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Legal Sector Experience

Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease LLP

- 2019 to Present Director of Practice Technology
- 2001 to 2019 Litigation Technology Executive Manager

Integrex Professional Claims Services (Subsidiary of Owens Corning)

• 1998 to 2001 Operations Leader

Owens Corning – Law Department

- 1995 to 1998 Senior Legal Analyst
- 1992 to 1995 Field Operations Coordinator
- 1990 to 1992 Paralegal

Fuller & Henry

1987 to 1990 Paralegal

ILTA Volunteer Experience I started volunteering with ILTA as the litigation support city representative (aka city rep) in Columbus Ohio in 2007. In my role as city rep, I started the Ohio Litigation Support Statewide conference. I continued as a city rep and was a member of the Litigation and Practice Support Steering committee from 2009-2014. I also served on the ILTACON conference committee as a session coordinator and team coordinator from 2012 to 2019. In 2019 and 2020, I served as the ILTACON co-chair.

Since ILTACON, I volunteered for miscellaneous opportunities including the Blockchain working group and participating on ILTA's myMentor committee. Most recently, I applied for and accepted the role of co-chair of ILTA's Volunteer

Council and I am currently serving as a Mentor in ILTA's myMentor program.

Board of Directors Experience (ILTA and other organizations) I currently serve as the Vice President of ACEDs Ohio Chapter. I also have served on several advisory boards as listed below:

- ACEDs Global Advisory Board, 2018-present
- OPUS2 Client Advisory Board, 2017-2020
- Xerox Client Advisory Board, 2013-2015
- Kroll Ontrack Client Advisory Board, 2013-2014
- EDRM Advisory Committee, 2009-2017

Background

I am a seasoned legal technology professional with over 30 years of experience in the field. As the Director of Practice Technology at Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP, where I have served for over 20 years, I lead a team of accomplished legal technologists and work closely with attorneys to solve business problems. I am passionate about the intersection of law, technology, and leadership, and dedicated to identifying and delivering innovative solutions for clients.

My career in legal technology began in 1987 as a paralegal in a small law firm. Prior to joining Vorys, I spent 10 years working in a Fortune 500 Corporate law department as an Operations Leader, providing me with a unique perspective on the business of law and the correlation of technology.

In addition to my work at Vorys, I am actively involved in the International Legal Technology Association (ILTA). I currently serve as a co-chair on ILTA's Volunteer Council and am on the ACEDs Global Advisory Board. I served as the Conference Co-Chair for ILTACON 2019-2020 and In recognition of my contributions to the field, I received ILTA's Distinguished Peer Award for Litigation and Practice Support in 2011 and ILTA's contributor of the year award in 2020.

I am a certified E-Discovery Specialist (CEDS) and am also certified in various eDiscovery software platforms, the Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL), Prosci's Change Management Program, and Lean Six Sigma. My primary areas of focus include eDiscovery, artificial intelligence, data analytics, and automation.

Vision

Each candidate was asked questions related to Board service and their vision for ILTA's future. The questions and response are shown below.

Question:

Considering the areas of global experience, financial expertise, and consensus building, please share some unique business experience, personal qualities, and/or perspectives that you will bring to your ILTA Board service if elected.

Response:

"I have interacted with and recruited ILTA volunteers globally. International members bring diversity and valuable perspectives that can help ILTA grow and succeed. I also served on a UK based company advisory board which provided valuable insights into the legal system and its workings in the UK. It's important to recognize and respect cultural differences when working with international members and organizations.

My financial experience is based on my experience in budgeting and managing to budget in the organizations I have worked for. I also have extensive experience in budgeting and managing outsourced projects in my role as director of practice technology.

Consensus building is one of my greatest strengths. I truly enjoy working with teams and reaching consensus. Many of my past roles with ILTA offered experiences in reaching consensus. Serving as co-chair of the volunteer council this year as well as co-chair on the ILTACON conference committee offered plenty of opportunities to debate and reach consensus. I have also volunteered with ACEDs and EDRM in a variety of consensus-based roles. At Vorys, consensus building is used frequently by our leadership team and many of our project teams."

Question:

Please describe your vision of ILTA's future. What does ILTA need to help ensure a successful future?

Response:

"My vision for the future of ILTA is to ensure that it remains financially viable while continuing to provide value to its members. While we will continue to offer the same great services, such as conferences, educational programming, and networking opportunities, we will evolve and transform over time to provide even greater value to our members.

ILTA will offer more conferences in the future, both in-person and virtual, that cater to specific areas of focus and offer revenue streams to the organization. Hosting a successful interactive virtual exhibit hall could be a huge success for business partners, members, and the organization.

While ILTA will continue to offer exceptional educational opportunities, the secret sauce has always been the networking opportunities and relationship building within ILTA's membership and business partners. ILTA will identify and plan more opportunities for our members to network and find people with similar interests, including those who don't attend in-person events or volunteer. We will explore social media options that provide younger members the ability to communicate and interact with others in their own way. Members will benefit from expanded opportunities to network and build deep and lasting relationships with others in the legal profession.

Overall, the goal is to ensure that ILTA remains relevant, valuable, and indispensable to our members and business partners, while continuing to evolve and adapt to meet their ever-changing needs."

Question

Which ideas from the current strategic plan should be pulled forward into the 2023 – 2026 strategic plan and what additional outcomes should be included in the 2023 – 2026 strategic plan?

Response

"I would continue to incorporate new programming opportunities with innovative delivery methodologies in the education line-up to enhance interaction between participants. I would also continue to create topic-based discussion groups that provide volunteers the opportunity to go deep and stay current on subjects they are passionate about.

Recruiting and developing future volunteers and volunteer leaders for ILTA should be a key focus, with a particular emphasis on young professionals and international volunteers. Making the volunteer experience highly valued will result in a higher number of active volunteers, a pipeline for new volunteers, and volunteer leadership roles.

In addition to the above initiatives, a renewed effort to engage members at the local level will benefit the organization by creating a pipeline for new members and volunteers. Local social events and just-in-time round table discussions provide our members the opportunity to engage with their peers at the state or city level and encourage a sense of community."