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Professional Background

2015 – Present: Director, Legislative Management Program, National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL); Denver, Colorado

March 2000 – January 2015: Deputy Director and Attorney, Wisconsin Legislative Council; Madison, Wisconsin

May 2008 – May 2009: Executive Director, National Children's Study - Waukesha County Project (granted one year leave of absence from Wisconsin Legislative Council)

1991-2000: Senior Staff Attorney, Wisconsin Legislative Council

Professional Profile

Management

At NCSL:

- Manage team of 9 professional employees
- Create and monitor annual budget of over \$1 million dollars
- Analyze program priorities; propose and implement changes where necessary
- Advise, mentor, and review work of program employees

At Wisconsin Legislative Council:

- Advised and assisted Director in management of nonpartisan legislative service agency
- Assisted Legislative Council legislator co-chairs with interim study topic refinement
- Coordinated staff interim committee and standing committee work
- Managed staff workload during legislative session and interim period
- Participated in selecting and interviewing employment candidates

At National Children's Study:

- Managed major federally-funded research project operated by two Wisconsin medical schools
- Addressed internal and external operational issues
- Created plan for effective management of the project

Nonpartisan Legislative Work

At NCSL:

- Conduct nonpartisan legal and policy research in response to requests from 50 state legislatures
- Explore grant funding opportunities; write and review program grant proposals
- Participate in research on political polarization in state legislatures
- Support the legislative staff serving on NCSL's Executive Committee
- Plan and execute programming on topics of key interest for legislators and staff at NCSL meetings. Program policy areas include legislative operational and management issues, campaign finance, elections, and citizen-legislator engagement

At Wisconsin Legislative Council:

- Performed high level, nonpartisan legal and policy research and analysis for Wisconsin Legislature
- Provided staff counsel to standing committees and task forces, covering topics in health, human services, employment relations, and legislative procedure
- Supported interim study committee chairpersons in developing interim committee goals, and developing agendas, identifying speakers, organizing meetings, and preparing legal memoranda and bill drafts
- Planned and participated in training for legislators and legislative staff on the legislative committee process and other institutional issues

Education

- J.D., University of Wisconsin – Madison
- Bachelor of Arts, University of Wisconsin – Madison

Licensure

- Active license to practice law: State Bar of Wisconsin

Community Activities

- City of Madison, Wisconsin Ethics Board: board member, 2006-2012
- The Road Home Dane County (shelter for homeless families): co-founder and board member
- Regent Neighborhood Association: board member and board liaison for UW-Madison campus development issues

References

- Provided upon request