Lisa Eckert

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Driving organizational excellence and protecting assets

through effective legal leadership in highly regulated environments

***Targeting …* Board of Director- Independent Director roles**

Intuitive, accomplished legal and policy leader driving organizational excellence within highly regulated industries. Significant subject matter expertise in risk management in the technology industry through legal, regulatory, government affairs, and external communications. At the forefront of shifting thinking about global legal and policy implications of new technologies and platforms. I have lead data driven teams pairing Six Sigma and Lean concepts to build data-driven compliance and legal teams resulting in successful litigation, merger and acquisition, and the creation of a digital platform resulting in the digital transformation for legal and government affairs communication. Consistently tapped for managing and mitigating legal and operational risk yielding Billions of dollars saved or recovered. Currently licensed to practice law in Colorado. Public speaker, media spokesperson, Continuing Legal Education instructor, and national expert witness on political and policy issues.

# Strategy and Leadership Differentiators

International Law | Legal Technology | Legal & Regulatory Expertise | Risk Management | Issues Identification & Problem Solving | Thought Leadership | Compliance | Public Advocacy | Government Affairs | Public Policy | Corporate Governance | Social Media | Digital Transformation | Digital Marketing | Public Speaking | Six Sigma | Lean Concepts | Project Management | Process Improvement

| Team Management | Board Liaison | Board Selection & Structure | Investor Relations | Consulting |Technologist | Executive Communication | Strategic Thinker | Operational Accountability | IoT | Internet Platform | SaaS\PaaS | Executive Board Leadership | Board President | Executive Compensation Committee Chair |

**Non-Profit Board Service** 2013-2019

Louisiana Red Cross- Executive Board (2016-2019) Social Media and Outreach committee chair

Lead team focused on optimizing communication during disasters

* Focused on use of evergreen templates to activate disaster communication during hurricane season and flooding as a community resource.
* Reviewed disaster plan to ensure that communication references were updated to include SMS (text) and social media.
* Crisis Management communication process and packet for the Board.
* Utilized technology expertise to update plan to reflect limitations of communications systems during power outage situations.

Louisiana Red Cross- Member at Large (2015-2019) Fundraising committee

Telecommunication History Group (2013-2019) Member at Large

Friends First Board of Director (2013-2017) Member at Large (2013- 2014)

Gala Committee (2014-2017)

Executive Compensation Committee Chair (2015-2017) Board President (2015-2017)

Refresh and review of Board By-Laws

# Expansive Leadership Career in Legal Strategy and Advocacy in Technology

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND BOARD CONSULTANT, 2004 to Present

Advise start-ups on legal governance and board issues, including Secretary of State filings, key skill gaps, and board selection and structure. Set up end-to-end process to ensure transparency for compliance and filing purposes. Assist businesses in setting up digital marketing campaigns and protection of intellectual property.

SENIOR GLOBAL COUNSEL, INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY 2020 to Present

Tata Communications *Part of the Tata Group International Conglomerate*

Specializing in regulatory legal work in Europe and Brazil. Manage multi-national workforce and outside counsel firms.

Product specialization in global IoT with an emphasis on connected car technology and mobile platforms in 135 countries in the Americas, Europe, Africa, Middle East, and Asia Pac locations. Reduce risk and maintain compliance world-wide. Manage multinational team. Member of the corporate Diversity Initiative Committee.

CenturyLink (Previously USWest/Qwest), 2000-2018

*A $23B Fortune 200 technology company with ~50,000 employees globally.*

VICE PRESIDENT – LEGAL, PUBLIC POLICY, AND STRATEGIC ADVOCACY (2017 – 2018)

Corporate-wide ownership and control of advocacy to align positions with the company’s business strategy and legal and government affairs advocacy, managing a consistent voice for national, state, and local issues. Developed internal platform to manage all collateral and managed the digital transformation for the government affairs and legal organizations. Responsible for communications with the Board and Investor Relations as well as corporate-wide thought leadership on a diverse range of issues such as cybersecurity, business data services, net neutrality, big data, IoT, Blockchain, and privacy.

DIRECTOR, PUBLIC AFFAIRS (2014 – 2017)

Managed legal close process for the acquisition on Level 3. Responsible for internal and external communications, management, timing, and filings. Successfully closed heavily litigated merger in less than 1 year after initial filings with regulators. Responsible for management of the external communications firm handling investor communications. Responsible for communicating metrics and status to the Board.

DIRECTOR, LEGAL AND PUBLIC POLICY (2003 – 2014)

Protect the company’s legal, financial, and business interests through regulatory and technical expertise. Managed leadership team of subject matter experts, as well as matrix management of finance and legal groups. Represented company in hearings, panels, arbitrations, and the media. Testified as subject matter expert for regulatory agencies on technical issues. Represented corporation within the industry standards body (ATIS). Responsible for strategy and litigation management prosecuting the corporation’s rights against a significant fraud.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE AT QWEST: COMPLIANCE AND NETWORK ENGINEERING (2000-2003)

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE as a PRIVATE PRACTICE ATTORNEY AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY. Experience included Civil Litigation, Domestic Law, Wills, Trusts and Estate; EEOC complaints, Guardian ad Litem, ICWA (Indian Child Welfare Act), Criminal Defense, Criminal Prosecution, Civil Rights section 1983 action, and International Business Law.

# Education

University of Denver, College of Law – Denver, CO

* Juris Doctorate

Kansas State University – Manhattan, KS

* Bachelor of Science, History
* Bachelor of Science, Social Sciences: Psychology (Dual Major)
* Bachelor of Science, Social Sciences: Anthropology (Dual Major)