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Education:

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Ithaca, New York

Masters of Professional Studies in Real Estate Candidate, expected graduation in May 2010

Focus: Investments, Asset Management and Corporate Real Estate

- G.T.R.S. (Graduate Teaching and Research Specialist) Assistantship
- Representative for the program in Real Estate at the G.P.S.A. (Graduate and Professional Student Assembly)
- R.E.R.I. (Real Estate Research Institute) Student Award
- Among the Best 200 out of 3,287 participants of the 2008 World Bank International Essay Competition

Dec 2004

MCGILL UNIVERSITY

Montreal, Canada

B.A. - Honors in Economics and Finance with a Minor in Hispanic studies

- Jackie Robinson Scholarship
- Selected for the "Leadership Development Program" of the "Women in Leadership Foundation"
- President of the International Management Society

Experience:

Summer 2009

ATCO ADVISORY

New York, NY

Intern in the finance/acquisitions group

- Identified multi-sector investment opportunities (for sale, foreclosures, REO and 1031)
- Undertook market analyses in 7 states
- Underwrote potential properties and prepared financial models for joint venture transactions

2001-2008

REAL ESTATE PERSONAL AND FAMILY INVESTMENTS

Project Manager

- Analyzed the feasibility of investment projects – profitability and market comparable analyses
- Lead multi-family properties and land acquisitions in North America, France and West Africa
- Directed the management of subcontractors, internal and external teams, and the entitlement process
- Managed portfolio of properties
- Designed and implemented leasing marketing and public relation strategies

2007-2008

ERNST & YOUNG

Calgary, Canada

Senior Tax Consultant, International Tax Services, U.S. Corporate Tax Group

- In charge of projects for Fortune 500 companies and oil & gas corporations
- Responsible for large scale compliance projects: complex returns preparation for companies having nexus in more than 30 states
- Advised clients on real estate accounting and legal tax issues: minimization of the tax impact of corporate acquisitions, accounting fixed assets valuation knowledge, REITs...
- Represented clients with state, federal and international tax authorities
- Reorganized the compliance team's internal procedures
- Reviewed junior staff work and recruited two employees
- Awarded for outstanding efforts throughout the year

2005-2007

DELOITTE & TOUCHE

Montreal, Canada

Senior Tax Consultant, International Tax Services, U.S. Corporate Tax Group

- Thoroughly and accurately analyzed and processed information to make informed decisions in the preparation of returns and other tax research projects.
- Interacted between clients and various authorities concerning their U.S. tax issues
- Created tax strategies that worked and helped streamline the U.S. compliance process.
- Represented the U.S. team for all human resources functions within the firm, mentored new employees and lead a fundraising campaign

Skills & Activities

- Softwares: Microsoft Office, ARGUS, International tax softwares (BNA, CCH), Statistics softwares
- Fluent in French, advanced level in Spanish
- Extensive community work: mentoring, volunteering
- Music: Graduated from Paris – Xe (France) Conservatory of Music in theory and piano
- Traveling: lived on three continents, enjoy discovering new cultures; Sport: running, inline skating