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Areas of Expertise

IT Strategy and Governance
Cybersecurity Infrastructure
Infrastructure Management
Disaster Recovery Planning
Vendor and Budget Management
Process Automation and AI
Sarbanes-Oxley Compliance
Team Leadership and Development
ERP Systems (JD Edwards)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Mitchell “Mitch” Lerner serves as Chief Information Officer of Spizzirri Law, LLC, bringing more than four decades of information-technology leadership to the firm. A highly motivated technology executive with a proven record of managing IT resources, consultants, and vendor relationships, Mitch combines deep infrastructure and cybersecurity expertise with hands-on experience guiding organizations through disaster recovery planning, regulatory compliance, and enterprise-wide technology transformation.

Mitch's career spans more than twenty-five years managing IT resources, consultants, and vendor relationships, and includes extensive experience developing departmental budgets and IT strategies and planning, implementing, and testing disaster recovery and high-availability solutions. He began his career as a Corporate Programmer/Analyst with Bunzl Distribution USA, supporting a 41-location, 1,000-user ERP environment, before moving into technical leadership roles at Anheuser-Busch Recycling Corp., GLA International, Simmons Company, TOTO USA, and Customized Distribution, LLC. At Spizzirri Law, Mitch partners with the executive management team to strengthen cybersecurity infrastructure, automate and standardize processes, and implement AI technologies that improve forecasting, data accuracy, and efficiency.

41 +
Years in IT

7
Organizations
Led

25 +
Yrs. Managing
Vendors

SOX
Compliance

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Certifications

- JD Edwards EnterpriseOne CNC Configuration and Implementation
- JD Edwards EnterpriseOne Security Configuration
- JD Edwards World and EnterpriseOne Technical Foundations

Core Skills

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- Cybersecurity Infrastructure
- Infrastructure Management
- Disaster Recovery Planning
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Education

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

Professional Experience

Spizzirri Law, LLC | Apr. 2025 – Present

Chief Information Officer | Atlanta, Georgia

- Partner with executive management team to lead technology initiatives within a 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 | Nov. 2019 – Mar. 2025

Corporate Director of IT | Norcross, Georgia

- Partnered with executive management and business units to define, source, implement, and support application and technology solutions for CDI, ensuring ongoing and consistent communication on business initiatives.
- Participated in strategic decisions with the Executive Team regarding related IT functions.
- Served in a lead role enabling the business to achieve objectives through the effective use of technology.
- Completed successful implementation of enterprise technology initiatives with an emphasis on continual improvement and efficiency.
- Managed a portfolio of projects throughout their lifecycle, with close attention to size, scope, and budget.
- Managed third-party relationships, including contract negotiations, delivery of agreed-upon service levels, periodic service reviews, and information sharing.
- Prepared and maintained operating and capital budgets for the 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 IT-related issues, including hands-on support of systems and hardware, ad hoc report generation, and coordinating additional training or documentation.

TOTO USA | Jun. 2013 – Nov. 2019

Assistant Director of IT Systems | Morrow, Georgia

- Directed TOTO's strategic long-range technology goals; evaluated operational effectiveness and made recommendations to enhance systems to meet company objectives.

- Managed the IT staff supporting TOTO USA's technical systems, including sales, financial, supply chain, distribution, manufacturing, and Salesforce systems, as well as voice and data communications, hardware, software, security, and helpdesk functions.
- Represented the TOTO US IT group with international TOTO companies, managing requests and ensuring sister companies fully understood current technical strategies and policies; managed EDI systems providing e-commerce solutions to customers.
- 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 were maintained throughout all applications, including reporting on segregation of duties and SOX compliance.
- Recruited and mentored staff associates, developing skills to progress in desired areas of interest.
- Established and maintained vendor relationships to ensure TOTO received the highest service levels at a competitive cost; negotiated contracts and services, and created, reviewed, and analyzed Requests for Proposal for compliance with TOTO's technical requirements.
- Created and managed the IT department budget, translating business goals into technical requirements and budget targets.

Simmons Company | Dec. 1997 – Jun. 2013
Manager of Technical Services | Atlanta, Georgia

- Managed the team supporting ERP systems for Simmons and its subsidiaries, including job scheduling, security, application updates, and system performance monitoring and troubleshooting.
- Managed the infrastructure supporting Simmons USA and Simmons Canada, including iSeries systems, servers, routers, backup systems, and Windows computer imaging systems.
- Maintained Sarbanes-Oxley and segregation-of-duties processes and reporting capabilities, working with internal and external audit groups to analyze and mitigate SOD violations.
- Implemented and maintained high-availability and disaster-recovery solutions to ensure system availability during planned or unplanned outages.
- Developed and assisted in management of the Technical Services budget.
- Managed staff supporting technical needs for all Simmons companies and subsidiaries.
- Managed all IT purchases and ensured assets were properly tracked and maintained for financial and lease requirements.
- Managed vendor relationships for Simmons's technical needs, including computer equipment purchases and IT hardware leases.

GLA International | Jun. 1997 – Dec. 1997
Programmer/Analyst | St. Louis, Missouri

- Consulted on a telecommunications package for phone service cooperatives.
- Performed project analysis and program design for new applications added to a custom software package, written in RPG and ILE RPG.
- Provided hardware and communications support for AS/400 systems and PCs.

Anheuser-Busch Recycling Corp. | Oct. 1995 – May 1997

Systems Analyst | St. Louis, Missouri

- Analyzed and designed new procedures and computer systems for the recycling company.
- Wrote RPG400 and CL programs to support the J.D. Edwards ERP system.
- Responsible for AS/400 performance and maintenance, including upgrades and data communications (Token Ring and TCP/IP).
- Supported remote plant users and 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 the corporate I.S. group in conversion to the SAP corporate financial system.

Bunzl Distribution USA | Sept. 1985 – Sept. 1995

Corporate Programmer/Analyst | St. Louis, Missouri

- Supported the company's ERP system, writing RPG and CL programs on IBM AS/400.
- Performed project analysis and program design for new applications added to a custom software package, supporting 41 locations with over 1,000 users, including hardware support for communications, remote controllers, printers, PCs, and terminals.