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LVMH MOET HENNESSY LOUIS VUITTON INC., New York, NY

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, LEGAL AFFAIRS AND GENERAL COUNSEL 2003-Present

VICE PRESIDENT, LEGAL AFFAIRS AND GENERAL COUNSEL 1999-2003

Member of executive management team of US holding company for the world's largest luxury goods retailer. Strategic Advisor to Chairman and senior member of global legal team.

- Senior leader in LVMH North America COVID-19 crisis response team.
- Advise and counsel management on corporate governance initiatives, including diversity and inclusion
- Lead deal team for all US merger and acquisition activity. From 2010 to present, US revenue has grown approximately 7.5% annually and legal entities have grown by almost 10%. LVMH expanded its hospitality division with the acquisition of the hotel and leisure Belmond company in 2019, and anticipates closing on its offer to purchase Tiffany & Co. in the second half of 2020.
- Strategize on expansion of LVMH businesses in Canada, where revenue has grown over 21% since 2015
- Member, Board of Managers of: Marc Jacobs Holdings, LLC; Loro Piana USA LLC. Director of: Loro Piana & C. Inc.; Warren Corporation (LVMH Group companies)
- Act as counsel and corporate secretary to all US subsidiaries of LVMH Group in Perfumes and Cosmetics, LVMH Fashion Group, Watch and Jewelry and Wines and Spirits Divisions, including attendance at Board meetings and counsel to Board members.
- Work closely with finance and tax divisions to reorganize US subsidiaries in most tax-efficient manner.
- Coordinate and oversee US litigation, lobbying and corporate affairs activity.
- Senior leader in US anti-counterfeiting initiatives and ecommerce, including digital strategies

CREDIT SUISSE FIRST BOSTON - New York, NY 1997-1999

DIRECTOR, LEGAL & COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT

Senior Staff Attorney in charge of Corporate Banking legal function.

- Advised senior management on all aspects of US bank regulatory impact on businesses worldwide.
- Represented firm at trade associations and in lobbying and legislative initiatives at the state and federal level.
- Led legal and compliance restructuring effort as part of merger between commercial bank and investment bank.
- Participated in negotiations in connection with global settlement of claims related to victims of Holocaust.
- Led legal efforts to finalize major bank investigation by New York State Banking Department.

CREDIT SUISSE - New York, NY 1991-1997

GENERAL COUNSEL

Chief legal counsel for US operations, including corporate banking, treasury products, private banking and general corporate services.

CITIBANK, N.A. - New York, NY 1986-1991

VICE PRESIDENT, GLOBAL FINANCE NORTH AMERICA. (1991)

VICE PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL AND REGULATORY RELATIONS UNIT (1986-1991)

Bank regulation and Bank Holding Company regulation, including advice on legal issues pertaining to operations of Citicorp abroad.

COLE & DEITZ - New York, NY 1984-1986

ASSOCIATE (1985-1986)

SUMMER ASSOCIATE (1984)

General corporate, regulatory and transactional experience

EDUCATION:

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, New York, JD 1985

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS, New York, NY 1979

Master of International Affairs, Specialization - International Economics

THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, Baltimore Maryland 1978

BA - International Studies

LANGUAGES: French and Italian (written and spoken)

ASSOCIATIONS: Advisory Board member, Jhpiego, (international non-profit health organization) 2014-Present

Member, Dean's Planning Council, Fordham Law School 2012 - Present

Lecturer in Law, Columbia Law School 2016 - Present

Former Board Member, Classic Stage Company (NYC Off-Broadway theater) 1998 - 2007

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Dual citizenship, US and Italy