CHRIS KLONOSKI
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2000 Current **Freelance Writer/Communications Consultant,** (**Created *Proficio*, LLC**, 2008)

- Ghostwriter for elected officials running for local and national office, part-time writer for a public relations firm, feature writer for a regional magazine focusing on local and national figures in the lifestyle areas of restaurant development, fashion, and entertainment. Speechwriter for political organization with a national profile. Columnist for local magazine with a focus on parenting. Writer and communications consultant for an international development company. Chairman of Public Relations Committee for a national charter school organization. Liaison to nine charter schools, providing guidance and assistance to address PR needs including emergency response, building community partnerships and general community relations strategy. Interim Marketing Director for an expanding Pre-school/K-2 private school.

September 1998- May 2000 **Executive Vice President, Public Policy**
Scottsdale Chamber of Commerce

- Member of senior management team that established and directed all Chamber guiding policies, both internal and external, related to personnel and strategic planning.
- Analyzed, formulated and implemented legislative and political positions and objectives in pursuit of policy that benefited the business climate of Scottsdale. Liaison to campaigns and fundraising projects.
- Maintained and consistently expanded an extensive network of relationships in the public sector, private enterprise and the press. Formed coalitions and packaged projects and interests towards mutual goals (to secure funds or to influence policy or public opinion).
- Effective communicator to a multitude of varying audiences. Extensive analytical and persuasive writing involved as well as verbal presentations.
- Responsive to three separate Board of Directors ranging in size from 15 to 40. The Boards' were composed of CEO's, executive management, entrepreneurs and community leaders. Provided education, strategic planning and action items in the areas of public policy, hospitality and economic development.
- Originally hired to create a public policy department from scratch. In one year created recognition, increased influence, and achieved desired impact.

July 1997- August 1998 **Special Assistant**
Governor Fife Symington, Governor Jane Dee Hull

- Wrote and edited speeches given by the Governor at events with attendance from 50 to 2,000.
- Created policy positions and objectives for the Governor within the areas of air quality, Indian affairs and a variety of other issues in conjunction with the Legislature, congressional delegation, state agencies, and community and business leaders.
- Lobbied the Arizona State Legislature on behalf of the Governor's office.

August 1996- July 1997 **CAM Company**
Phoenix, Arizona

- Founded a political/public relations consulting company in July of 1996.
- Campaign Manager for a statewide, three million dollar, successful Initiative: built a membership committee consisting of 17,000 Arizona citizens; managed the budget, directed activities of staff and consultants; developed comprehensive press strategy, print and electronic mediums; one of three official campaign spokespeople; assisted in production of all campaign print and broadcast materials; extensive fundraising. Won by a 2:1 margin.

- Clients also include a political consulting firm, Landry & Associates, the Greater Phoenix Economic Council, an economic development public/private partnership ranked one of the top ten economic development organizations in the world market, and Rainmakers, a marketing consulting firm specializing in business and economic development, client retention and community relations.
- Activities include lobbying, policy development and implementation, event planning, project management and community relations development.

January 1995 **Chief of Staff**
March 1996 U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman John Shadegg

- Established Washington office for freshman Member of Congress. Responsible for all personnel decisions.
- Served as Member's chief legislative and political advisor including development of all policy objectives and strategies.
- Acted as the Member's principal liaison and representative to constituents, public officials and interest groups.
- Determined and executed all financial decisions regarding a $1 million dollar budget.
- Executed duties on behalf of the Congressman as the liaison to the campaign and to a major political action committee.

September 1992- **Policy Analyst**
December 1994 U.S. House of Representatives, Republican Study Committee

- Wrote policy papers and speeches for the House floor, crafted amendments, organized issue forums and press conferences for the following issue areas: the environment, energy, natural resource management, transportation, agriculture, education, and labor.
- Interviewed applicants and coordinated placement for positions in congressional offices. Maintained financial accounts.
- Managed computer system, including hardware purchasing, networking, staff software training, and troubleshooting.

Summer 1990- **Intern**, Office of the Vice President of the United States

EDUCATION

1991 Bachelor of Arts in Political Science University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona
Minors: Communication, Sociology

AWARDS

The Business Journal's 1999 Most Influential, Thirty and Under category

WRITING SAMPLES AND REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.