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Career and Professional Highlights

- Manager of a wig salon in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan from 1967 to 1975. Duties included all administrative activities including full charge bookkeeping through trial balance, payroll, ordering materials and supplies and all office activities.
- Cost accountant for a builder of residential condominium developments ranging in size from 25 to 136 units. Manager of office building complex consisting of four buildings, secretarial service and bookkeeping through trial balance from 1975 to 1986.
- Bookkeeper for a trucking company from 1975 to 1980.
- During the period from 1986 to 1991, served in various capacities and worked on numerous special projects at both Gathen Industries, Inc. and Gathen Stamping, Inc. as follows:
 - Secretary/Treasurer oversaw all legal, financial and accounting matters; CFO reported to me; issued corporate minutes
 - Office Manager overseeing all administrative activities including payroll, bookkeeping through trial balance, job costing and day to day office activities.
 - Interacted with corporate accountant and attorney on all matters.
 - Implemented upgrade from mini computer to a personal computer network system.
 - Beta site for accounting, job costing, payroll software and trained other office employees when changeover was completed.
 - Upgraded Time clock to state-of-the-art and trained employees
 - Attended all manager meetings and took minutes and assigned action items.
 - Assisted company's CPA with wind-up of administrative activities after asset sale of Gathen Industries and Gathen Stamping in 1991
- Founded G Corp, an international consulting and manufacturers' representative firm in tool and die and stamping industries – 1991.
 - Have represented medium and large tool and die shops and special machine builders in South Africa, Europe, South America, and the US.
 - Currently represent firms in US and Europe in tool and die making, and specialized manufacturing software
 - Work as consultants adapting lean manufacturing for tool and die shops specializing in paper systems and lean accounting and office procedures
- Founded iDEAL Tool Company

- Developing a coalition of firms comprising the entire tool and die making enterprise from raw materials to stamper customer, to reduce cost 50% and delivery by 75% within three years.

Philosophy

- Lean principles can be applied to anyplace and everyplace.
- Tool & die making should be converted from a craft to a science-based process, in order to reduce cost and timing and save the industry from extinction.
- Do anything in my power to keep manufacturing alive in the USA .