



**MILWAUKEE
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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Chief Financial Officer

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EXPERIENCE

MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS Chief Financial Officer

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
September 2010 - Present

- Responsible for the overall fiscal management of the District's approximately \$1 billion of assets and stewardship of annual budgets.
- Direct, plan, supervise and maintain systems of control for general accounting, accounts payable, payroll and procurement.
- Supervise the sale and issuance of notes and bonds for the Board pursuant to statute.
- Direct and administer the activities of the CFO/Treasurer's office, including centralized accounting for expenditures and property, expenditure forecasting, cash-flow management.
- Direct the audit and payment of salary disbursements, payroll deductions, and related obligations.
- Communicate financial information in both written and oral formats to the Milwaukee Board of School Directors and Superintendent on a monthly basis or as required.
- Coordinate with the Superintendent the development and presentation of the annual budget.

NORTH MILWAUKEE STATE BANK General Counsel

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
April 2009 – August 2010

- Reporting to the President and Chief Executive Officer, responsible for planning and directing all aspects of the bank's day-to-day legal affairs, internal audit, board relations and finance.
- Provide counsel and support to the bank on regulatory related matters and corporate transactions, as well as act in an advisory role on other general legal matters as it relates to contracts, litigation, credit and employment issues.
- Provide legal analysis, opinions and recommendations regarding loan documentation and workout policies and procedures.
- Responsible for the preparation, review, analysis and negotiation of legal and related documents and act as a liaison with staff and outside counsel.

WHYTE HIRSCHBOECK DUDEK S.C. Associate

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
February 2008 – February 2009

- Participate as bond counsel in more than 15 conduit financing transactions with a par amount of approximately \$71,000,000.00.
- Perform loan review analysis of troubled credits, including tasks ranging from identification of documentation deficiencies to drafting compromise agreements.

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE Bureau Director, Financial and Management Services

Madison, Wisconsin
September 2006 - October 2007

- As the agency's Chief Financial Officer, direct, plan, and coordinate the Department of Revenue's fiscal management functions, agency-wide purchasing program, fleet management functions, records and forms management functions, risk management and general management services.
- Administer and coordinate the Department's financial operations covering over \$155 million annually in appropriations and over \$11 billion in tax revenues.
- Supervise and manage all the financial operations covering all expenditures, encumbrances, and tax or other revenues processes in the agency.

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- Develop and implement agency financial policies, procedures, and standards used in accounting, auditing, financial reporting and related financial management ensuring compliance with GAAP, federal and state statutes, policies, and regulations.

CLEVELAND MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Chief Financial Officer

Cleveland, Ohio
September 2006

- Responsible for the overall fiscal management of the District's \$1.2 billion of assets and stewardship of annual budgets approaching \$600 million.
- Participate as financial advisor or team member in negotiations with employee groups.
- Direct, plan, supervise and maintain systems of control for general accounting, accounts payable, payroll, property tax functions, and investments.
- Supervised the sale and issuance of notes and bonds for the Board pursuant to statute.
- Direct and administer the activities of the CFO/Treasurer's office, including centralized accounting for expenditures and property, expenditure forecasting, cash-flow management, risk management, institutional advancement, food service operations, and investment of surplus funds.
- Direct the audit and payment of salary disbursements, payroll deductions, and related obligations.
- Communicate financial information in both written and oral formats to the Cleveland Board of Education and CEO on a monthly basis or as required.
- Coordinate with the CEO the development and presentation of the annual budget.

CLEVELAND MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Deputy Chief Financial Officer

Cleveland, Ohio

- Part of team securing ratings upgrades and enhancements for \$2 million savings.
- Review and draft legal documents for the Finance Department.
- District's liaison to Commission organized to monitor spending of over \$1 billion in capital improvements.
- Responsible for monitoring contract compliance relative to minority and women-owned business enterprises for District's \$1 billion capital program.
- Work with financial advisors and bond counsel to restructure outstanding debt for more than \$6 million in savings.
- Act as liaison between the District and outside parties in the development of the Official Statements for over \$200 million in General Obligation financing.
- Negotiate over \$10 million in lease purchases for school buses.
- Secure competitive grants in excess of \$20 million.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
Asset Manager

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
June 1994 – August 1996

- Monitor sixty Multi-Family Insured and secretary-held mortgages, which included financial statement review, rental increase determinations, budget approval, and review of management operations. Required knowledge of residential and commercial transactions including property leasing, taxes and insurance, contract terms; and the interaction with brokers, appraisers, inspectors, attorneys, partners and contractors.

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SECURITY BANK S.S.B. (M&I)
Internal Auditor

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
August 1992 – June 1994

- Perform operational and compliance audits in the Bank and its related subsidiaries. Conduct the Bank's audit of its portfolio of residential and commercial loans. Review underwriting standards and procedures. Analyze financial statements to draw conclusions as to the financial strength of the client and the overall capacity of the borrower to service the required debt.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
Revenue Officer

Jackson, Mississippi
January 1991 – January 1992

- Responsible for protecting the interests of the Federal Government and the taxpaying public via collecting delinquent tax accounts and securing delinquent tax returns. Specific duties include on a case-by-case basis, conducting research, interviews, investigations, analyzing financial statements and contacting third parties for information.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN LAW SCHOOL, Madison, Wisconsin
J.D.
Licensed: Ohio and Wisconsin

May 1999

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, Urbana, Illinois
M.S. Finance

August 1990

JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY, Jackson, Mississippi
B.S. Finance

July, 1988

ACTIVITIES

- Milwaukee Area Technical College Audit Advisory Committee, Member
- Joint Review Board for Milwaukee Tax Incremental Finance Districts, Member