

Curriculum Vita Fall 2025

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EDUCATION

Master of Science, Organization, Learning and Technology East Texas A&M University, 2020

Bachelor of Science, Management University of Phoenix, 2010

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

This will be my first formal teaching experience after 27 years of Leadership in State Government.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Deputy Director, Texas Department of State Health Services, Center for Health Statistics. July 2014 – May 2024

- Directed and managed operations, strategy and vision for 68-position program at DSHS, Center for Health Statistics, including managing a wide variety of professional staff such as directors, managers, supervisors, program specialists, researchers, and data analysts, ensuring accurate collection, analysis, and dissemination of data and information.
- Lead and managed day-to-day operations of 12 distinct, complex programs including the collection and dissemination of vital events, community health surveys, healthcare workforce data, hospital surveys, and healthcare claims.

- Directed the development of policies, procedures, standards, and guidelines for delivering and disseminating public health data products.
- Developed and maintained working relationships with a wide variety of partners, including academia, local health departments, legislative offices and other state and federal agencies.
- Conducted bill and fiscal analyses for legislation and provided testimony to the Texas Legislature.
- Represented agency to the Public Health Funding and Policy Committee regarding data sharing initiatives.
- Served on Data Governance and Data Policy review board within agency.
- Served as agency Co-Chair for the Texas Department of Information Resources, Open Data Portal statewide data sharing initiative.

Senior Criminal Fraud Investigator, Texas Department of Insurance, January 2001 – November 2013

- Responsible for developing case load, training, mentoring investigators.
- Coordinated and conducted criminal fraud investigations related to worker's compensation claims, health care providers, employers and insurance agents.
- Routinely worked with County District Attorney's, Federal District Attorney's on criminal cases and Administrative Law Judges on administrative violations.
- Conducted internal investigations regarding fraud waste and abuse, discrimination, sexual harassment and EEOC allegations at the request of human resources and senior management.
- Effectively communicated with various state and federal law enforcement organizations during ongoing fraud investigations. Served subpoenas to various entities and conducted search warrants with state and federal law enforcement agencies.
- Provide technical assistance related to potential insurance fraud to various state agencies and insurance providers.
- Ensured the integrity of sensitive information, data, and confidential files.

Licensing Manager, Texas Department of Transportation, January 1996 – January 2001

- Supervised data entry clerks.
- Handled large call center of more than 100 calls per day.
- Responded to all incoming open records requests.
- Performed investigative work from internal and external requests.
- Served as liaison for department concerning policies and procedures and legislative inquiries.
- Approved and licensed qualified motor vehicle dealer applicants based on departmental rules and regulations.

Co-Owner and Founder, RDL Consulting June 1996 – November 2003

- Business startup, inclusive of- business plan and process, secure bank funding loans, insurance, staffing and resources, business location, numerous contracts secured and overall business model.
- Oversee all functions of business, payroll, purchasing, staff development, job functions and upward development ladder; community outreach for advertising and marketing to ensure business growth.