

# Mitchell F. Lerner

## SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

A highly motivated individual with excellent communication skills and experienced in analyzing business requirements, managing projects and directing technical resources. Experience includes:

- 25 years - managing IT resources, consultants, and vendor relationships
- 25 years – managing groups supporting infrastructure, communications and backups
- 20 years – managing technicians supporting the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> level technical support needs of organization
- 10 years developing departmental budgets and IT strategies
- 10 years planning, implementing and testing Disaster Recovery and High Availability solutions
- 10 years developing processes, policies and reports to ensure Sarbannes Oxley compliance

## EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

**B.A., University of Florida** Gainesville, Florida

JD Edwards Enterprise One CNC Configuration and Implementation

JD Edwards Enterprise One Security Configuration

JD Edwards World and Enterprise One Technical Foundations

## EXPERIENCE

**Spizzirri Law LLC - Atlanta, Georgia**

**April 2025 to Present**

**Chief Information Officer**

- Partner with executive management team to lead technology initiatives within high-stakes legal environment
- Strengthen cybersecurity infrastructure
- Automate and standardize processes to reduce time and increase efficiencies
- Implement AI technologies to aid in better forecasting and strategic planning, enhance data accuracy and reduce time to process large amounts of information

**Customized Distribution, LLC – Norcross, Georgia**

**November 2019 to March 2025**

**Corporate Director of IT**

- Partnered with Executive management and business units to define, source, implement, and support application and technology solutions for CDI. Ensured ongoing and consistent communications on business initiatives to ensure productive and collaborative organizational relationships.
- Participated in strategic decisions with Executive Team regarding the related IT functions.
- Served as a lead role in enabling the business to achieve objectives through the effective use of technology.
- Completed successful implementation of enterprise technology initiatives with emphasis on continual improvement and efficiencies.
- Managed a portfolio of projects throughout the lifecycle, paying close attention to size, scope, and budget of numerous projects.
- Managed third party relationships, including, but not limited to, contract negotiations, delivery of agreed upon service levels, periodic service reviews and information sharing.
- Prepared and maintained operating and capital budgets for IT department.
- Established IT departmental goals, objectives, and operating procedures.
- Proactively shared knowledge of technology risks and opportunities to build competitive advantage and improve efficiency and effectiveness of CDI business units.
- Assisted CDI with any IT related issues or questions. Included hands on support of CDI systems and hardware, ad hoc report generation and coordinating additional training or documentation

**TOTO USA – Morrow, Georgia**

**June 2013 to November 2019**

**Assistant Director of IT Systems**

- Directed TOTO's strategic long-range goals. Evaluate operational effectiveness and make recommendations to enhance systems to meet company objectives.
- Managed the IT staff supporting TOTO USA's technical systems. Includes sales, financial, supply chain, distribution, manufacturing, and Salesforce systems. In addition voice and data communications, hardware, software, security and helpdesk functions.
- Represented TOTO US IT group with international TOTO companies. Manage their requests and ensure full understanding by sister companies of current technical strategies and policies. Manage EDI systems providing e-commerce solutions to customers

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- Provided technical guidance to vendors and customers seeking to integrate and align external systems with TOTO's.
- Ensured data integrity, internal controls, and audit trails are maintained throughout all applications. Includes reporting on segregation of duty and SOX compliance.
- Recruited and mentored staff associates. Developed skills to progress in desired areas of interest.
- Established and maintained vendor relationships to ensure TOTO is receiving the highest service levels at a competitive cost. Negotiated contracts and services with vendors. Created, reviewed and analyzed "Requests For Proposal", ensuring compliance to TOTO's technical requirements.
- Created and managed IT department budget. Included understanding business goals to develop the technical requirements and properly establish budget targets.

**SIMMONS COMPANY – Atlanta, Georgia**  
**Manager of Technical Services**

**December 1997 to June 2013**

- Managed team supporting ERP systems for Simmons and subsidiaries. Includes job scheduler, security, application updates, system performance monitoring and troubleshooting
- Managed the infrastructure supporting Simmons USA and Simmons Canada. Included iseries, servers, routers, backup systems and windows computer imaging systems.
- Maintained Sarbannes Oxley and Segregation Of Duties processes and reporting capabilities. Worked with internal and external audit groups to ensure SOD violations are analyzed and mitigated.
- Implemented and maintained high availability and disaster recovery solutions to ensure system availability during planned or unplanned outages.
- Developed and assisted in management of Technical Services budget.
- Managed staff supporting technical needs for all Simmons companies and subsidiaries.
- Managed all IT purchases and ensure assets are properly tracked and maintained for financial and lease requirements
- Managed vendor relationships for Simmons technical needs. Includes computer equipment purchases and IT hardware leases.

**GLA INTERNATIONAL - St. Louis, Missouri**  
**Programmer/Analyst**

**June 1997 to December 1997**

- Consultant on a telecommunications package for phone service cooperatives.
- Performed project analysis and program design for new applications added to custom specific software package. Applications were written in RPG and ILE RPG.
- Hardware and communications support for AS/400's and PC's.

**ANHEUSER-BUSCH RECYCLING CORP. - St. Louis, Missouri**  
**Systems Analyst**

**October 1995 to May 1997**

- Analyzed and designed new procedures and computer systems for Recycling company.
- Wrote RPG400 and CL programs to support J.D. Edwards ERP system.
- Responsible for AS/400 performance and maintenance including upgrades and data communications including Token Ring and TCP/IP.
- Supported remote plant users.
- Controlled and monitored contract programmers.
- Trained users in basic operations and specific computer applications.
- Administered and controlled AS/400 and J.D. Edwards system security.
- Assisted corporate I.S. group in conversion to SAP corporate financial system.

**BUNZL DISTRIBUTION USA - Various Locations**  
**Corporate Programmer/Analyst - St. Louis, Missouri**

**September 1985 to September 1995**

- Supported company ERP System. Wrote RPG and CL programs on IBM AS/400.
- Performed project analysis and program design for new applications added to custom software package. Responsible for hardware support including communications, remote controllers, printers, pc's and terminals. Supported 41 locations with over 1000 users.