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PROFESSIONAL FIDUCIARY FOR CONSERVATORSHIPS, GUARDIANSHIPS, AND TRUSTS

Professional Fiduciary Management – Qualified to Perform Conservatorship, Guardianship, and Trustee Functions by Court Appointment. Over 15 Years of Experience as a Fiduciary. Additional Background as a Forensic Accountant and IRS Agent.

Overview:

Success in managing trustee functions and liquidating trust quickly while maintaining compliance with all legal requirements. Able to gain the full trust and confidence of trustors, conservatees and beneficiaries based on extensive experience in managing financials and other related matters. Earned recognition and multiple commendations throughout career, including Employee of the Year Award from work performed with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Key Value-Offered Qualifications:

- Investment Evaluations & Management
- Estate Sale/Liquidation Strategies & Solutions
- Interactions with Court Representatives/Judiciaries
- Relationships with Trustors & Conservatees
- Analysis of Financials and Related Information
- Federal and State Regulatory Compliance Matters

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Fiduciary

Specializing in rectifying accounting and management issues associated with various trusts, estates, conservatorships and guardianships. Performed forensic accounting when needed.

- **Identified problem with tax returns and eliminated errors/discrepancies.** Changed accountants, investment advisors, and staff members to improve level of service to Trust.
- **Completed final distributions to various charities named in the Trust within 120 days** of the death of the last trustee, resulting in significant benefits to charities. Managed estate sale of \$2.2 million and all medical needs of trustees effectively.
- **Pre-qualified for all bonding needs**
- **Licensed Nationally and in the State of California**

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE – ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS – 1990-2007

Forensic Accountant

Conducted financial examinations on both individuals and corporations to determine financial condition/health based on profitability, earnings, and solvency factors. Collected evidence from crime scenes, financial

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE, continued

institutions, and 3rd party sources, using the Grand Jury subpoena process as well as court orders. Reconstructed crime scenes to determine relationships among pieces of evidence.

Forensic Accountant, Dept. of Justice

Performed specialized examinations related to felony prosecutions on both the United States Federal and State of California Court levels. Kept records and composed written reports with findings submitted to both prosecutors and the defense council. Testified in court regarding investigative and analytical methods; cross-examined by various attorneys.

- **Requested to testify as an expert witness 35+ times** in the fields of accounting and money laundering in the State of California Superior Court and the United States Federal Court on multiple occasions.
- **Earned Employee of the Year Award in 1994;** received the award from the Secretary of the Treasury of the U.S. Lloyd Bentsen in an official ceremony in recognition of “exceptional work” that led to successful arson convictions.

Hired at the GS-12 level and promoted to the GS-13 level, based on performance and results

DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY – INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE- 1984-1990

Revenue Agent

Conducted over 500 examinations/audits that involved Personal, Partnership, Corporate, S Corporation, and Non-Filer taxpayers, identifying civil or felony tax liability situations. Managed approximately 50 cases per year, with varying degrees of difficulty.

- **Performed exams for the Congressional Joint Committee of Taxation for Congress** that involved financial evaluations of various corporate entities with assets of over \$100 million yet small tax liabilities. Provided findings that were subsequently used in formulating future tax laws.

Earned series of promotions, from GS-5 to GS-11, based on performance and results.

EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS

Professional Fiduciary Management Certificate

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY – Fullerton, CA – completion of 7-course program

Business Administration, Concentration in Accounting in Business

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Licenses & Designations

Former Enrolled Agent License, (currently inactive)

Qualified for Top Secret Government Clearance (currently inactive)

Technology Skills

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Proficient in Access, Excel, and Word