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WORK EXPERIENCE

▪ CAPITOL PARTNERS, LLC.

PARTNER

- ◻ Established a multistate utility consulting practice focused on minimizing risk exposure to public utilities from regulatory utility commissions;
- ◻ Focus on lobbying efforts for multiple clients before the Ohio General Assembly and the Ohio US Delegation to Congress;
- ◻ Design and develop procurement opportunities for clients in Ohio.

▪ THE WELDELE & PIACENTINO LAW GROUP, CO. LPA.

PARTNER

- ◻ Firm focuses in the areas of regulatory law, and business litigation

▪ PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

CHIEF OF STAFF, March '11 – December '13

- ◻ Appointed to lead the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio;
- ◻ Led over 300 employees with a biennial budget of \$58 million;
- ◻ Finalized the state's transition to a deregulated electricity market;
- ◻ Was responsible for the staff positions in all cases pending before the PUCO;

▪ TUCKER ELLIS & WEST, LLP.

Public Law and Finance Group, Energy and Environment Group, '06 – '11

- ◻ *Energy and Environment Practice Group*
 - ◻ Began the firm's energy regulatory practice before the PUCO, Power Siting Board, AQDA and ERAC.
 - ◻ Assisted client in obtaining a Certificate of Public Need through the Power Siting Board in conjunction with MISO.
 - ◻ Achieved summary judgment before the Environmental Review Appeals Commission regarding the Permit to Install a \$1 billion Coking Facility in Toledo Ohio.
- ◻ *Public Law and Finance*
 - ◻ Began the Public Law Group and lobbying arm of Tucker Ellis & West, LLP.
 - ◻ Practice focuses on state and local lobbying, legislative monitoring, grassroots programming and political strategy.
 - ◻ This representation spans across all industry sectors, including energy, appropriations, commerce, environmental, taxes, technology, transportation, small businesses and heavily regulated industries.

- Administrative and regulatory law practice focuses on administrative rules, enforcement matters, government contracts and procurement, and regulatory filings.

▪ **THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL’S OFFICE, OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL**

Senior Deputy Attorney General, ‘04 – ‘06

Deputy Attorney General,

- Director of Special Counsel Section of the Attorney General’s Office. Represented such state agencies as the Public Utilities Commission and the Ohio Consumers’ Counsel.
- Managed legal contracts with 400 law firms in 28 states and three foreign countries totaling over \$350 million annually.
- Counseled State Agencies and public universities on various legal issues and the proper appointment of counsel thereto.
- Oversaw securities litigation for the State against Enron, WorldCom, Global Crossing and other securities fraud cases against Ohio’s public pension funds.

▪ **CAPITOL CONSULTING GROUP, INC.**

Director of Government Affairs, ‘00 -‘04

- Met with legislators, caucus staff, leadership and Governor’s office.
- Identified public policy needs develop positions on legislative issues.
- Testified on relevant legislation.
- Participated in stakeholder coalitions on behalf of clients.
- Notable clients served include:
 - Scotts Co.
 - American College of Surgeons
 - Associated Builders and Contractors
 - MCI, Verizon Wireless
 - Construction Demolition Debris Disposal

EDUCATION

▪ **BAR ADMISSION**

- Admitted to the Ohio Bar
- Admitted to the Bar for the Southern District of Ohio

▪ **CAPITAL UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, Columbus, Ohio**

- Juris Doctor, *Dean’s List*

▪ **OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, Delaware, Ohio**

- Bachelor of Arts, Economics, Concentration in Management,
- Bachelor of Arts, Pre-law
- Minor, Politics and Government

BOARDS

- Member of the Executive Committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissions (“NARUC”)
- Member of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Nominating Council
- President of the Board of the Gamma House Corporation
- Diversity Committee, Tucker Ellis & West, LLP

HONORS

- Dean's List - Capital Law School
- Eagle Scout Award
- Balfour Award Winner, Sigma Chi's honor
- Dean Scholarship, Ohio Wesleyan University
- Academic Achievement Award Inter-fraternity Council

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- Ohio State Bar Association
- Columbus Bar Association
- Master Mason - York Lodge
- 32nd Degree Scottish Rite - Columbus Chapter
- Rotary Club - Missions to Guatemala