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# Product Designer

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### **EXPERIENCE**

## Blue Cross Blue Shield Principal Product Designer

2018 – Present

As an Engineering-led organization with a nascent design team, UX maturity was limited. Design was an afterthought and did not play a role in product strategy, research, nor decision-making processes. I joined as a consultant in 2018 to introduce Human-Centered Design as a core competency. In addition to my full-time, hands-on contributions to several key product initiatives, I have established design operations, including the creation of an enterprise design process, design system, a full-stack design team, and most importantly, a seat at the table in the transition to a Product/UX-led and member-centric organization.

- Lead HCD (Strategy/Research/UX/UI) for six flagship digital healthcare products across four LOBs
- Established and evolved the first-ever enterprise product design practice and process for the organization
- Spearheaded the creation of the first enterprise-level, platform-agnostic design system
- Lead and support all design operations: hiring and onboarding, team composition and role definition, people management, project-level resourcing, budgets and toolset, team culture, etc.
- · Serve as the Design Lead for the internal working committee tasked with transitioning to a product org

# FORM Founder & Chief Creative

2017 - Present

At FORM, I solely lead the agency, consulting directly with high-impact startups to evaluate market position, develop digital strategies and craft meaningful digital experiences that deliver on business objectives and exceed customer expectations.

- Led the overhaul of the digital product experience (Web, iOS) for GoTab, a DC mobile payments startup
- Led the digital rebranding and website refresh for Quantuvis, a Florida healthcare SaaS startup

# **Siteworx** Associate Creative Director, Lead Designer, Sr. Designer

2012 - 2017

As Senior Designer and Lead Designer, I led several product and service design engagements (Strategy/Research/UX/UI) for our Fortune 500 clients. Later, as Associate Creative Director, I directed design efforts at Headquarters, managing a team of seven UX/UI Designers, and personally led all design efforts for new business and key accounts.

- Led all design efforts, with a multi-disciplinary team of 10 (Product, UX, UI, FED), to research, define, design, and release the first modern, client-facing digital product experience since 1998 for **Goldman Sachs**
- Led design strategy and UX/UI for Booz Allen Hamilton's "Vision 2020" rebrand and website refresh
- Led design strategy, research and UX/UI for Corning's new digital self-service experiences
- Led user research, UX/UI and user testing for DeVry University's new digital student application experience
- Led UI and supported IA/UX for the redesign of **Time Warner Cable's** customer portal TWC Central™
- Led design strategy and IA for Avoca's brand-new learning management system
- Led research, story mapping, IA and UI for Identity Guard's B2B Identity Protection application
- Led UX/UI for Thermo Fisher Scientific's new Thermo Scientific website
- As ACD, I led design strategy, design thinking workshops, UX/UI, and sales presentations for prospective and current clients including Adidas, Bain, Honeywell, Leidos, LiftMaster, NFLPA, NPR, and Scottrade

## **Neue Interactive** Founder & Creative Director

2007 – 2012

As client engagements grew beyond the real estate industry, I founded a second digital agency and expanded to SMBs, non-profits, and trade associations. For five years, I solely led agency operations including: business development, sales, and account management; as well as project efforts including: digital strategy, scoping, planning, project management, research, UX/UI design, front-end development, and CMS integration.

### SELECT CLIENTS

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Goldman Sachs

Mandarin Oriental

Marriott

Thermo Fisher Scientific

Time Warner Cable

### **SKILLSET**

Human-Centered Design

Design Leadership

**Design Operations** 

Creative Strategy

Design Systems

User Research

Business Analysis

Stakeholder Alignment

Design Thinking

Story Mapping

Art & Creative Direction

Information Architecture

Interaction Design

Prototyping

Visual / UI Design

User Testing

Mentorship

Agile & SAFe Facilitation

### **TOOLSET**

Adobe CC Suite

Atlassian Suite

Axure

InVision

Miro

Sketch

UserTesting.com



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- Led UX/UI/Front-End Dev in partnership with brandEvolve for clients including Sentrillion and Southwire
- Led research and UX/UI in partnership with Contensive for several national trade associations including American Association of School Administrators, Aviation Suppliers Association, Truckload Carriers Association, Education Industry Association, and National Industrial Sand Association
- Designed and developed the website for Line-X, a protective coatings company
- Led branding, identity design, digital marketing and website design for a consecutive five years for **Celebrate Fairfax! Festival**, the Northern Virginia region's largest community-wide annual festival

# **Agent Assistance** Founder & Creative Director

2004 - 2010

I founded my first design agency with a focus on print and digital real estate marketing and grew the agency's client roster to over 200 real estate agents in less than four years. During that time, I honed my design skillset significantly, going on to create an unprecedented digital real estate marketing suite that would enable thousands of real estate agents to market themselves and their listings online, as well as provide real-time property search capabilities – a rare offering at the time.

## Samson Properties Designer

2003 - 2005

I began my design career as the sole designer at Samson Properties, a Washington, D.C. Metropolitan real estate brokerage. There, I created digital and print marketing solutions for over 150 real estate professionals in the form of custom branding and identity, collateral, direct mail and email marketing campaigns, listing presentations, and CMS-powered, IDX-enabled websites

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