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## Professional Experience

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- 1999 – Present: *Michigan's Office of the Auditor General*  
State Relations Officer
- 1994 – 1999: *Ferris State University*  
Vice President for External Affairs
- 1990 – 1994: *State of Michigan*  
Chief of Staff, House of Representatives  
Director, Senate Majority Policy Office
- 1988 – 1990: *Michigan State Medical Society*  
Manager of Health Care Delivery and Economics
- 1983 – 1988: *Michigan Senate*  
Public and Mental Health Policy Advisor
- 1971 – 1983: *Community Mental Health and Public Health*  
Coordinator of Substance Abuse Programs  
Assistant Director of Substance Abuse Programs  
Therapist/Diagnostician

## Career Accomplishments

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- Spearheaded landmark health care prevention legislation.
- Secured articulation agreements between Ferris State University and two German Fachhochule Universities in Aachen and Straslund, Germany.
- Co-Directed the historical first Shared Power Agreement for the Michigan House of Representatives.
- Successfully negotiated an International agreement between the City of Moscow Russia (U.S.S.R.) and the State of Michigan facilitating mutual cooperation in the field of Small Business.
- Negotiated and worked collaboratively with legislative and executive interest groups on Public policy issues and legislation.
- Appointed by Governor Milliken to the Governors Panel on Smoking and Health.
- Secured several multi-million dollar University building projects.
- Consultant to the National Centers for Disease Control and various hospitals in Michigan, Illinois and Florida.
- City of DeWitt, Michigan, City Councilman.

Recipient of awards from the American Cancer Society, American Lung Association, Michigan Council on Maternal Child and Health and the Capitol Area Substance Abuse Commission.

Lead Instructor for Lansing Community College's Substance Treatment Certification and Licensure Program.

Researched, analyzed and drafted several pieces of legislation for State Senators and Representatives.

Instituted Employee Assistance Programs in the Michigan Legislature (the first in a legislative chamber in the nation) and at Ferris State University.

Volunteered for the Legal Aid Society, Lions Club, the American Lung Association, the National Council on Alcoholism and the University of Michigan's Genome Ethics Committee.

Co-founder of The Treetops Group and Michigan State Universities Health Policy Forum.

Authored and Co-participated in the writing of several documents.

Currently a member of Ferris State Universities Advisory Council on the Professional Golfers Association of America's Professional Golf Management Program, the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Michigan Capitol and Constitutional Advisor to the Citizens For Michigan.

## Qualifications

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Master of Arts, Michigan State University, 1980.

Bachelor of Arts, Michigan State University, 1971.

Professional Licensed Counselor, State of Michigan.

Licensed Master of Social Work - Clinical and Macro, State of Michigan.

## Specialized Training

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Adjunct Professor, Substance Use/Abuse Therapist Trainer

Large and small group speaker.

Trainer in empathy communication, overdose and crisis intervention.

First Aid, AED and CPR trained.

Emotional Crisis Intervention.

Substance Use/Abuse Assessments.

References available by request.