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EDUCATION Master of Law, (LLM- Taxation), University of Alabama School of Law
Juris Doctor (JD), Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland State University
Master of Business Administration (MBA), John Carroll University
Bachelor of Arts (BA), (Chemistry), Hiram College
Associate of Arts and Associate of Science, Cuyahoga Community College
Cathedral Latin School

WORK RELATED EXPERIENCE – *Current positions:*

- **LAKE COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION**, Painesville Ohio <http://www.lakecountylandbank.org>
 - **Executive Director** (2013 - present)
 - Responsibilities include oversight and management of the Lake County “Land Bank” assisting in addressing blighted residential and commercial properties throughout Lake County Ohio.
 - Program development encouraging and assisting communities and other entities in neighborhood stabilization and economic development.
 - Implemented the Ohio Attorney Generals Moving Ohio Forward Demolition program in Lake County.
 - Implemented the Ohio Housing Finance Agency’s Neighborhood Initiative Program in Lake County, acquiring abandoned residential properties needing demolition.
 - Turnkey funding and construction of a neighborhood park in a low-to-moderate income area, transferring title to that community, at no expense, upon the projects conclusion.
 - Renovation of homes offered for sale to the general public and income qualified buyers.
 - Returning formerly tax delinquent and abandoned land properties to productive use.

- **133rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY, OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**, Columbus, Ohio <http://www.ohiohouse.gov>
 - **State Representative – 60th District** (2019-2020 term)
 - Currently serves on the House’s Ways and Means Committee (Ranking Minority Member), Finance Committee, Public Utilities Committee, Criminal Justice Committee, Criminal Justice sub-committee on Sentencing reform, Tax Expenditure Review Committee, Public Education Funding Committee, the Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee, the Advisory Board to The Ohio Dentist and Dental Hygienist Loan Repayment Program which serves to increase access to dental care for underserved communities and populations in exchange for loan repayment assistance, the Governor’s Expo2050 Committee planning ahead for State Properties in the downtown Columbus region, the Ohio Tuition Trust Authority Investment Advisory Board, an 11-member board responsible for oversight of the 10 billion dollar plus of investments for the Ohio Tuition Trust Authority and the Council of State Governments Great Lakes Legislative Caucus. Other responsibilities include drafting, review and consideration of legislation, including but not limited to budgetary and tax policy proposals and responding to and assisting district constituent needs.

- **132st GENERAL ASSEMBLY, OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**, Columbus, Ohio <http://www.ohiohouse.gov>
 - **State Representative – 60th District** (2017-2018 term)
 - Served on the House’s Ways and Means Committee (Ranking Minority Member), Finance Committee, Transportation Subcommittee of Finance, Public Utilities Committee, Criminal Justice Committee, Tax Expenditure Review Committee, Public Education Funding Committee, the Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee, the Advisory Board to The Ohio Dentist and Dental Hygienist Loan Repayment Program, the Ohio Tuition Trust Authority Investment Advisory Board, an 11-member board responsible for oversight of the 10 billion dollar plus of investments for the Ohio Tuition Trust Authority, the Council of State Governments Great Lakes Legislative Caucus in addition to other legislator responsibilities.

PRIOR WORK RELATED EXPERIENCE

- **131st GENERAL ASSEMBLY, OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**, Columbus, Ohio <http://www.ohiohouse.gov>
 - **State Representative – 60th District** (2015-2016 term)
 - Served on the House’s Ways and Means Committee, Public Utilities Committee, State and Local Government Committee (Ranking Minority Member), Local Government Innovation Council, Criminal Justice Re-Codification Committee responsible for review and proposing a redraft of Ohio’s Criminal Code, the Committee to Review Victim’s Rights and the Death Penalty, in addition to other legislator responsibilities.
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- **130th GENERAL ASSEMBLY, OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**, Columbus, Ohio <http://www.ohiohouse.gov>
 - **State Representative – 60th District** (2013-2014 term)
 - Served on the House’s Ways and Means Committee, Public Utilities Committee, the State and Local Government Committee and Local Government Innovation Council. Responsibilities included responding and assisting district constituent needs, drafting, consideration and review of legislation, but not limited to budgetary and tax policy proposals, and grant applications.
- **OFFICE OF THE LAKE COUNTY TREASURER**, Painesville, Ohio <http://www.lakecountytreasurer.org/>
 - **Deputy Treasurer** (2011-2012)
 - Responsibilities included assisting in the collection of delinquent real and personal property taxes and establishing new programs such as the Lake County Land Reutilization Corporation (Land Bank).
- **CITY OF MENTOR-ON-THE-LAKE, OHIO** <http://www.citymol.org/>
 - **Mayor and Safety Director** (1993-2012)
 - Appointed to City Council in 1989, elected as a Member of Council in 1989 and 1991. Appointed Mayor in 1993, elected in 1996 and re-elected in 2000, 2004, 2008 and 2012.
 - Chief executive officer of the municipality, responsible for overseeing the operations of all city departments comprised of 108 employees, board and commission members; annual budget averaging in excess of \$4.5 million dollars; ensuring that all laws and ordinances are enforced; advising Council on the condition and future of the municipality; recommending legislation; and executing all municipality contracts and conveyances.
 - **Accomplishments:**
 - Obtained in excess of \$9,500,000 in grants and zero interest loans.
 - Infrastructure improvements including the re-construction of Andrews, Reynolds, and Salida Roads; the elimination of flooding on North Lakeshore via the Harbor Creek Outfall project; erosion control at Mentor Beech Park via the Twilight Road stabilization project; and the Holly and Weber Storm Sewer projects.
 - Twenty new businesses which created 350 new jobs, in excess of 200 new housing units, and well over \$100,000 in increased tax revenues.
 - Established 24-hour in-station fire department coverage resulting in improved response times by appropriately trained personnel. Implemented police bicycle patrols, Cops and Kids Fishing program, and the Plus Program at Lake Elementary School (Note: Mentor-on-the-Lake’s Police Department is nationally recognized for compliance with strict standards of operations by the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies, CALEA).
 - Partnered with Mentor Public Library System to build a permanent branch and with Lake Metro Parks to provide cost-free maintenance and upgrades to Reef Road Park.
 - Installation of new playground equipment, tables, grills, a pavilion, a stairwell for beach and Lake Erie access in addition to other park wide improvements.

- **LAKE COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**, Painesville Ohio <http://www.lakecountyprosecutor.gov>
 - **Supervising Attorney**, DTAC or Delinquent Tax & Collections, Civil Division, (2010-2011)
 - In the first seven months of 2011, the Division resolved and/or recovered delinquent taxes in excess of amounts collected in any of the Division's prior 15 years.
 - Responsibilities included oversight of the division's attorneys and efforts to collect delinquent property taxes, representing the Lake County Treasurer in foreclosure and bankruptcy proceedings. Additional duties included collections on behalf of the Clerk of Courts, County Engineer, Department of Utilities, MRDD Board (Mentally Retarded and Developmentally Disabled) and also representing the Lake County Department of Job and Family Services in guardianship proceedings in Probate Court.
 - **Supervising Attorney**, Juvenile Division, (2005-2009)
 - The Juvenile Division reviewed and/or prosecuted in excess of 8,500 cases during this period.
 - Responsibilities include oversight of the division's four-five attorneys and their efforts to prosecute juvenile delinquencies, truancies, traffic offenses, related probation violations and specific misdemeanor adult cases involving those who contribute to the delinquency and/or the unruliness of minor children and child endangerment. This Division also represented the Lake County Department of Job and Family Services in the prosecution of child abuse, dependency and neglect cases.
 - **Assistant Prosecuting Attorney**, Felony Division, (2004-2005), Juvenile Division, (2003-2004), and Child Support/Title IV-D Division, (2002-2003).
- **GATEWAY CONTROLS COMPANY**, Mentor, Ohio (1998-2003)
 - **President/Principal Owner**
 - Incorporated in 1998, this start-up, home based venture was both a manufacturers' representative and a distributorship business with a customer base located predominantly in Ohio. Initial annual sales of \$25K grew to exceed \$200K in first four years of operation.
 - As President and Principal Owner, I was responsible for managing advertising and marketing; procuring contracts; shipping and receiving; and the handling of accounts receivable and payable.
 - Products included instrument enclosure and support systems, pre-insulated electrically and steam-heated tubing bundles, instrument valve manifolds and magnetic flow meters.
 - Customers included companies in the chemical and petrochemical/refinery industries; power generation; water/wastewater treatment facilities; various manufacturing firms; and engineering consultants
- **PROCESS VALVE AND EQUIPMENT COMPANY**, Chagrin Falls, Ohio (1982-1998)
 - **Vice-President/Sales Engineer**
 - This manufacturers' representative organization with a distributorship component had annual sales approximating \$5,000,000 and a diversified product base including electrical instrumentation consisting of temperature and pressure sensors, liquid and/or gas flow metering equipment, vacuum gauging, chart recorders, data logging equipment, electrical and/or pneumatic control valves.
 - Responsible for the introduction of products; development and proposal of cost-effective measures for customer needs; negotiating with principals to supply competitive pricing; developing quotes and negotiating with customers; expediting of materials; troubleshooting; etc.
- **LAKE HOSPITALS, West End**, Willoughby, Ohio (1978-1983)
 - **Emergency Room Technician**
- **HIRAM COLLEGE**, Hiram, Ohio (1978-1982)
 - **Laboratory Technician, Teaching/Research Assistant, Department of Chemistry**
- **EUCLID GENERAL HOSPITAL**, Euclid, Ohio (1974-1978)
 - **Porter/Emergency Room Orderly**

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Admitted to Practice before
 - ✓ the Ohio Bar
 - ✓ The United States Supreme Court
 - ✓ The 6th Circuit, Federal Court of Appeals
 - ✓ The Northern District of Ohio, Federal Court
 - ✓ The United States Tax Court

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- 2020 Lake County Democratic Party Endorsed Candidate for County Commissioner
- Kentucky Colonel Commission issued by the Governor of Kentucky, Matt Bevin. This honor is in recognition of noteworthy accomplishments, remarkable deeds, and outstanding service to a community, state, or the nation.
<https://www.kycolonels.org/>
- Friend of Agriculture Designation, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, (2019-2020), (2017-2018), (2015, 2016),
<https://ofbf.org/>
- 2017 TOLL FELLOW, The Toll Fellowship Program, named for Council of State Governments founder Henry Wolcott Toll, is one of the nation's premier leadership development programs for state government officials,
<http://www.csg.org/LeadershipCenter/TollFellows.aspx/>
- 2017 Celtic Ball Honoree, St. John Vianney Parish
- National Institute for Trial Advocacy, 2010 NITA Master Advocate designation, 2009, NITA Advocate designation,
<http://www.nita.org/>
- 2012 Lake County Democratic Party Endorsed Primary Candidate for County Treasurer
- 2008 Lake County Democratic Party Endorsed Primary Candidate for Judge, Lake County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division
- Child Advocate of the Year, 2007, Lake County Department of Job and Family Services/Lake County Foster Family Association
- Pro-Bono Community and Service Award, 2000-2001 Academic Year, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law
- CALI Excellence for Future Award, Agency and Partnership, 1999-2000 Academic year, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law
- Pace Setter of the Year Award, O'Brien Corporation, Outstanding Sales in 1998 and 2000

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Lake County Bar Association
 - ✓ Past President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, News Letter Editor and Trustee.
 - ✓ Grievance Committee member (2011-2012).
 - ✓ Time Capsule Committee, recognizing the Lake County Courthouse's 1st 100 years and renovation (2007).
 - ✓ Coordinator of the 1st annual clothing drive, benefitting Painesville's Hope Chest and the needy in 2011.
- American Bar Association
- Ohio State Bar Association & Bar College member
- Lake County Mayors and Managers Association, Vice-President 2011 and 2012

COMMUNITY

- St. John Vianney Parish
- Lake County Blue Coats, Vice-President, Board of Directors
- Lake - Geauga FOP 16 - FOP 25 Lodge
- Buckeye Sheriffs Association
- Benevolent Protective Order of the Elks, Painesville Lodge 549
- Sons of AMVETS, Mentor-on-the-Lake Post 109
- Lake County Township Trustees Association
- Ohio Farm Bureau
- Vice-President, Lake County Mayors and Managers Association, 2012
- Lake Catholic High School, former Advisor, Mock Trial Team, 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 Competition.
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST