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Curriculum Vitae

SUMMARY

Brad Taft has over 40 years of experience in the employment and human resources consulting fields, with an emphasis in executive recruiting, outplacement and career transition. He has co-authored two books and is an accomplished public speaker on career and workplace issues. His skills, knowledge, and experience in the employment field provide a strong foundation for his work as an expert witness providing consulting, research, analysis, and opinions in lawsuits that involve employment matters, including wrongful termination, divorce, negligent hiring, workers compensation, personal injury, discrimination, harassment, retaliation, and immigration.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Vocational Evaluation, Earning Capacity, Employability, Labor Market Analysis, Job Search Effectiveness, Human Resources and Employment Policies and Procedures, Discrimination, Harassment, Retaliation, Career Consulting, Job Placement Assistance.

EMPLOYMENT FORENSICS

Professional expert experience covers over 14 years of supporting more than 575 legal cases for both plaintiffs and defendants including over 440 Family Law cases, 75 Wrongful Termination lawsuits, 2 Negligent Hiring cases, 8 Civil Litigation cases, 24 Personal Injury cases, 8 Workers' Compensation lawsuits, one Wrongful Death case, and two Immigration cases. Testified in 107 trials: 98 in Superior Court of Arizona; 2 in U.S. District Court – Arizona; 2 in the 4th Judicial District Court of Colorado; 1 in the Circuit Court, County of St. Louis, State of Missouri; 1 in 6th Judicial Court of New Mexico; 1 in District Court, Clark County, Nevada; 2 in the Industrial Commission of Arizona; 12 Arbitrations; and 25 Depositions.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

TAFT VOCATIONAL EXPERTS LLC, Scottsdale, AZ

2010 to Present

Owner, Managing Director

Provide consulting and expert witness services involving employment and human resource issues to the legal community including vocational evaluations, labor market research, earning capacity analysis, job search effectiveness evaluation, discrimination, harassment, and retaliation. Research and prepare comprehensive reports and provide depositions and testimony.

**TAFT CAREER GROUP LLC, Scottsdale, AZ
(Formerly TAFT RESOURCE GROUP)**

2003 to Present

Owner, Chief Career Strategist

Provide corporate-retained outplacement services and career transition consulting directly to individuals serving in a variety of functions and industries.

- Assist job seekers in career planning, goal setting, resume and cover letter writing, interviewing, networking, identifying sources of job leads and job search strategy development
- Develop and deliver customized, one-on-one career transition services including entrepreneurial consulting to individuals throughout the United States
- Create and deliver presentations, webinars, teleseminars and workshop programs on a variety of career, employment and workplace topics

SPHERION HUMAN CAPITAL CONSULTING, Los Angeles, CA 2001 to 2003

General Manager/Account Director

Managed and delivered outplacement consulting and business development for the Southwest region of this international human resources consulting firm, a division of Spherion Corporation, a \$2.5 billion human resources, recruitment, technology and outsourcing company. Managed a staff of 5 in the Los Angeles office.

- Assisted displaced employees with career planning and job search training services through one on one consultation and small group workshops

RIGHT MANAGEMENT, INC., Phoenix, AZ & Los Angeles, CA 1993 to 2001

Senior Vice President, Client Relations (Phoenix)

2000 to 2001

Vice President (Los Angeles)

1993 to 2000

Managed and delivered outplacement services and business development for the three office Arizona/Nevada region of this international human resources consulting firm. Previously developed, managed and delivered outplacement services and managed client relationships in the Los Angeles and Woodland Hills, CA offices.

- Developed and implemented strategic marketing plans involving product changes, new product introductions and their successful launch into new target markets
- Managed and implemented on-site career centers
- Created and delivered consulting and sales training programs

LEE HECHT HARRISON, INC., Los Angeles, CA

1990 to 1993

Vice President, Client Relations

Delivered executive and group outplacement services and managed client relations for the Los Angeles office of this national outplacement firm.

CAREER TRANSITION GROUP, INC., Los Angeles, CA

1985 to 1990

President

Co-Founded this outplacement firm and was responsible for general management, human resources, program development and delivery of executive and group outplacement services.

- Developed innovative outplacement programs to meet the needs of a diverse group of employees transitioning from a major healthcare organization
- Developed and implemented all human resources policies, procedures and systems

UNIVANCE, INC., Los Angeles, CA – **Outplacement Consultant**

1981 to 1985

N. W. GIBSON INTERNATIONAL, Los Angeles, CA - **Executive Recruiter**

1980 to 1981

TAFT & ASSOCIATES, Los Angeles, CA - **Executive Recruiter**

1979 to 1980

GLOBAL MARINE, INC., Los Angeles, CA - **Treasury Associate**

1978 to 1979

KORN/FERRY INTERNATIONAL, Los Angeles, CA - **Executive Recruiter**

1976 to 1978

CERTIFICATIONS

Career Management Fellow (CMF), International Board for Career Management Certification

Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR), Human Resource Certification Institute

Senior Certified Professional (SHRM-SCP), Society for Human Resource Management

Certified Forensic Litigation Consultant (CFLC), Forensic Expert Witness Association

EDUCATION

Master of Business Administration, University of Southern California

Bachelor of Arts in Communication, University of Southern California

VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP & AFFILIATIONS

Member, Arizona Family Court Spousal Maintenance Guidelines Subcommittee

Board Member, Forensic Expert Witness Association

Associate Member, American Board of Vocational Experts

Member, WorldatWork (formerly American Compensation Association)

Member, Association of Career Professionals International

Member, Society for Human Resource Management

Member, Society for Human Resource Management of Greater Phoenix

Member, Arizona Total Rewards Association

Member – Airpark Toastmasters Club

Past President, Board of Directors, USC School of Business Alumni Association

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Books

Boom or Bust!: New Career Strategies in a New America (Cambridge Media, LLC; 2006)
(Co-Author)

Return of the Boomers (Cambridge Media, LLC; 2008) (Co-Author)

Articles

Following Through: How a Vocational Expert Can Support a Spouse in Finding Employment; *Maricopa Lawyer*, December 2022

The Covid-19 Pandemic's Effect on Determining the Earning Capacity of Spouses
Journal of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Vol. 34, No. 2, May 2022

Determining Earning Capacity in a Changing Labor Market
Arizona Attorney Magazine, January 2021

Redefining the Attorney – Expert Relationship
Arizona Attorney Magazine, March 2019

Do Both Sides in a Divorce Case Need a Vocational Expert?
Arizona Association of Family Law Attorneys Newsletter, Summer 2013

Earning Capacity: Labor Market Analysis for Determining Spousal Maintenance;
Arizona Association of Family Law Attorneys Newsletter, Fall 2011

Can America Continue to Compete in the 21st Century?; *Career Planning and Adult Development Journal*, Fall 2008 (Co-author)

Mature Workers: a Fine Source of Renewable Energy; *Phoenix Business Journal*,
December 14, 2007

Mature Workers: Do They Really Cost More to Employ?; *Phoenix Business Journal*,
June 29, 2007

A Letter to Career Consultants and Coaches on Behalf of Boomers and Traditionalists Who Need Your Expertise; *Career Planning and Adult Development Journal*, Fall 2006
(Co-author)

Managing Workforce Reductions; *California Employment Law Letter*, 2/4/02 & 2/18/02

Outplacement and Communicating Work Force Reductions; chapters in **Downsizing**, by
Ethan Lipsig; BNA Books; 1997, 1998 Update

Presentations

Best Use of Experts

Arizona Bar Annual Conference – Employment and Labor Law Section
Phoenix, Arizona
June 25, 2025

Overcoming Challenges in Conducting Vocational Evaluations in Divorce Cases

American Board of Vocational Experts 2025 Annual Conference
Asheville, NC
March 15, 2025

Determining Earning Capacity in the Changing Labor Market

American Board of Vocational Experts 2024 Annual Conference
Memphis, Tennessee
March 8, 2024

The Roles of the Consulting Expert and the Testifying Expert

Forensic Expert Witness Association Expert Summit (Virtual)
October 9, 2023

How to Effectively Work with Attorneys and Experts in Litigation Matters

Arizona SHRM 2023 Annual State Conference
Glendale, AZ
August 30, 2023

The New Arizona Spousal Maintenance Guidelines

Maricopa County Association of Family Mediators (Virtual)
August 29, 2023

How to Effectively Work with Attorneys and Experts in Litigation Matters

Arizona SHRM 2022 Annual State Conference
Glendale, AZ
September 7, 2022

How Vocational Evaluation Experts Determine the Employability and Earning Capacity of Spouses

The Ilumni Institute Raising the Bar CLE Series (Virtual)
May 25, 2022

Expert Help You May Not Know You Need: Vocational Evaluation

Maricopa County Bar Association – Family Law Series (Virtual)
March 18, 2022

Moving Forward: Supporting Clients in Finding Employment and Advancing Their Careers

Maricopa County Association of Family Mediators (Virtual)
February 22, 2022

Overcoming the Challenges of Determining Earning Capacity in the Changing Labor Market: Identifying New Sources for Valid Compensation Data

International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals Annual Conference (Virtual)
October 9, 2020

Career Advancement

USC Alumni Club of Phoenix Executive Event
Phoenix, Arizona
October 1, 2019

The Challenge of Determining Earning Capacity in the Changing Labor Market

American Board of Vocational Experts 2019 Annual Conference
Tucson, Arizona
April 13, 2019

Show Me the Money: How to Convince the Court to Impute Income

American Bar Association Webinar
December 12, 2018

Show Me the Money: How to Convince Your Judge to Impute Income

American Bar Association Section of Family Law – 2018 Fall CLE Conference
Tucson, Arizona
October 4, 2018

Moving Forward: Supporting Clients in Finding Employment and Advancing Their Careers

Maricopa County Association of Family Mediators
Phoenix, AZ
9/26/17

Developing an Effective Expert Witness CV

Forensic Expert Witness Association – Arizona Chapter
Phoenix, AZ
6/15/16

New Beginnings: Tapping into Vocational, Career and Educational Resources

Maricopa County Association of Family Mediators
Phoenix, AZ
1/28/14

Strategic Job Search

ExecuNet – Phoenix Networking Meeting
Tempe, AZ
1/21/14

Executive Marketing Strategy: The Dynamic Resume and More

ExecuNet – Phoenix Networking Meeting
Tempe, AZ
2/19/13

The New Networking: It's Not Who You Know, But Who Knows You

Financial Executives Networking Group - Phoenix Chapter

Offices of First Western Trust

Scottsdale, AZ

1/15/13

Sources of Hire Survey: Implications for Executive & Professional Job Seekers

ExecuNet – Phoenix Networking Meeting

Tempe, AZ

10/16/12

Attracting & Retaining the Best Talent by Creating an "Age - Friendly" Workplace

2012 Arizona State SHRM Conference

Chandler, Arizona

8/28/12

Effective Networking Communications: The Uplifting Elevator Speech

ExecuNet - Phoenix Networking Meeting

Tempe, Arizona

1/17/12

Effective Networking for Baby Boomers

Tempe Career Network

Tempe, AZ

11/14/11

The New Networking: It's Not Who You Know, But Who Knows You

Financial Executives Networking Group - Phoenix Chapter

Tempe, AZ

7/26/11

Public Speaking: A Critical Business Skill

Arizona Business Travel Association Annual Education Conference

Phoenix, AZ

6/15/11

Overcoming Myths about Hiring Older Workers

American Payroll Association - Phoenix West Valley Chapter

Glendale, AZ

4/19/11

Generational Recruiting Strategies

Financial Executives International – Arizona Chapter

Phoenix, AZ

3/8/11

The New Networking

Career Connectors

Phoenix, AZ

9/15/10

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Generational Diversity: Four Generations Sharing the Workplace

Grand Canyon State Electric Cooperative Association Workshop

Phoenix, AZ

5/18/10

A Strategic Planning Model for Mature Workers' Career Transition

Southwest Job Network Workshop

Phoenix, AZ

8/10/09

Are You Stuck Using 20th Century Counseling Methods and in the 21st Century?

International Career Development Conference

Los Angeles, CA

11/7/08

Recruiting, Revitalizing and Retaining the Workforce of the Future

Arizona State SHRM Conference

Phoenix, AZ

9/3/08

Debunking the Myths of Employing Mature Workers

American Society on Aging/National Coalition on Aging Annual Conference

Washington, DC

3/29/08

Supporting the Career Success of the Aging Population

Workforce 411 Conference

Columbus, OH

10/24/07

The New "3 R's": Recruiting, Revitalizing and Retaining Mature Workers

Arizona Industrial Compensation Association

Phoenix, AZ

9/20/07

Rethinking Career Options for the Aging Workforce

American Society on Aging/National Coalition on Aging Annual Conference

Chicago, IL

3/7/07

Strategic Integration and Alignment of the Aging Workforce

Alliance for Work-Life Progress Annual Work-Life Conference

Scottsdale, AZ

2/2/07

Guest Lecturer at ASU, USC, UCLA, Loyola Marymount University and Grand Canyon University