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## **SUMMARY**

Administers policies and programs for the recruitment and selection of qualified staff members. Ensures personnel / benefits administration, recruitment, regulatory compliance with local, state and federal laws. Committed to Excellence, Professionalism, Confidentiality, Integrity and HR Policy Compliance. Demonstrates success with major projects in administering benefits and compensation realignment and organizational structure. Well versed in all phases of HIPAA, FLSA, FMLA, ADA, and ADEA. Excellent presentation, communications and leadership skills; develop productive relationships with management, colleagues, and employees throughout organization.

# Professional Competencies include:

- Managerial Accounting
- Compensation and Rewards
- Benefits Administration
- Leadership and Organizational
- Managerial Economics
- Strategic Hum Res Mgmt.
- Succession Planning

- Financial Management
- Advanced Labor Relations
- Collective Bargaining
- Marketing Management
- Conducting Investigations

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### **Listed Rule 31 General Civil Mediator**

01/2016 to Present

- Trained and experienced in dispute resolution.
- Serve as neutral facilitator to help parties explore their problem, and find new options to resolve the dispute.

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#### **Human Resource Manager/EEO/AAP Coordinator**

**08/2008 to Present** 

- Administers policies and programs for the recruitment and selection of qualified staff members. Counsels employees regarding benefits and obligations and enrolls eligible employees in benefit programs. Maintains personnel records for each employee. Coordinates staff training and development.
- Plans and executes policies relative to HR Management functions in conjunction with the Corporate Vice President of Human Resources.
- Interviews and selects potential candidates for employment.
- Serves as the Center's Equal Employment Opportunity Officer.
- Develops and monitors the Center's Affirmative Action Plan and its updates

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09/2003 to 08/2008

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### **Human Resources Specialist**

03/1992 to 09/2003

- Acted as an information source on selected established personnel policies and procedures. Explained fringe benefits and responded to inquiries.
- Reviewed and screened applications.
- Maintained employee records regarding insurance, retirement, hiring, etc.
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### **EDUCATION / CERTIFICATIONS**

Strayer University, Memphis, TN. – **M.B.A. Human Resource Management** Belhaven University, Jackson, MS – **B.B.A. Human Resource Management** Northwest MS Community College, Senatobia, MS – **A.A.S Information Technology/Business Mgmt.** 

University of Memphis – Certificate in SHRM Learning System

MINACT, INC., Management Development Institute – Certificate in Ethics Training

Unites States Army Reserve – Certificate for Pre-Deployment DET 23

United States Department of Labor – 2003 – 2012 – National Equal Opportunity

NW MS SHRM – Certification of Training

### MEMBERSHIPS / ASSOCIATIONS

General Member of Mediate.com
Tennessee Association of Professional Mediators
Past Volunteer – SHRM-Memphis Board of Directors
Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM)
Commissioned Notary Public (TN &MS) - National Notary Association
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Strayer University Alumni