitions included:

Sloan Fellows Executive MBA Program

\$2.5 billion (at replacement cost) Exxon Refinery in NJ

\$1.5 billion (at replacement cost) British Petroleum Refinery in WA

1997-1998 MIT SLOAN SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

CAMBRIDGE, MA

GPA 4.9/5.0

- Thesis: What makes a merger or acquisition in the biotech and/or pharmaceutical industry a success? What might contribute to its failure? And what can be done to alter the outcome?
- Related coursework included Mergers and Acquisitions, New Enterprises, International Finance, and Power and Negotiation.

1982-1987 Brown University

PROVIDENCE, RI

Master of Science, Biochemical Engineering Bachelor of Science, Chemical Engineering

Other Activities

MIT Enterprise Forum of CT – Treasurer CleanTech Open – Mentor/Judge 2012-2016 Board of Education – Guilford, CT 2008-2012 Energy Task Force – Guilford CT Adjunct Professor – Suffolk University 2003-2004 President – Guilford Youth Lacrosse Association – Guilford, CT Lacrosse Coach