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SENIOR FINANCIAL EXECUTIVE

Breakthrough financial performer with an impressive track record of driving operations while seamlessly directing all accounting and financial functions. Expert in implementing and automating systems that significantly improve financial reporting and analysis. Relentless bottom-line driver with a career history of exceeding corporate goals by uncovering opportunities that support aggressive growth and exceed challenging financial goals. Extensive success in staff training, leadership, and motivation. Experienced in managing multibillion-dollar budgets. Core competencies include:

- Financial Modeling & Planning
- Client Relations & Sales Support
- Cash Management Strategies
- Mergers & Acquisitions (M&A)
- Business Development & Analysis
- Continuous Process Improvements
- Product Development & Management
- Cross Functional Communications
- P&L Management
- Contract Negotiations
- Regulatory Compliance
- Sarbanes-Oxley & IFRS

CORPORATE FINANCIAL LEADERSHIP

CURIAN CAPITAL, LLC (Jackson National Life Insurance)

DENVER, CO

Investment Management subsidiary of Jackson National Life Insurance

Director of Business Reporting and Analysis | 2014 to Present: Responsible for designing, developing, and implementing internal and client reporting and analysis to support the business leaders in their strategic and business decisions. This position assists the CFO and the Controller with the preparation and review of regulatory reporting, financial analysis, statistical reporting, management reporting, and cash management. Staff includes the Strategic Business Reporting Group, Financial Analysis team, and Cash Management team and works closely with the Accounting, Strategic Projects, and Operations teams.

- Oversight of the annual budget process; oversight of the preparation and analysis of various financial models
- Assist with the preparation of Board materials and other Management Reporting
- Review and oversight of monthly reporting regarding financial information and business KPIs (i.e. segment reporting, variance analysis, flows, assets, etc.)
- Supervise the continued development and enhancement of the accounting and finance sub-systems to meet the needs of the organization

QWEST COMMUNICATIONS INTERNATIONAL INC. (Now CenturyLink)

Various Locations

Telecommunications carrier that generated \$13 billion annually and provided local service to 14 states.

Director of Finance, Corporate Financial Planning and Analysis (FP&A) | Denver, CO | 2001 to 2010: Spearheaded the Corporate FP&A Department after merger with USWest. Successfully consolidated all corporate budgeting, planning, analysis, and reporting functions. Created standardized reporting packages and established a standardized business analysis function. Trained and tested 100 users to optimize functionality and usability of new system. Served on Governance Committee. Led and motivated staff of 14 to peak levels of performance.

- Saved \$120,000 in annual labor costs, increased accuracy, and improved financial tracking capabilities by automating internal management reporting processes.
- Reduced cost of reporting support by \$300,000 annually, decreased redundant/contrary reports by 75%, and enabled reassignment of five employees by creating enhanced profitability analysis and standardizing cost reporting.
- Grew margins by up to four percentage points by heightening accountability for profitability across business units. Implemented standard costing system and empowered stakeholders to pinpoint the root cause of issues.
- Improved reporting efficiency, driver-based forecasting, and security with new data structures and security requirements.

"Matthew's expertise and his ability to develop reports greatly enhanced my ability to analyze my business unit." – Cherie Axlerod, Executive Director, Finance Mass Markets Division

Director of Finance, Strategic Transactions | Denver, CO | 2001: Established a business analysis function and seamlessly managed all aspects of large, complex deals with customers and vendors. Fulfilled all approval requirements, and ensured proposed deals could be fully supported, by collaborating with sales, financial, legal, and operational groups.

- Realized forecasted outcomes and maintained full compliance to contract terms by instituting status tracking and post-mortem reporting system. Devised enhanced deal status reporting methods.

"Matthew is a truly dedicated professional who has a keen ability to identify critical business needs and create tools and resources to fill those needs. With this skill, Matthew improved efficiency and provided the business with insight to make more informed critical business decisions." – *Andy Silverman, Director Corporate Strategy*

Director of Finance, CFO – Wholesale Markets | Denver, CO | 1999 to 2000: Expertly managed budgeting, forecasting, business case analysis, and sales operations support for the Wholesale Markets Group. Kept business unit abreast of financial position. Supervised staff of nine and controlled a \$3 billion budget.

- Empowered executives to make timely and effective corrections by creating models that accurately forecasted results.
- Optimized margins by implementing customer profitability reporting.
- Consistently met/exceeded financial objectives by promoting flexibility and pipeline reporting to increase focus on top priorities.

"Matthew was a great leader, who provided me with the resources to be successful in a highly competitive work environment. Much of my later success at Qwest can be attributed to the strong foundation that Matthew provided through his mentoring and leadership." – *Dan Nintz, Channel Alliance Program Director – Sales Operations*

Director of Business Analysis | Ballston, VA | 1994 to 1999: Coordinated, evaluated, and approved all non-standard customer contracts. Developed high-impact pricing plans. Managed a cohesive team of five employees.

- Cut analysis/resolution time for complex business deals in half by generating standardized processes, and improved business models that ensured consistency and accuracy.
- Increased approved business cases by 50% per month, without raising staffing levels, by instituting reliable reporting practices, installing controls, and implementing company-wide approval processes.
- Won President's Circle and Chairman's Club Recognitions. Selected to go on a Caribbean cruise with senior executives and other exceptional employees to deliver presentation on highly competitive processes that achieved maximum returns.
- Reduced data gathering time by 75%, and average initial response time by 60%, by establishing standardized processes for business case intakes.

Previous four years of success as Senior Financial Analyst / Product Manager at Dublin, Ohio, location.

"He quickly fosters collaboration and trust with clients and drives accountability across the business with superior analytics and reporting methods. Matthew is well respected and thought of as a subject matter expert across a wide range of financial reporting techniques, systems, and telecom products." – *Cathy Arthur, Lead Finance/Business Analyst*

CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

Owner | 5-SCOTTS FINANCIAL CONSULTING PARTNERS LLC | 2010 to 2011 and 2012 to Present: Deliver advanced CFO and management expertise to diverse organizations.

Partner | B2B CFO® | 2011 to 2012: Provided comprehensive CFO consulting services to small- and mid-market businesses.

CREDENTIALS

Master of Business Administration, Finance

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, Columbus, OH

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Accounting

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, Columbus, OH

Certified Public Accountant (CPA) | Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA) | FINRA Series 27 License

Certified Management Accountant (CMA, Inactive) | Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE, Inactive)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Windows, LINUX, MS Office, Visual Basic, Visual Studio, SAP Business Planning & Consolidation (BPC), Business Objects, Crystal Reports, Xcelsius, Hyperion Financial Manager (HFM), OLAP Cubes, WebFOCUS, Oracle Business Intelligence (OBIEE)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Financial Executives International (FEI) | American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)
Colorado Society of Certified Public Accountants (CSCPA) | Institute of Management Accountants (IMA)