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Objective

Senior Communications position within public sector organization. Opportunity to utilize my significant press and media contacts within WNY's print, electronic and editorial establishments.

Experience

- The Economic Club of Canada Manager/Director, USA Operations** **September 2001 – Present**
 Co-Founder and Trustee of the non-profit Economic Club of Toronto/Economic Club of Canada; participate in strategic planning and program development. The Club has become Canada's leading public affairs forum with significant partnerships in public and private sectors throughout Canada. (Toronto, CA)
- Antoinette's, On the Hill, Inc., Vice President/Treasurer** **1979 – Present**
 Responsible for oversight of all aspects of retail store operations (West Seneca, NY).
- Verner, Liipfert, LLC, Consultant/Adviser** **2000 – 2004**
 Developed client relationship for Washington's leading lobbying-legal firm with a European Government, leading to a multi-year - \$2 million/annual – contract involving USA representation and policy guidance. Responsible for communication and relationship maintenance between President of the Republic and team leaders of Verner, Liipfert (former Senate leaders George Mitchell & Bob Dole).
- Erie County Water Authority, Commissioner/Treasurer** **1996 – 2000**
 Served 2 terms (by Legislative appointment) as one of three Managing Commissioners of New York's second largest water utility. As Treasurer, responsible for financial obligations, public reporting & bondholder servicing. Oversight included a \$ 42 mil. annual operating budget, capital budget oversight and meeting obligations of \$362 mil debt performance. Significant accomplishments: reduction of operating expenses, reduction of utility rates during my tenure (0 % rate increases), restructuring of debt portfolio to mitigate long-term exposure to the ratepayers. Testified at prepared statement for USA-Canada International Joint Commission hearings on the issue of Great Lakes water diversion. (Buffalo, NY)
- Public Affairs Consultant** **1980 – 1996**
 Developed public and private sector client base in performance of diverse aspects of public affairs requirements - from elections & campaigns to referendums and government relations. Expertise included: communications strategies & management, opinion sampling & polling, policy advisory, fund-raising strategies & political action committee management, constituency development. (Washington, DC & Buffalo, NY)
- Adjunct Professor of Political Science, Canisius College; Buffalo, NY** **1985**

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(Experience/continued)

Associate, Ethan Eldon Associates

1979 – 1981

Responsible for primary field research, data collection, analysis & report preparation for: 1. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Superfund Response, Performance and Review of Hazardous Waste Emergencies in Northeastern U.S. 2. U.S. Dept. of Treasury Report to Congress on the International Banking Act of 1979 implications to U.S. Banking Sector.

Education

M.A. Economics

May 1979

New School for Social Research, New York, NY

B.A. Government & History

May 1976

Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME

Community Service & Activities

EOS Political Fund, Founder: A New York State registered, bi-partisan, political action committee. (1996-2000)

The 100 Club of Buffalo, Treasurer: Service agency serving the needs of families of law enforcement and emergency workers' community in WNY. (1995-1998)

Town of Amherst Citizens' Study Commission: Appointed citizen study and review commission to recommend salary parameters for Town Management Personnel. (1988 -1990)

Erie County Capital Funding Committee: Appointed citizen study and review committee of the Dept. of Planning; develops funding recommendations for the County Executive's Capital infrastructure budget. (1987 -1989)

The New Democratic Forum, Co-Founder: Capitol Hill Staff Policy Forum, Washington, DC. (1986 – 1989)

Hallwalls Gallery, Board of Trustees: Contemporary arts center. (1983 -1986)

Erie County Cultural Funding Task Force: Appointed citizen and peer committee empanelled to advise the County Executive on annual budget funding bequests to community cultural organizations. (1982-1984)

Buffalo Theater District Association, Board of Directors. (1983-1985)