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***Professional Experience:***

**The Center: Orthopedic & Neurosurgery Care and Research (1997-present)**  
**Orthopedic surgeon – Partner**  
**Bend, OR**

- Senior total joint surgeon in medical group performing over 400 total knee and hip procedures a year for 20 years. Emeritus partner beginning in 2018.
- Established research division within practice with over 30 projects completed and multiple published papers and book chapters
- Chairman of St. Charles Division of Orthopedic Surgery 2008-2010. Established dedicated Ortho/Neuro nursing unit with new LEAN process improvement. Provided

key leadership to transition to dedicated orthopedic service line model. Enabled new pay for call methodology with orthopedic trauma operating room and dedicated orthopedic OR teams

- Executive committee member 2000-2011 providing key operational and strategic guidance to large multi-specialty group practice with ambulatory surgery center, large medical office complex and regional land holdings.

### **The Center: Orthopedic & Neurosurgery Care and Research (2002-2008)**

#### **President and Managing Partner**

##### **Bend, OR**

- Managing partner and Board President for multi-specialty medical group of 40 providers with 180 employees and over \$38 million in annual revenue
- Provided key leadership in concept development, negotiation and implementation of the regions first physician - hospital joint venture
- Provided key leadership in concept development and building of 130,00 square foot medical office building
- Provided key leadership in concept development and opening of new ambulatory surgery center now with annual revenue of over \$20 million and new MRI unit
- Led revamped organization structure to accommodate practice growth with Board reorganization, creation of Chief Medical Officer position, and clinical division structure
- Provided key leadership in transition from paper medical records to Allscripts electronic health record and use of health information exchange
- Awarded Bend Business of the Year in 2005

### **Buehler Research and Design (2000 to present)**

#### **President**

##### **Bend, OR**

- Consultant to regional health systems, Oregon Board of Medical Examiners, legal firms, companies ranging from Fortune 500 (Stryker) to start up stage (Medical Compression Systems, ZoomCare)
- Product design for orthopedic surgery specializing in computer assisted knee replacement software and instrumentation
- Patents and patents pending with products being manufactured and sold world wide
- Extensive business and clinical experience in China, India, and Israel
- Published over 20 scientific papers and book chapters (available upon request)
- Lectured extensively in US and internationally on research and product development in orthopedic surgery

### **St. Charles Health System (2007 to 2017)**

#### **Board Member**

##### **Bend, OR**

- Board member of four hospital health system in Central Oregon with annual revenues of over \$800 million
- Largest employer in Central and Eastern Oregon
- Chairman of SCHS Strategy Committee. Helped develop innovative balance scorecard for evaluation and oversight of organization's strategic objectives
- Played instrumental role in developing new strategic plan for health system and helped transition to new physician hospital organization
- Provided key leadership in creation of St. Charles Medical Group which now employs more than 240 providers
- Served as Vice-Chair in 2014

### **The Ford Family Foundation (2011 to 2017)**

#### **Board Member**

##### **Roseburg, OR**

- Board member of the largest private charitable foundation in the state of Oregon with annual giving of over \$ 35 million
- Chairman of Ford Institute for Community Building and responsible for program oversight with the mission to create "vital rural communities"
- Provided key leadership in creation and development of "Oregon by the Numbers" – county level data profiles of Oregon's 36 counties

### **Oregon State University School of Public Health (2012)**

#### **Adjunct Professor**

##### **Corvallis, OR**

- Taught course on health systems organization to students in the Master of Public Health degree program
- Cover topics on the organization and finance of health systems. We examine alternatives that a society may organize, finance and deliver health services including the full spectrum of preventive, curative and rehabilitative health services. The course also examines the philosophical, ethical, social, political, and economic foundation underlying health systems

## **Oregon House of Representatives (2014-2018)**

### **District 54 Representative**

#### **Bend, OR**

- Republican, Independent, and Libertarian Party nominee winning two elections in the most democratic district in Oregon represented by a republican
- Led team with two full time staffers, interns, consultants, and 75 volunteers with fundraising of over \$1 million in each election
- Endorsed by all newspapers in Bend
- Represented citizens of Bend in the Oregon legislature serving on the House Healthcare, Human Services, Consumer Protection, Revenue and Housing committees
- Led effort to garner critical state support for historic expansion of Oregon State University -Cascades Campus
- Wrote and passed groundbreaking laws relating to healthcare, opioid crisis, public whistle blowers, public transparency, housing, and environmental policy

## **Campaign for Governor of Oregon (2017-2018)**

### **Candidate**

#### **Oregon**

- Republican Party of Oregon nominee
  - State wide political candidate overseeing staff and consultants of forty people and hundreds of volunteers organized in most Oregon counties
  - Record breaking fundraising for any Oregon Governor candidacy of \$18 million and election ranked as “toss -up” entering election day
  - Endorsed by all but one of the major daily newspapers in Oregon over incumbent Governor
  - Extensive knowledge and experience with polling, focus groups, voter identification/segmentation, and predictive analytics for voter behavior
  - Vast experience with media and public appearances including speech making, television, radio, debates and social media
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## **Education:**

**Scripps Clinic (1996-1997)**

**La Jolla, California**

***Fellowship in Adult Reconstructive and Arthritis Surgery***

**Oregon Health Sciences University (1991-1996)**

**Portland, Oregon**

***Orthopedic Surgery residency***

**Johns Hopkins University Medical School (1986-1991)**

**Baltimore, Maryland**

***Medical degree***

**Oxford University (1988-1990)**

**Oxford, England**

***Masters in Politics and Economics***

- Rhodes Scholar
- Graduated with honors

**Oregon State University (1982-86)**

**Corvallis, OR**

***Bachelor of Science and Minor US History***

- First Rhodes Scholar in OSU history
- Varsity baseball pitcher
- Outstanding graduating senior in Science

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## **Community Leadership and Voluntary Service**

- Board member, Oregon State University Foundation (2013 to present)
- Bend-La Pine School District, Budget Committee (2013)
- Board member, Oregon League of Minority Voters (2012 to 2015)
- Oregon Open Primary Steering Committee (2006-2010)
- President, Oregon Orthopedic Association (2007)
- Board member, High Desert Museum (2007)
- Board member, St. Charles Health System Foundation (2003-2006)
- Board member, Oregon State University-Cascades Campus (1999-2004)

- President, Central Oregon Medical Society (1999)
- Board member, Coalition for Campaign Finance Reform (1993-1994)
- Oregon Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee (1991-1995)
- Advisor to Perot 1992 Presidential campaign (1992)