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Veterans Liaison
Policy & Public Affairs
Ohio Attorney General

February 2009 to January 2011

Marketing, participation and coordination of outreach services to Veterans organizations, to establish relationships with the leaders and members of these organizations to address the concerns facing Veterans on an individual level and problems or request from Veterans organizations to meet the need of our active and retired Veterans and their families. Increase awareness and recognition of the level of interest and concern the Ohio Attorney General has in supporting the Veterans through constitutional amendments and appreciating the armed services contribution to our country.

Labor Liaison
Policy & Public Affairs
Ohio Attorney General

March 2007 to January 2009

Maintained a working relationship with all labor unions in Ohio. Acting as an advocate for various issues including Ohio Minimum Wage Amendment implementation, working with the Ohio Public Pension Funds and continued enforcement of the Prevailing Wage Rates. Extensive experience in the labor arena has created a passion to protect a fair standard of living and improve the world we live in.

President – UAW Local 1714
Lordstown, Ohio

June 2001 – February 2007

In this capacity of a member of the “Bring It Home” committee, acted as Coordinator with the Warren-Youngstown Chamber of Commerce to secure the General Motors Lordstown facility as the Home of the Cobalt.

Recipient of the Black Lake UW Educational Scholarship. Service on the State of Ohio UAW (CAP) Community Action Program Executive Board. Received accreditation as a union counselor from the AFL-CIO Community Services Committee.

While serving as the UAW Local 1714 President, also acted as President of the Private Industry Council of Trumbull County, Inc., an organization which worked with corporations in the area to provide training and education and prepare unemployed laborers for the workforce – acted as liaison on behalf of the displaced workers.

Coordinator

Transitional Work Center

General Motors Corporation March 1971 to February 2007

Supervised and coordinated out-of-force worker's rehabilitation program designed to help injured workers return to their regular jobs with GM. The program saved the company thousands of dollars, operated at a profit and was a successful pilot program in the GM family. In 1990 the Ohio Rehabilitation Association presented GM with an award for hiring and incorporating employees with disabilities into the work force.

Owner - Monkey Business

Childrens' Retail Boutique April 1983 to July 1993

In partnership with my wife, we owned, managed and operated a children's retail boutique in the Warren, Ohio area. The popular store averaged an annual gross profit of 28% in a challenging retail market. Through this venue we served as Ambassadors for the Warren Chamber of Commerce and participated in various community organizations.