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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Friends of the Everglades, Stuart, Fla.
Executive Director, May 2019 – December 2019

- Acted as the leader of the organization setting goals, legislative priorities, and the day-to-day agenda in support of stopping toxic-algae discharges and returning water to the Everglades.
- Developed legal and policy strategies and positions, advocated positions to elected and government officials, and participated in quasi-legislative rulemaking in-person and via written submissions.
- Led the federal team of lobbyists and policy committee on matters related to the legal and political strategy necessary to solve Florida's water quality, infrastructure, and water management crisis.
- Drafted oversight letters, public comment letters, organizational documents, and press releases.
- Represented the organization as spokesman on radio, television, and in print media interviews.
- Conducted public briefings, organized public participation, and participated in public discussions.
- Oversaw and administered social media, email engagement, customer relationship manager, and the website.
- Managed staff and contractors, including human resources, hiring, contract negotiations, and staff meetings.
- Developed a fundraising plan and materials, applied for grants, and held fundraising meetings.

Bullsugar Alliance, Stuart, Fla.
Policy Director, 2016 – 2019

- Supported ending toxic-algae discharges and Everglades restoration via policy, legal research, and advocacy.
- Led legislative affairs efforts across local, state, and federal governments with government staff and elected officials.
- Participated in the National Environmental Policy Act process for state and federal projects, including drafting letters and participating in scoping meetings.
- Attended hearings, community meetings, and educated campaigns on the issues.
- Principal author of the Stop Harmful Discharges Act introduced by Rep. Brian Mast.
- Drafted state legislative amendments, hearing questions, and oversight letters for state and federal elected officials to provide oversight of government agency action.
- Represented the organization as a spokesman on television and in print-media interviews.
- Acted as the campaign liaison for local, state, and federal campaigns; oversaw the largest statewide voter guide in Florida history; provided candidate briefings; and drafted a candidate questionnaire.

Net Positive, LLC
Owner/Operator, 2011 – 2012

- Founded web-based startup focused on website development, web hosting, and publishing.
- Drafted and published web-based content tailored for search engine optimization for clients.

U.S. House of Representatives, Comm. on Appropriations, Subcomm. on Agriculture, D.C.
Professional Staff, 2010

- Analyzed the President's budget request and agency budget justifications to make funding and policy recommendations to Chairwoman Rosa L. DeLauro for U.S. Department of Agriculture agencies including the Natural Resource Conservation Service, Farm Service Agency, Animal and

Plant Inspection Service, Agricultural Marketing Service, Foreign Agricultural Service, and the independent Commodity Futures Trading Commission.
- Provided analysis and support to the Chairwoman on budget and policy issues including conservation, food labeling, trade, international food aid, futures trading, and farming practices.
- Drafted bill and report language, statement of managers, questions for the record, and talking points for hearings, committee markups, House Floor consideration, and conference meetings.
- Vetted earmark requests, recommend projects to the Chairwoman, and verified disclosures.

U.S. House of Representatives, Comm. on Appropriations, Transportation & Housing, D.C.
Administrative Aide, 2007 – 2010

- Analyzed the President's budget request and agency budget justifications to make funding and policy recommendations to Chairman John W. Olver for U.S. Department of Transportation agencies including the Maritime Administration, St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Department of Transportation Office of Inspector General, Research and Innovative Technology Administration, and the independent Federal Maritime Commission.
- Interpreted agency budget estimates and reviewed program performance to provide sufficient funding levels to agencies while staying within the subcommittee's allocation for budget authority.
- Drafted bill and report language, statement of managers, questions for the record, and talking points for hearings, markups, House Floor consideration, and conference meetings.
- Served as the principal point of contact for agencies under subcommittee's jurisdiction and Members' offices for committee proceedings, earmarking rules and procedures, official documents, questions for the record, reprogramming letters, project requests, and Member disclosures guidelines.
- Coordinated hearings with witnesses, Member offices, press, and public; edited hearing transcripts, created indexes, and published annual hearing record for agencies.

U.S. House of Representatives, Comm. on Appropriations, Full Comm. Staff, D.C.
Administrative Aide, 2006

- Supported the Staff Director by handling administrative and personnel issues and the office's information technology systems.
- Provided research for projects, memorandums, and reports for professional staff, including supporting the release of a report by Ranking Member David Obey entitled, '*A New "Truman" Investigative Committee Against Fraud, Waste, and Abuse in Iraq*.'
- Assisted with the overhaul of the House Appropriations' website, maintained and updated the website with reports, and press releases using Adobe Dreamweaver.

EDUCATION

University of Oregon School of Law
Juris Doctor, 2015

Johns Hopkins University
Master of Science, Environmental Sciences and Policy, 2010

University of Florida
Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration, 2005

LICENSE

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