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Offense beats defense.

Summary

A seasoned and fearless public relations and policy strategist at the intersection of politics, policy, and legislative action. My work is featured in the New York Times, Washington Post, POLITICO, The Colbert Report, Charlie Rose, Bill Maher, 60 Minutes, and others.

Experience

Solazyme, Inc. <i>Senior Consultant, Corporate Communications</i>	San Francisco, CA 11/2015–present
I am a senior communications consulting executive with responsibility for top-to-bottom messaging and launch strategy across many product verticals.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Conceived and authored all messaging and digital and print collateral for product launch in new vertical.o Created presentation materials for c-suite executives for product announcement.o Provided day-to-day media and messaging support for existing product lines.	
Squared Communications <i>Senior Advisor</i>	San Francisco, CA 11/2015–present
I provide ongoing input on strategy and messaging for critical accounts.	
Squared Communications <i>Senior Vice President, Head of West Coast Operations</i>	San Francisco, CA 1/2013–12/2015
I ran West Coast operations and managed multiple key accounts, specializing in patent reform, data privacy, and health care.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Developed and executed earned and paid media and policy strategies.o Clients included Google, Application Developers Alliance, Vulcan Productions, Main Street Patent Coalition, and Green Tech Action Fund.	
Montana Governor Brian Schweitzer <i>Communications Director</i>	11/2004–11/2013
I was appointed to oversee all media operations for Governor Schweitzer and the executive branch including the budget, speech writing, and major media events.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Directed day-to-day press operations, crisis communications and advised the Governor on public facing decisions.o Secured national media appearances including: 60 Minutes, The Late Show with David Letterman, NBC Nightly News, The Colbert Report, The Rachel Maddow Show, Hardball, Morning Joe, Fox News, Fox and Friends, and many others.o Communications for Schweitzer's 2008 re-election campaign, winning with more than 65% of the vote. Lead writer of 2008 and 2012 Democratic National Convention speeches.	
Montana Auditor John Morrison <i>Communications Director</i>	11/2003–11/2004
I directed communications for the Office of Insurance and Securities and a successful re-election campaign in 2004, winning with more than 55% of the vote.	
Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper <i>Scheduler/Press Office</i>	1/2003–12/2003
KULR 8 <i>Assignment Editor, Reporter</i>	1/2000–1/2003

Education

Montana State University - Billings <i>Organizational Communications</i>	Billings, MT 1996–2001
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