## MARSHA A. CRUZAN, Hinsdale, IL

#### SUMMARY

Strategic President, great connector, highly experienced with Board succession/comp topics, adept at identifying attainable summits, managing risk, leading/assessing/motivating talent/necessary components—in other words, a true mountain climber in every sense.

Knowledgeable regarding distribution, manufacturing, and highly regulated industries—e.g., finance, banking, capital markets, healthcare, insurance; navigating policy to achieve results; and engaging stakeholders—in other words, working with community, talent, and governments to gain results/reach goals.

#### **BOARD EXPERIENCE**

MEDICARE WIZARD, LLC a health tech firm providing insurance agents in 22 states Medicare client options 2022 - present **Independent Corporate Board Director** 

RUSH UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER a teaching hospital excelling at caring for the most medically complex 2021 - present **Board of Trustees, Member, Audit and Investment Committees** 

Assisted with method, priorities, competing needs analysis to provide suitable efforts allocation/best mission results delivery.

**GOODMAN THEATRE** Chicago's oldest currently active nonprofit theater organization 2016 - present Board of Trustees: Co-Chair, Nominating Committee and Member, Executive Committee

Advised CFO and CEO on capital structure optimal communication techniques to gain best outcomes.

LINCOLN PARK ZOO 4th oldest zoo in NA & one of the few free admission zoos in the U.S. 2016 - present Board of Trustees, Chair, Nominating Committee and Member, Executive Committee and Diversity Committee

Led strategy and recruitment efforts that successfully diversified the board with outstanding community leaders.

THE FIELD MUSEUM one of the largest, most prestigious, natural history museums in the world 2014 - present Board of Trustees: Chair, Governance Committee and Member, Executive Committee

- Grew board talent: Bob Arthur, corporate citizen & founder, Magellan—a global premier metals technical advisor/supplier; Jennifer Sherman, CEO, Federal Signal, a NYSE global machinery manufacturer; Scott Rafferty, stellar Investor Relations.
- Provide insights for Museum's strategic plan, enabling continuing renowned status for its educational and scientific programs.

THE LYRIC OPERA a leading U.S. opera company, opened in 1954 with Maria Callas's American debut 2013 - present

As part of Executive Committee, helped determine the actions that resolved a union strike and renegotiated new contracts.

# CORPORATE EXPERIENCE

**U.S. BANK N.A.**, Chicago, IL the 5<sup>th</sup> largest U.S. commercial bank, a U.S. Bancorp (NYSE) subsidiary 2012 – present Regional President, Illinois, Indiana, & Michigan Advisory Board, U.S. Bank—Chair, Chicago Advisory Board Management Supervisor for All FINRA licensed Commercial Banking employees

Accountable for full profit and loss in a three-state Midwest region. Responsible for analyzing all risk issues of global middle market public and private companies. Discuss public policy, develop/maintain relationships with U.S senators/congressmen. Work closely with Communications to monitor reputation.

- Promoted numerous M&A transactions via advice/connections, paving path annually to a 15% compound annual growth rate.
- Integrated Royal Bank of Scotland's Chicago commercial group into U.S. Bank.
- Strategizes successful solutions with most corporate Boards and C-suite clients during financial crises.
- Working with senior executives to transition titles, responsibilities, connections, knowledge to next group of leaders in the next five years as part of personal transition to a corporate board careerist.

#### **Prior position:**

JP MORGAN: started as International Treasury Management Consultant; followed by Electric and Gas Senior Banker; Head, Syndications, Private Placements and High Yield; Head, Syndicated Leveraged Finance; Management Supervisor for all FINRA licensed Commercial Banking employees. Of note:

- With a 60% headcount reduction over 4 years and while decreasing the number of deals 4%, increased revenue from deals 23%.
- In leveraged finance, made Chicago a top 10 deal producer with 20-40% of total top, #1 top deal nationally 2 years in a row.
- In middle market, doubled revenues with number of middle market deals increasing 29%.
- By doubling investment banking client revenues in ABL, increased revenue 7% while decreasing number of ABL deals 32%.

### **EDUCATION**

MBA, THUNDERBIRD SCHOOL OF GLOBAL MANAGEMENT BA, Political Science, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN