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### **Summary of Experience**

Nearly three decades of leadership in political, domestic policy and innovative nonprofit operations. As the Chief of Staff to Dr. Jill Biden and as a Deputy Assistant to President Obama, coordinated policy and communications for signature efforts serving veterans, teachers, students, and women and girls across the globe. Extensive experience managing large operations and budgets as well as managing staff. More than 10 years of federal experience, including both the legislative and executive branches. Develop policies as Deputy Governor of Illinois and Chief of Staff to two US Senators. Coordinated resources across the country to fight poverty and disease in Sub-Saharan Africa as the U.S. Executive Director of Bono's ONE Campaign.

### **Employment**

Salary for 2020 -- (b)(6)

SENIOR ADVISOR

Biden for President

7/20 – 11/20 Washington DC

Managed the campaign operations of VP-Elect Harris, including working with other senior campaign staff on the Biden for President campaign to coordinate the VP-Elect's priorities within the overall campaign, helped VP-Elect Harris with high-level strategic planning and events, traveled with the VP-Elect to campaign events around the country, including the Vice Presidential Debate.

PRESIDENT
Tusk Philanthropies

4/17 – Present Chicago, IL

Lead efforts to dramatically increase voter turnout and participation in U.S. elections through mobile voting initiative, coordinated successful pilots in 18 elections across 8 states that allowed some voters, including deployed military members and voters with disabilities to vote by using blockchain and cloud based mobile voting applications that increase security and ease of voting. Lead Tusk's anti-hunger efforts by funding and running campaigns in states to expand and strengthen meal programs for students, seniors, and their families, recent victories include anti-hunger legislation in Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Utah, Arizona, California, New York, New Jersey and Washington. Participated in numerous national and international conferences and served as principal spokesperson on mobile voting and anti-hunger issues. Supported Tusk's portfolio companies with an array of political, communication and regulatory issues.

#### 4/13 – 1/17 Washington, D.C.

#### CHIEF OF STAFF TO DR. JILL BIDEN AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

Office of the Vice President

Manage and oversee the office of Dr. Jill Biden. Coordinate policy and communications for all of Dr. Biden's signature policy efforts, including the Joining Forces initiative focused on supporting service men and women, veterans, and military families; celebrating the teaching profession through meetings and outreach with educators; elevating the role of community colleges in creating the workforce of the future; and raising awareness of the challenges facing women and girls around the world. Oversee the Social Office of the Vice President and manage all of Dr. Biden and the Vice President's events at the official residence. Partner with other White House teams, particularly the Office of the Vice President, the First Lady's office, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and the Office of Public Engagement. Collaborate regularly on priorities with federal agencies, particularly the Departments of Education, Labor, Health and Human Services, and Veterans Affairs. Engage with nonprofit and private sector organizations to help promote policy goals across a wide variety of topics, including military children, education, breast cancer awareness, and women's leadership.

# CHIEF OF STAFF TO VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN Obama for America and Presidential Inaugural Committee

4/12 – 1/13 Chicago, IL

Responsible for managing the campaign operations of Vice President Biden, including working with other senior campaign staff on the Obama for America Campaign to coordinate the Vice President's priorities within the overall campaign. Served on the Obama campaign's Executive Management Team. Worked with the Office of the Vice President in Washington D.C. to build a strategic campaign schedule including grassroots, finance and message events. Traveled with the Vice President to campaign events around the country. Managed campaign staff and coordinated with Democratic Convention team. Oversaw debate preparation for the Vice Presidential Debate. Planned and coordinated Inauguration events for Vice President Biden and his family.

# US EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR The ONE Campaign

6/09 - 4/12 Washington, D.C.

ONE is a bipartisan advocacy organization dedicated to the fight against extreme poverty and preventable diseases, with an emphasis on Sub-Saharan Africa. Responsible for all of ONE's advocacy, communications and campaign activities in the United States. Also served as ONE's Interim Chief Operating Officer for six months. Managed staff of approximately fifty people in D.C. and in regional field offices around the country. Served on ONE's Executive Management Team. Worked directly with Bono, the organization's founder, and the Board to develop long term strategic plans for the organization. Coordinated with ONE Campaign offices based overseas. Led delegations of prominent government officials, celebrities, and policy makers on trips to sub-Saharan Africa.

SENIOR ADVISOR
The Strategy Group

7/08 – 6/09 Evanston, IL

Developed and produced direct mail political strategy and materials for Democratic campaigns including Obama for President during the 2008 cycle. Responsible for direct mail strategy for

the Obama campaign for the battleground states of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Indiana. Provided message and political strategy for State House and Senate campaigns, including designing mail plans and voter communication.

## BOARD MEMBER Chicago Transit Authority

10/08 - 7/09 Chicago, IL

Served as a member of a seven-person public board responsible for overseeing the budget, operations and major initiatives of the Chicago Transit Authority.

DEPUTY GOVERNOR –
State Of Illinois

12/06 - 6/08

Chicago, IL

Oversaw policy, communications and legislative initiatives for the Governor. Served as a surrogate in legislative and agency meetings, inter-state policy conferences, press briefings, radio and TV appearances, and community events. Supervised legislative and communication strategies for the state's 35 agencies. Managed Governor's office staff of 135 employees in Chicago and Springfield.

#### **DEPUTY CAMPAIGN MANAGER**

4/06 - 11/06

Chicago, IL

Oversaw communications, policy and research for the successful re-election campaign for Illinois governor's race. Served as campaign spokesperson for the high intensity campaign. Part of the senior team that developed a successful strategy for the reelection.

#### SENIOR POLICY ADVISOR

9/04 - 4/06

Office of the Governor

Chicago, IL

Developed and implemented various policy initiatives, including "All Kids" health insurance program, "Preschool for All" education program, and "Open Road Tolling" project. Served as media spokesperson on major policy initiatives. Managed policy staff of twelve.

## CHIEF OF STAFF AND POLICY DIRECTOR Hull for Senate

4/03 - 8/04

Chicago, IL

Oversaw policy, communications and research departments. Developed policy initiatives focusing on health care and prescription drugs for seniors. Oversaw debate preparation and candidate briefings. Managed staff of over 100 in campaign headquarters and field offices.

### CHIEF OF STAFF

11/00 - 4/03

Office of Senator Bill Nelson

Washington, D.C.

Served as chief policy and political advisor; established office for Senator-elect, hired legislative, administrative and state staff; prepared office budgets and managed D.C. and state offices. Set office goals, policies and procedures; managed long-term legislative plans; served as principal liaison to constituents, friends and interest groups.

## VICE-PRESIDENT AND PRINCIPAL Wallman Strategic Consulting

10/99 - 11/00 Washington, D.C.

Provided telecommunications and high-tech clients with strategic advice and persuasively advocated clients' positions and arguments before Federal agencies, Congress, and state regulatory commissions/ agencies.

PRINCIPAL 4/99 - 10/99
Podesta.com Washington, D.C.

Provided strategic and legislative advice; designed and implemented comprehensive communication, legislative and regulatory plans, particularly in healthcare and biotech areas.

CHIEF OF STAFF
Office of Senator J. Robert Kerrey

3/97 - 3/99 Washington, D.C.

Served as chief policy and political advisor; prepared office budget and managed the Washington, D.C. and state offices; set office goals, policies and procedures; supervised all hiring decisions and managed long-term legislative plans; approved recommendations on legislative positions; acted as principal liaison to constituents, friends and interest groups. Staffed the Senator, who was co-chair of the IRS Reform Commission, which drafted reform legislation signed into law.

LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR
Office of Senator J. Robert Kerrey

1/96 - 3/97 Washington, D.C.

Managed legislative staff; developed legislative goals and prepared recommendations on legislative positions; participated in legislative hiring decisions; staffed the Senator on the Senate Finance Committee.

BUDGET DIRECTOR

Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee ("DSCC")

1/95 - 2/96

Washington, D.C.

Split time between DSCC and Kerrey Senate office. Prepared and monitored the DSCC budget for the 1996 election cycle; acted as liaison to the Kerrey Senate office; volunteered on the Kansas Senate campaign of Jill Docking.

LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT/COUNSEL
Office of Senator J. Robert Kerrey

11/92 - 1/96

Washington, D.C.

Responsible for health care and entitlement issues; drafted legislation reforming Social Security and other retirement programs; participated in the White House Health Care Task Force; Mainstream Health Reform Coalition; responsible for office ethics and campaign finance issues. Volunteered on the Senator's reelection campaign focusing on debate preparation and election law issues.

LEGAL COUNSEL
Kerrey for President, Inc.

10/91 - 6/92 Washington, D.C.

Advised campaign on a variety of legal issues relating to campaign finance laws; supervised preparation of FEC disclosure reports; negotiated bank loans on behalf of the campaign; assisted in the design and implementation of the campaign budget; spent several weeks in Manchester managing New Hampshire spending.

ASSOCIATE
Arnold & Porter

10/89 - 10/91 & 6/92 - 11/92 Washington, D.C.

Member of the legislative/intellectual property practice group; counseled clients on campaign finance compliance; assisted non-profit organizations with independent expenditure campaigns; administered a coalition of insurance companies, consumer groups and safety advocates.

SUMMER ASSOCIATE Mayer, Brown & Platt Summer, 1988 Washington, D.C. & Chicago, IL

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT
Coopers & Lybrand

5/83 - 8/86 Omaha, Nebraska

#### **Education**

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW SCHOOL J.D.

**CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY** B.S. cum laude, 1983