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Legal Experience:

Associate

Gibbs and Appleman, LLP

Los Arboles, California

February 2007- present

Counsel privately held businesses on a broad range of corporate transactions. Practice areas include: (i) mergers and acquisitions; (ii) commercial real estate sale, acquisition, development and leasing; (iii) financing; (iv) franchise; and (v) general business planning. Responsibilities include: (i) counseling business owners regarding growth opportunities and planning disposition/exit strategies; (ii) drafting, negotiating and finalizing purchase and sale agreements and ancillary documents such as disclosure schedules, employment agreements, license agreements, guarantees and financing documents; (iii) managing and conducting due diligence process for acquisitions and dispositions; (iv) conducting and managing real estate due diligence, including title and survey analysis; and (v) advising on various general corporate matters including entity formation, tax issues and corporate governance. Independently manage deals up to \$10 million and serve as lead associate on deals up to \$100 million. Experience in industries ranging from construction and engineering to oil and gas to residential real estate development.

Vice President and General Counsel

Best Ice Cream Ever, LLC

San Angeles, California

August 2005- February 2007

As sole legal counsel for a growing nationally franchised ice cream concept with over sixty (60) outlets, developed and analyzed business growth strategies and advised company on various legal and business matters. Duties included: (i) management and oversight of the sale of all of the company's membership interest to a third party purchaser, including due diligence and disclosure schedules related thereto; (ii) implementation of lease review process and negotiation of commercial real estate leases for all new franchise sites; (iii) ensuring state and federal franchise regulatory compliance; and (iv) managing outside counsel with respect to litigation matters resulting in favorable outcomes for the company.

Associate

Prince and Hamilton, LLP

Middleton, California

August 2003- April 2005

Worked as an associate in a civil litigation firm, focusing on employment, civil rights and constitutional matters. Litigation experience includes: (i) preparing pleadings and motions; (ii) arguing numerous motions on behalf of clients in federal and state court and in administrative proceedings; (iii) conducting depositions and engaging in intensive client contact; and (iv) drafting, negotiating and finalizing settlement agreements.

Education:

University of North Central California School of Law

Juris Doctor, May 2003

Honors: Legal Aid Student of the Year 2002-2003, Memorial Scholarship 2002-2003, Scholarship 2001-2002, and Dean's List.

Activities: Moot Court Team 2002-2003; Research Assistant to Professor Alison Cox.

Fresno, California

Grade Point Average: 3.8/4.00

University of Atlanta

Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, Political Science, June 1997

Honors: Dean's List with Distinction, Phi Eta Sigma, Gold Key and Blue Key National Honor Societies.

Activities: Washington Semester Program at American University, Washington, D.C., Fall 1996.

Atlanta, Georgia

Grade Point Average: 4.0/4.00



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