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Professional Experience

Vice President – Federal Affairs & Public Policy – **U.S. Cellular Corporation** - Primary duties include directing the federal and state legislative and regulatory efforts of US Cellular across its 21 state operating territory. Serve as primary company contact for members of Congress and the Federal Communications Commission. Responsible for the preparation of: public policy positions, comments and testimony before state and federal legislative and regulatory bodies. Promoted from Senior Director in 2013. December 2006 – Present.

Director – Legal Affairs & Carrier Relations (2006) \ Regulatory & Corporate Counsel (2001 to 2005) – **TDS Telecommunications Corporation** (Madison, WI) Primary duties included directing the TDS legal activities in the 28 TDS state operating territory. Reported to Executive Vice President & CFO. Chief internal legal advisor to CEO and senior management. Provided tactical legal advice to senior management on pending legal matters including telecommunications, corporate, m&a, employment, litigation management, labor, intellectual property, bankruptcy, risk mitigation, real estate, contracts, financial reporting, insurance, tax, etc. Managed numerous outside counsel in 30 states & Washington DC. In Spring 2006, assumed responsibility for management of ILEC/CLEC carrier relations units within TDS (responsible for \$400M budget). September 2001- December 2006.

Vice President & General Counsel - **Chorus Communications Group, Ltd.** (Madison, WI) Primary duties included serving as general counsel to publicly traded telecommunications company. Also served as vice president directing all operations of governmental affairs and human resources departments as well as serving as corporate secretary. Reported directly to chief executive officer. Provided legal advice to board of directors and senior management on all pending legal matters including telecommunications, corporate, securities, m&a, employment, labor, litigation management, intellectual property, bankruptcy, real estate, debt financing, contracts, insurance, risk mitigation and tax issues. Managed outside counsel in 3 states & DC. Negotiated collective bargaining agreement with labor union. Directed regulatory and legislative affairs at state and federal levels in Wisconsin & Minnesota. June 1999-September 2001.

Associate - **Axley Brynelson Law Firm** (Madison, WI) Practice concentrated in the areas of telecommunications and corporate law with an emphasis on state regulatory

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matters and the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Provided legal advice through extensive direct client contact with a number of telecommunications providers and trade association clients (including the WSTA) in a wide variety of telecommunications-related matters. Represented clients in hearings, arbitration proceedings and contested cases before the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin. Provided legal advice in numerous other areas including corporate, employment, labor, securities, erisa, and tax laws. Registered lobbyist for telecommunications client before the Wisconsin Legislature. Also served as a special prosecutor on loan to the Dane County District Attorneys office from January - May 1995. (clerkship: May-December 1994) (associate: January 1995 – June 1999)

Judicial Intern **Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Jon Wilcox.** (Madison, WI) Wisconsin Law School Judicial Internship Program. Spring 1994

Government Relations Advisor **Quarles & Brady Law Firm.** (Madison, WI) Represented numerous Quarles & Brady clients before the Wisconsin Senate, Assembly, Governor's office, and state agencies. September 1992 - October 1993

Legislative Staff – **Wisconsin Assembly** – (Madison, WI) held various senior staff positions with several legislators – June 1987-September 1992.

Congressional Intern to **Congressman John E. Grotberg.** (Washington, DC) Summer 1986.

Educational History

Masters of Business Administration – Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, Chicago – December 2004.

Juris Doctor - University of Wisconsin Law School, December 1994.

Master of Arts in Public Policy and Administration - LaFollette Institute of Public Affairs, University of Wisconsin-Madison. May 1994.

Bachelor of Arts in Economics - University of Wisconsin-Madison. May 1988.