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EDUCATION:

New York University, NY, NY Appraisal Studies in Fine and Decorative Arts Certification
Enforex Centro de Estudios Internacionales, Spain (studied Spanish in Barcelona, Madrid & Valencia)
Columbia University Business School, NY, NY M.B.A. and COGME Fellow
Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD B.S. Summa Cum Laude
Stamford High School, Stamford, CT Diploma

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Picture That LLC, Stamford, CT. 2002 – Present:

Fine Art Advisory & Appraisal

American Express, New York, NY since 2011
University of Bridgeport, Bridgeport, CT since 2011
Yale University Hospital, New Haven, CT. since 2010
Fairfield County Bank, Stamford, CT. since 2009
Pitney Bowes, Stamford, CT. since 2008
Travelers, Hartford, CT. since 2007
Northeast Utilities, Berlin, CT. since 2003
IBM/Ted Childs, Armonk, NY. 2002 - 2007

Curatorial Services

General Electric, Fairfield, CT. since 2004
Thompson Hospitality, Herndon, VA. since 2004
UBS, Stamford, CT. since 2003
Deloitte, Tri-State Locations. since 2003
Cartus, Danbury, CT. 2003 - 2010
GENWORTH, Stamford, CT and Richmond, VA. 2003 – 2008
Bank of America, Fairfield County, CT Branches. 2003 – 2007
DIAGEO, Norwalk, CT. 2003 – 2006
GE Medical Systems, Waukesha, WI. 2005
Credit Suisse First Boston, NY, NY. 2004
Goldman, Sachs & Co., NY, NY. 1999 – 2002

Picture That Art Gallery, Stamford, CT. 1992 – 2009. Gallery Owner specializing in Cultural Fine Art.

Goldman, Sachs & Co., New York, NY. 1987–2002. VP of Technology, Risk Management.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE: 2000 – Present:

Stamford Center for the Arts, Richard and Hinda Rosenthal and Sackler Galleries, Stamford, CT

Director of Curatorial Services. Oversee the scheduling and installation of exhibits and receptions for professional artists. Manage a Cultural Arts and Literary Program for grades K-12 students, with participants from Stamford, Greenwich, Darien and Norwalk public and private schools. Secure funding.

INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS:

Current Boards & Memberships

Appraisers Association of America (AAA), NY, NY – Associate; USPAP: Passed Dec. 2007
Norwalk Community College Foundation, Norwalk, CT – Director since 2007; Officer since 2011
Cultural Art Alliance of Fairfield County, Fairfield, CT – Board Member (2010-2011)
Friend of the Studio Museum of Harlem, Harlem, NY - Friend
Stamford Historical Society, Stamford, CT - Member

Art Committees

Chair of CEO Portrait Committee for local Fortune 500 Corporation – Stamford, CT
Norwalk Community College Health & Science Building Art Committee, Norwalk, CT
OTHRA Old Town Hall Museum Art Committee – Stamford, CT

Recent Awards

2010 NAFE National Outstanding Entrepreneur of the Year, Awarded by National Association of Female Executives
2008 NMSDC National Supplier of the Year-Northern Region, Awarded by National Minority Supplier Development Council

PROFESSIONAL STATEMENT:

I have over 20 years of art advisory and curatorial services experience in the fine art industry. This experience includes: buying, selling and leasing art; curating exhibits and online galleries; diversifying art collections by culture; graphic art design; and facilitating art education programs for adults and students. I have also inventoried, photographed and designed systems to electronically manage art collections; and organized framing, transporting, installing and storage solutions nationwide. Lastly, I have lectured and facilitated numerous seminars, interactive workshops and guided tours, for private and non-profit organizations including corporations, academic and religious institutions.