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Founder, President & CEO (2005-present)

- Exela is a vertically integrated 380-employee fast-growing cGMP sterile pharmaceutical developer, manufacturer and marketer of ANDA and NDA products with over 500,000 sqft of operations covering state-of-the-art high-speed manufacturing and laboratories, in Lenoir, North Carolina.
- Exela is the recipient of the following awards:
 - a) Industry of the Year, Caldwell County, North Carolina – 2014
 - b) Horizons Award, by Premier, Inc.,(the second largest GPO) – 2016
 - c) Manufacturing Leadership Award, Developing Markets, from Governor Roy Cooper through the North Carolina manufacturing Association – 2017
 - d) Borrower of the Year, by National Rural Lenders Association/USDA - 2017
 - e) Horizons Award, by Premier, Inc, 2018.
- Interviewed the Honorable President George W. Bush for over 60 minutes at Becker's Health Care Conference, Chicago, USA – April, 13, 2018.
- Named to PowerList 2021 by Business North Carolina Magazine (May 2021) (State's Most Influential Business Leaders in Life Sciences).

Vice President, Intellectual Property, Watson Pharma (Allergan/Teva) Corona, CA (3/2000-8/2004)

Associate Patent Attorney, Morrison & Foerster, Palo Alto (October 1998 - March 2000)

Associate Patent Attorney, Cooper & Dunham, New York, NY (May 1998 - October 1998)

Pharmacist-in-Charge, CVS (Albertsons)/Thrifty (Rite-Aid), Southern California, 1985-1997

Bar Memberships and Licensures

- Member, California Bar, # 196381, since 08/1998
- The United States Patent and Trademark Office, August 1995, Reg. No. 40,053
- Registered Pharmacist, California, September 1986-2000, License No. 40,486 (expired)

EDUCATION

- LL.M., Columbia University School of Law, 1998 (**Honors: Harlan Fisk Stone Scholar**)
- J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 1996 (*Top 24%*) (while working as a full-time Pharmacist-in-Charge in Orange County, CA)
- Ph.D., Biomed Chemistry, University of Southern California School of Pharmacy, May 1992 (while working as a part-time/full-time Pharmacist in Los Angeles area)

Invited Presentations - Several

Law Review/ Journal Experience

- Associate Editor, *Columbia Journal of Transnational Law*, Columbia Univ School of Law, 1997-98
- Articles Editor, *Journal of Contemporary Legal Issues*, Univ San Diego School of Law, 1994-95

Publications in Law, Science and Patents - Several

Awards

- National Third Prize, Nathan Burkan Memorial Writing Competition in Copyright Law, 2000
- Special Service Award, American Drug Stores, June 1997 (for consistently exceeding management goals and expectations since 1990)
- Outstanding Customer Service Award, American Drug Stores, July 1996
- Outstanding Pharmacy Manager Award, Southwest Region, American Drug Stores, May 1993

Languages

- German (Mittelstufe II), in addition to two native languages of India (Telugu and Hindi)
- Goethe Institut Scholarship, Mittelstufe II Course, Hamburg, Germany