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## **EDUCATION**

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### **The University of Texas at Austin - May 1989**

Graduate of Professional Program in Accounting  
Bachelor of Business Administration  
Master of Professional Accounting

## **CERTIFICATION**

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Certified Public Accountant – Texas and California

## **CHRONOLOGY OF EMPLOYMENT**

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### **Xebec Holdings LLC, January 2018 – Present**

*Interim CFO/Consultant*

Responsibilities include:

Financial Reporting, Financial Planning/Budgeting, Variance Analysis, Cash Flow Forecasting, IT Strategy, Development of Tableau dashboards/Balanced Scorecard

### **The University of Texas at Austin, August 2011 – Present**

*Lecturer*

Undergraduate: Managerial Accounting

Graduate (Dallas MBA Working Professional Program): Managerial Accounting

Graduate (MPA Program): Information Technology for Accounting Control

- course instruction, curriculum enhancement, student engagement using technology)

### **St. Edward's University, August 2011 – Dec 2011**

*Lecturer*

Undergraduate: Principles of Accounting 1- Financial

Graduate (MBA Program): Accounting for Managers – ¼ Financial + ¾ Managerial

### **Austin Community College, January 2011 – May 2011**

*Lecturer*

Undergraduate: Principles of Accounting 1 – Financial (16-week and 12-week courses)

### **University of Phoenix Online, July 2010 – January 2011**

*Lecturer*

Undergraduate: Principles of Accounting - Financial

**Dell, Inc.** (*reason for leaving: short-term sabbatical to care for an elderly parent with cancer*)

**May 2004 – May 2009**

***Software & Peripherals Controller May 2008 – May 2009***

- Dell Finance Academy Lead Instructor in US and EMEA. Curriculum development and course instruction on a wide variety of accounting and financial reporting topics;
- Financial reporting responsibility for Dell's global software & peripherals business (\$10.6 Billion);
- Business partnership and key decision support to all Dell segments (Consumer, Global, Large Enterprise, Small & Medium Business) in the planning, budgeting, deal structure, and strategic analysis of third party software products;
- Prepared detailed analysis of complex transactions and provided guidance to the operations on all transactions that had an impact on the business unit;
- M&A analysis, due diligence and integration of acquired companies into Dell IT systems and financial planning and reporting processes, as well as performance tracking against the business plan;
- Business controls and SOX responsibility to ensure strong control framework in all aspects of the business operations;

***Treasury Operations - Financial Risk Management May 2006 – May 2008***

- Responsibility for Dell's foreign exchange hedging program to minimize the foreign exchange related fluctuations in earnings, cash flows and balance sheet valuations associated with Dell's global operations (\$25 billion portfolio in 31 currencies);
- Business partnership and decision support to Dell's global sales units by engaging directly with customers on global pricing decisions. (Examples: EDS, Honeywell, Baxter, Bombardier, Perot Systems, Eaton, Nestle);
- Prepared monthly updates on revenue forecast performance (\$25 Bil), risk mitigation, and hedging strategies to the FX Management Committee (CFO, CAO, Treasurer) and received unanimous approval to execute hedge strategies by region;
- Evaluated and recommended risk management strategies to implement global tax initiatives, new hedging programs in emerging markets, international procurement contracts, and financing of manufacturing facilities and call centers;
- Improved working capital efficiency and counterparty risk through trade execution, reporting and implementation of tools and automation of tasks; managed worldwide FX bank relationships;

***Services Controller May 2004 – May 2006***

- Financial reporting responsibility for Dell's Services business unit related to the Americas operations, including its warranty obligations in the US and Latin America (\$5 Billion);
- Business partnership and key decision support to improve WW balance sheet reporting and accrual adequacy analysis of the company's \$3 Billion balance sheet reserves for parts, opex, labor and tech support obligations;
- Hired key personnel to increase bench strength, metrics reporting capabilities, and value-add reporting;
- Analyzed new product offerings and made recommendations to management to improve profitability and growth;
- Implementation of an IT system to automate key accounting entries, which reduced overtime & headcount;
- Improved the control environment through identification of new key controls, elimination of ambiguity, duplication, and # of non-key controls;

- Strong Tell Dell scores with respect to developing direct reports, team building, leading with integrity & high standards;
- CFO Excellence Award – Sarbanes Oxley Implementation Team

**S2 Systems, Inc.** (Private entity – Software & Services), Dallas, TX.

**March 2001 – May 2004**

***Vice President, Global Finance and Information Technology***

- Responsibility for global financial planning, treasury, tax, legal, and information technology;
- Technical accounting subject matter expert, specifically software revenue recognition;
- Implemented a global instance of Oracle Financials 11i business suite, resulting in elimination of 20+ sets of books;
- Restructured the financial planning functions in the US, UK and Australia to develop consistency, streamline reporting and increase visibility of financial drivers;
- Reduced the number of days to consolidate the books with reduced headcount worldwide through process improvements, automation, improved communication, mentoring and training;
- Designed and implemented a Global Treasury system in the US, Canada UK, Europe, Middle East, South Africa, Hong Kong and Australia to improve liquidity management - resulting in significant savings and process improvements;
- Set business direction on all IT initiatives – hardware and software purchases, partner relationships, worldwide disaster recovery, data center relocation, internal and external websites, and content management.

**etalk Corporation** (Private entity – Call Center Software), Dallas, TX.

**Jan 2000 – March 2001**

***Vice President, Chief Financial Officer***

- Responsibility for accounting, financial planning & analysis, treasury, and tax functions with a strong focus on cash management, debt restructuring, and debt covenants;
- Prepared and presented a restructuring plan with revised debt covenants to the board of directors, investors, and large bank syndicate in New York, which prevented the foreclosure of the operations;
- Significantly improved the transparency of the financial reporting and the business relationships between the company, Board of Directors and VC group by establishing a high standard of personal and professional integrity;
- Contract negotiation and review of multi-million dollar contracts with Fortune 500 customers: IBM, General Electric, Ford, Prudential, Dell, and American Express;
- Improved management reporting utilizing electronic dashboards with performance metrics by operation.

**Associates First Capital Corporation** (Public entity– Financial Services), Dallas, TX.

**May 1995 – Jan 2000**

***Senior Vice President - CFO of Enterra Financial Services (US subsidiary)***

- Development of initial business plan, including forecast expectations and funding requirements for a new joint venture;
- Monthly financial reporting and analysis; preparation of forecasts and outlooks for quarterly planning cycles;
- Hiring and staffing of key finance and IT personnel.

***Vice President – Financial Planning & Analysis - Mergers & Acquisitions - Consumer***

- Financial modeling and SWOT analysis associated with the purchase, integration and performance of acquisitions;

- Prepared and presented to the Executive Credit Committee the economics of the largest acquisition in the company's history - in excess of \$10 billion in assets - key member of worldwide due diligence team;
- Recruited and hired a team of financial analysts to improve visibility, tracking and reporting of business growth drivers;
- Financial planning and forecasting responsibility for key business units in the Consumer Division.

***Director - Corporate Finance***

- Corporate finance responsibility to improve the profitability and efficiency of the Consumer business operations with 1,500 branch offices; expense savings realized exceeded \$30 million worldwide.

**Tandem Computers Inc.** (Public entity – Hardware), Cupertino, CA.

**March 1993 – May 1995**

*International Treasury Manager – FX Analysis & Derivatives Trading  
Federal Tax Analyst*

**Deloitte & Touche, LLP, San Jose, CA.**

*Manager, Senior Associate – Tax & Audit*

**August 1991 – March 1993**

**Ernst & Young, LLP, Dallas, TX.**

*Senior Associate, Associate, Intern – Tax & Audit*

**August 1989 – August 1991**

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

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- 2008 Graduate of the Dell Finance Leadership Program
- 2006 Community Service Ambassador Award
- 2006 The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Fundraising Award
- 2005 CFO Excellence Award – Sarbanes Oxley Implementation Team

**SERVICE**

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National/International

Chair and speaker at NeuGroup Annual Roundtable, Austin, TX, June 2007 – participating companies Citigroup, Microsoft, McDonald’s, Ford, Gap, Bechtel, Disney

Local/State

Leader of Dell Career Development Diversity Action Council 2006 -2009

MPA Program – Managerial Track Advisor – 2013 – 2018

Develop/Assign case studies for Independent Study students during Fall IT Advisory internships

Mentor to various young professionals in Accounting/Finance careers – 2004 – 2018

Various community service activities (Feed My Starving Children, Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child)

Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church and La Jolla Presbyterian Church – 2005 - 2018