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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Hard working, experientially diverse attorney focused on providing meaningful advice and services aligned with client's immediate and long term objectives and needs.

RELEVANT LEGAL EXPERIENCE

October 2010 to Present

In-House Counsel, Aspect Holdings, LLC

- Litigation management – fact finding, early case assessment, legal research, drafting of pleadings and briefs, settlement negotiations, management of outside counsel, and strategic case management
- Transactional matters – drafting, revising and negotiating domestic and international agreements involving routine and complex business dealings: technical engineering service and support agreements, non-disclosure agreements, personal property and real property leases and licenses, and routine interaction with finance and account staff
- Dispute resolution – efficient resolution of administrative and private disputes: Federal Aviation Administration violation and fine process, protracted supplier dispute, high profile contractor dispute
- Risk assessment and policy drafting – planning, drafting, and implementing corporate policies regarding records retention, litigation hold processes, knowledge management system, and Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability and Divestment Act of 2010

September 2006 to October 2010

In-House Counsel/VP, Operations, Ascend Geo, LLC

- Transactional matters – drafted and negotiated domestic and international agreements involving routine and complex business dealings: vendor/supplier agreements, agent agreements, sales agreements, engineering service and support agreements, software licensing agreements, non-disclosure agreements, executive employment agreements, personal property and real property leases, and commercial procurement terms
- Risk assessment; policy drafting and compliance – advised senior management on legal issues and corporate policy: anti-competition law, employment law, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, security and credit requirements, HSSE programs and compliance, hazardous materials transportation, export and customs controls, competing technologies and infringement
- Litigation management and dispute resolution – managed complex patent infringement litigation against key competitor; employment disputes
- Mergers and acquisition – negotiation strategy and dealings as both target and acquirer: due diligence requests, deal points and letters of intent/memoranda of understanding, funding prospectus
- Operations management – supervised general operational matters: inventory control, production scheduling, quality control and auditing, order fulfillment

May 2006 to September 2006

Joint Venture Manager, Shell Oil Products US

- Corporate operations – advised joint venture board of directors on various matters relevant to long term strategic operations including mergers and acquisitions
- Real estate – created detailed plans concerning possible real estate acquisitions or divestitures, including reverse 1031 exchange programs

- Health safety and environment – monitored health, safety and environmental record keeping and contingency planning
- Dissolution – reviewed pre-existing joint venture operating agreements for obligations and exposures in preparation for dissolving underperforming joint ventures

October 2003 to Present Part-Time Solo Practitioner, Robert T. Foster, Attorney

- Litigation consultation – advice and initial drafting of appellate matters for counsel of record
- Corporate formation – advice regarding business entity start-up including: choice of entity, management functions, operational structures, and capitalization requirements
- Real estate – negotiated commercial leases and workouts (tenant and landlord)
- Corporate shareholder dispute resolution – advised minority shareholder during dispute negotiations in advance of litigation
- Trusts and estates – drafted and advised on wills, trusts, durable powers of attorney

May 2002 to May 2003 Student Attorney, DU Clinical Programs (10th Circuit)

- Researched, briefed, and argued before the 10th Circuit court of Appeals
- Petitioned for Certiorari to the US Supreme Court on unrelated case
- Advised clients of final decisions and further appellate options

OTHER RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

January 1996 to May 2006 Senior Account Manager, Shell Oil Products US

- Managed day-to-day operations \$250MM multi-state area: pricing, staffing, marketing
- Implemented introduction of Shell brand to Colorado; replacing of Texaco brand
- Counseled individual contract operators for improved sales and profitability
- Performed extensive, HSSE, business auditing and performance reviews
- Recruited, selected, and trained new contract operating partners

EDUCATION

University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, Colorado

Juris Doctor, May 2003

Class Rank: 3/70; GPA: 3.725/4.0

Currently Adjunct Professor – advanced appellate advocacy and coach for ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition

Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado

Bachelors of Science, Business Administration, December 1995

HONORS, AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Law School Academic Awards and Activities:
 - Top Academic Performer – highest academic ranking in division at graduation
 - Hardaway Award for Academic Excellence – best first year academic performance
 - Order of St. Ives
 - Best Orator – Moot Court / Barrister’s Cup 2001
 - Scholastic Excellence – Property, Appellate Writing & Oral Argument, Trial Practice
 - Moot Court Team – 2001-2003
- Professional Honors:
 - Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Denver Sturm College of Law – instructing and coaching national appellate argument moot court team
 - Shell Performance Recognition by Senior Management – 1996, 2001 and 2005
 - Eagle Scout – Boy Scouts of America