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**Summary of Credentials:**

- Successful professional qualified by over 27 years of public and private management experience in addition to private legal practice.
- JURIS DOCTORATE, Capital University, School of Law, Columbus, Ohio, 1978-1981.
- MASTER OF CITY & REGIONAL PLANNING, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 1973-1975.
- BACHELOR OF ARTS, PSYCHOLOGY & EDUCATION, Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia, 1968-1972.
- Thesis Publication: Citizens Participation: The Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.
- Certified by Department of Commerce, Division of Real Estate to instruct in Fair Housing & Civil Rights.

**Professional Experience:**

2002 to Present      Peter K. James, Attorney at Law  
Columbus, Ohio

Private Law practice in areas including: criminal defense, collections, personal injury, corporate representation and probate.

1994 to 2002      **DIVERSIFIED COMMUNITY SERVICES, Inc.**  
Columbus, Ohio

President and General Counsel  
Responsible for the day to day operations of this non-profit therapeutic community for offender, managed all corporate operations including two division managers and staff handling personnel, fiscal, maintenance, food service, compliance and training

1992 to 1994

CITY OF COLUMBUS  
Columbus, Ohio

Served as liaison representing the City of Columbus and 88 Community organizations including Area "Commissions and Civic Associations. Interfaced with City Department Directors, Mayor's Office, City Counsel and public and private community leaders, and citizens. Responsible for research, responding to a variety of community issues, organizational training, intergovernmental relations, and hosting television and radio programs.

1990 to 1992

HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK  
Columbus, Ohio

ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT  
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT

Responsible for implementing comprehensive community reinvestment program for Huntington Bancshares Incorporated. Developed community reinvestment program for Huntington Banks and provided guidance to 24 liaisons, operating in a 17 state market area. Reviewed proposals for Huntington Community Development Corporation for equity and debt financing. Interfaced with all bank divisions with emphasis in mortgage, commercial and consumer lending. Served as liaison between Huntington, local governments, community groups, and non-profit organizations. Developed formalized training program for liaisons. Created and delivered workshops and presentations to boards of directors, community groups and liaisons. Instrumental in assuring government compliance.

1984 to 1990

COLUMBUS URBAN LEAGUE  
Columbus, Ohio

DIRECTOR OF HOUSING

Responsible for administrating of all fair housing programs for City of Columbus and Franklin County. Managed 5 member staff monitoring and enforcing federal, state and local fair housing laws to assure compliance in sales, rental, lending and insurance practices. Significant background in housing services to include dispute resolution arbitration and counseling, grant proposal development, case management and research. Interfaced with federal, state and local officials to draft legislation. Liaison

between community-based organizations and Urban League to expedite housing and community development services. Provided instructional seminars to realtors, lenders, developers and public officials. Extensive expertise in Community Reinvestment policies and related statutes.

1984 to 1990

CHORPENNING, GOOD, MANCUSO, CO., L.P.A.  
Columbus, Ohio

STAFF ATTORNEY

Handled diversified case-load in general legal practice with emphasis in real estate; non-profit corporations; contracts; criminal, probate and administrative law.

1980 to 1984

OHIO PUBLIC DEFENDERS COMMISSION  
Columbus, Ohio

LEGAL ADVISOR/LAW CLERK

Provided legal services to convicted felons incarcerated at the State Reception Center. Prepared pleadings, motions, briefs and advised in the areas of criminal, civil and administrative law.

1976 to 1978

CITY OF LINCOLN HEIGHTS  
Department of Community Development  
Cincinnati, Ohio

CHIEF PLANNER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
GRANTSMAN

Responsible for preparation of a wide variety of application to secure community development funding. Awarded community development Block Grant Funding for fiscal years 1977-1978 and 1978-1979. Prepared application for Urban Development Action Grant and Small Cities Discretionary Grant. Developed and implemented a Comprehensive Development Plan which included residential, commercial, industrial and recreational land use programs. Reviewed building plans for zoning and building code compliance. Worked directly with all social service agencies, Chamber of Commerce, the Development Authority and various community groups.

REFERENCES:

Personal and professional references furnished upon request.