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ART DIRECTION

18 years experience in brand development. Broad expertise in creating dynamic corporate communications with memorable graphics, clear branding and award-winning design.

I bring inspiration, imagination, creativity and a sense of humor to each creative challenge.

EXPERTISE

Creative Team Management | Production Oversight | Concept Development | Corporate Branding | Proficiency in Adobe Creative Suite and Microsoft Office

EXPERIENCE

Freelance Art Director

Collaborate with marketing managers to develop campaigns from concept to execution – including print and digital advertising, web, email and multi–channel social media graphics. Design conference support materials and PowerPoint design.

Senior Graphic Designer

John Hancock Retirement Plan Services – Boston, MA

Created customized 401(k) communications and branded campaigns resulting in increased retirement plan assets under management. Instrumental in achieving new business growth and increasing employee participation in client retirement programs.

- Collaborated with account executives/writers to develop content and creative direction for retirement planning awareness using contemporary themes, one of which capitalized on the popularity of Game of Thrones; successful employee impact resulted in an award from the League of American Communications Professionals
- Brainstormed with executive marketing manager to develop campaign materials supporting National Sales Meeting on "Personalizing Your Retirement;" worked with outside vendor to ensure on-time production. Wide acceptance of final campaign materials led to decision to maintain theme and repurpose it the following year

Senior Graphic Designer

July 2007 – February 2015

New York Life Retirement Plan Services - Boston, MA

Developed customized campaigns for retirement plan communications that serviced a wide range of clients. Designed corporate identity, event graphics, corporate brochures, and industry-specific ads.

- Oversaw in-house photographic services responsible for corporate headshots and first-ever video presentations used in executive communications; worked with finance to secure funding and purchase equipment leading to company savings of \$20k
- Created introductory video for new CEO to showcase his dynamic personality to the company; included a "breakthrough" sequence where he charged through a large poster of the previous CEO, adding well-received humor and impact to his presentation in Gillette Stadium

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Fine Arts: Graphic Design; Arizona State University

AWARDS

League of American Communications Professionals | Natick Center for the Arts | Quincy Marina Bay Art Show

OTHER

Art Director, Pioneer Investments, Boston

Supervised 4 designers and established the creative direction for mutual fund launches, brochures, direct mail, corporate identity, and trade shows. Drove logo rebrand in partnership with Interbrand, London.

Art Director, Scully Signal Company, Boston

Supervised 2 designers, directed studio and location photography sessions and developed sales communications, trade show materials, websites, and catalogs. Managed studio photography and print buying.

Art Director, Kensington Microware, New York City

Designed packaging, point-of-purchase displays, advertising, brochures, direct mail and special promotions for all computer accessories. Supervised printing through regular visits to printing plants in Asia.

February 2019 to present

February 2015 – February 2019