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### **Summary**

I am extremely efficient in running an HR department of one, or supervising a department with several employees. I have obtained expert level in all areas of Human Resources including, but not limited to:

- ✓ Benefit selection and administration
- ✓ Payroll management on various platforms
- ✓ Creation of employee handbooks, training manuals and corporate policies and procedures
- ✓ Problem recognition and conflict resolution
- ✓ Maintenance of morale throughout an organization including employee engagement
- ✓ Public and motivational speaker
- ✓ Diversity and Inclusion initiatives
- ✓ Vendor management and contract negotiations
- ✓ Corporate events and outings

# **Employment History**

#### **Director of Human Resources**

07/17 - Current Sachs Sax Caplan, PL

Outside of day-to-day responsibilities, I successfully created and implemented the following:

- ✓ Florida Drug-Free Workplace policy
- ✓ Diversity and Inclusion policies and trainings
- ✓ Anti-Harassment training and policy✓ Time off policy and tracking procedure
- ✓ Referral program for vacant positions
- √ 90 day and annual formal review and evaluation process
- ✓ Internal Mentorship program
- ✓ Employee Assistance Program
- ✓ Structured bonus program

The result of these initiatives sharply increased employee engagement resulting in a huge increase in employee morale along with a:

- √ 6% increase in billable time
- √ 3% decrease in absenteeism
- √ 40% lower turnover rate

### **Director of Human Resources**

12/15 - 07/17Luks, Santaniello, Petrillo & Jones

Outside of managing the Human Resources Department for 8 Florida offices, I accomplished the following:

- ✓ Creation and maintenance of an internship program to place and develop qualified candidates
- ✓ Employee records and reviews review process

- √ 401K program with company match
- ✓ PTO approval and allocation policy and procedure
- ✓ Electronic onboarding and training platforms for new hires
- ✓ Diversity initiatives to include the hiring of all minority groups to better serve our diverse client base resulting in a 25% increase in caseload

#### **Director of Human Resources**

07/13 -12/15 Berges Law Group/Paralegal Support Group

Created the Human Resources Department for a company that grew from 22 to 385 active full-time employees and implemented the following:

- ✓ Creation, evaluation and adjustment of job descriptions and workflows to streamline processes
- ✓ Created employee handbooks which defined all corporate policies and procedures.
- ✓ Instituted Group Health and Supplemental Insurance, 401K plan, and company-wide PTO policy
- ✓ Started and managed a Corporate Wellness Program.
- ✓ Initiated an "Employee of the Month" program
- ✓ Designed and implemented the "Employee Safety Program"
- ✓ Created online surveys for employees and clients to determine the overall satisfaction rate
- ✓ Implemented the ongoing development and enforcement of corporate policy and procedures
- ✓ Initiated and maintained a strong corporate culture through employee engagement
- Oversaw and evaluated hiring practices and implementation of employee incentives
- ✓ Designed and implemented a recruiting and pre-screening process

## **Human Resources/Project Manager**

03/08 - 07/13 Vibe Media, Inc.

Budget management and Human Resources for company and all developing and in progress projects:

- ✓ Project procurement for events in 36 states
- ✓ Created payroll procedures for all events
  ✓ Oversaw and streamlined workflows and procedures for AR / AP and collections
- ✓ Created an internship program
- ✓ Implemented communications management policies and procedures
- ✓ Created Social Media Marketing, writing and blogging about events
- ✓ Managed rental properties owned by the company including advertising, showing, leasing, background and credit checks, monthly rent collections and deposits, payment records, security deposit management, repairs and maintenance, and evictions.

## **Education**

Florida International University – Bachelors of Arts and Science – Completed May 2007 – 3.57 GPA

2006 recipient of Academic Achievement Award - College of Arts and Science

## **Notables:**

- ✓ Certified & practicing Fitness Instructor
- ✓ Member Board of Directors, SunServe
- √ Notary Public
- √ Former Chair
  - Michigan Festivals and Events Assoc.
  - Greater Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce
  - Greater Lansing Home Builder's Association and Remodelor's Council