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Professional Experience

Capital Crossroads and Discovery SIDs April 1, 1999 – Present
Executive Director. Create assessment-funded management districts in downtown Columbus. Circulate petitions, incorporate districts, and establish boards of trustees. Serve as chief executive for Capital Crossroads and Discovery Special Improvement Districts. Direct all aspects of planning, contracting, and operations.

Riverfront Commons Corporation July, 1997 – March 31, 1999
Executive Director. Directed effort to create riverfront plan for nine miles of the Olentangy and Scioto Rivers, with funding from the City of Columbus, The Ohio State University, and the Greater Columbus Arts Council. Managed contracts with Sasaki Associates (Watertown, Ma.) and Economics Research Associates (Washington, D.C.). Created guidelines for development of the corridor.

Short North Business Association January, 1992 – July, 1997
Executive Director. Created first centralized commercial management office for a neighborhood commercial district with 600,000 square feet of retail space and Columbus' only public market, the North Market. Circulated petition that created a special improvement district. Helped to facilitate the development of the first speculative retail development over an interstate highway in the United States.

Greater Columbus Arts Council January, 1987 – December, 1991
General Manager, Columbus Arts Festival. Managed self-supporting festival with 300 visual artists and three stages. Secured sponsorships, created and managed budget, and directed all aspects of planning, contracting, and operations. Budget grew from \$140,000 (with deficit) to more than \$800,000 (without deficit). Earned recognition as one of the top 10 arts festival in the United States.

Capital University Law School July, 1980 – December, 1986
Director of Admissions and Financial Aid (1980 – 1983). ***Director of Placement*** (1983 – 1986). Created first full-time admissions and financial aid office. Created first full-time placement office. Developed comprehensive affirmative action program. Received, but declined, offer to become associate dean of the Law School prior to managing Columbus Arts Festival.

Education

Juris Doctor Degree, Capital University Law School, 1980. B.A., History, College of Wooster (1975). Licensed attorney, State of Ohio.