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RESUME SYNOPSIS

A focused career path of utilizing communication skills to work with people on life improvement through mastery of disciplines in the entertainment, mental health, real estate, and corporate/residential interior design industries.

TELEVISION and FILM WRITER/PRODUCER

Owner/Founder: Always Another Way Productions, LLC (<https://www.facebook.com/AlwaysAnotherWayProductionsLLC>)
Austin Film Festival original screenplay *Winner's Circle* Award winner for [COLD LOVE](#) and [I WANT YOU TO BE MY BABY: THE LILLIAN BRIGGS STORY](#). Writer/Creator of numerous television concepts including, ALWAYS ANOTHER WAY (Reality) for The Oprah Winfrey Network and, MURDER AT BEAN & BELUGA (Scripted) for ABC, Script Writer for [ALL MY CHILDREN](#), [GENERAL HOSPITAL](#) and [RYAN'S HOPE](#).

PRIVATE PRACTICE PSYCHOTHERAPIST

Compassionate self-motivated clinician with proven success in building/sustaining a profitable fee-for-service business delivering optimal client results.

Key factors include:

- Free initial consultations garnering 95% of respondents.
- Fair, yet profitable sliding scale fee 215% above industry average. *
- Low attrition rates.
- Creative multi-media marketing in print, internet and public venues.
- Strategic individualized goal-oriented treatment planning.
- Client elected treatment duration 165% above industry average. *

* California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists 2010 Demographic Survey, *The Therapist*, Vol. 22, Issue 4, Pp. 28-36, July/August 2010.

EXPERIENCE

Television and Film Writer/Producer – Beverly Hills, CA (<http://www.leeschiller.com>) **1990 - Present**

Active development and marketing of TV and Film projects in collaboration with [Federico Vaona](#) and [Samantha Perez](#).

Psychotherapist – Beverly Hills, CA (<http://www.therapists.psychologytoday.com/45681>) **2006 - Present**

Serving individual adults and couples with Cognitive Behavioral and Psychodynamic Therapy to address and foster the remission of presenting symptoms, such as Anxiety, Depression, Partner Relational Problems, Communication Issues, Anger Management, Impulse Control, Stress Containment. (CA Lic. MFC43554)

- Grew practice from initial Westside location to current Beverly Hills office suite.
- Accelerated business growth independent from health insurance industry preferred provider panels.
- Ongoing commitment and dedication to upholding the highest legal, ethical, moral and professional values.
- Driven to provide unique moment by moment therapeutic excellence through use of appropriate intervention techniques by all available means: Visual, Verbal, Graphical, Conceptual, Narrative, Intellectual, Disclosive.

The Maple Counseling Center Internship Program – Beverly Hills, CA (www.tmcc.org) **2001 - 2006**

Five year invitational Psychodynamic graduate internship providing a wide range of client contact, group and individual supervision, training seminars, lecture series, telephone crisis response work and presentation of cases in the treatment of individuals, couples, families, teenagers and children.

- Completed 3850 hours of participation, 28% above Board of Behavioral Sciences requirement for licensure.
- Initiated "The Buddy Program", providing support and administrative guidance to incoming interns, thereby increasing productivity, streamlining case management and maximizing facility capacity.
- Personal caseload strengths included: Multi-cultural clients, tentative attachment issues, sexual trauma/abuse, high intellect/low functioning adults, entertainment industry couples and individuals.

Coldwell Banker – Brentwood, CA (www.coldwellbanker.com) **1997 - 2002**

Freelance Residential Assistant Agent to top-producing President's Circle designated Realtor through the duration of Graduate School and first year of Internship Program.

- Responsible for implementation of security measures at showings of luxury homes and estates.
- Coordinated catering and advertisement for Caravan Tuesdays.
- Pursued profitability on a per listing basis by concentrating on homeowner satisfaction, appointment planning, transactional precision, team building and Realtor support.

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C & J Partners (Chaix & Johnson) – Pasadena, CA

1996 - 1997

Freelance Senior Color & Materials Designer responsible for meeting project scheduling requirements, Junior Associate management, selection of all interior finishes, creation of presentation boards, compilation of budgetary documents, production and distribution of specification books and call-out plans to contractors, project coordinators and clients.

Projects included:

- Shoemart – Manila
- Liverpool – Mexico City

LeeJcogito Design/Build – Beverly Hills, CA

1990 - 1996

Residential Interior Designer involved in numerous renovations and interior design projects from concept to completion.

- Design development, permitting/plan review, materials selection, budget management, furnishings purchase.

Macy's Corporate Store Design – New York, NY (www.Macys.com)

1989 - 1990

Senior Color & Materials Designer executing all phases of interior design from selling floor to back areas and offices with emphasis on increasing market share competitiveness, improving top-lines sales and showing regional bottom-line growth in profitability through the visual re-branding and unification of flagship locations by implementing national corporate design policies. Supervised a staff of twenty seven Junior and Intermediate Designers. Conducted design presentations to National and Divisional Vice Presidents. Selected specified materials, scheduled on-site installation inspections, photographic documentation, design reviews, purchasing and verified building/safety code compliance.

Projects included:

- Macy's – Sacramento, CA
- Macy's – Cherry Hill, NJ

WalkerGroup/CNI – New York, NY

1987 - 1989

Junior/Intermediate Color & Materials Designer responsible for assembling and coordinating all approved interior and signage colors, material finishes and selected furniture. Supported Senior Color & Materials Designers in Studio One (Retail Corporate). Studio One liaison to Corporate Accounting Division in oversight and justification of all vendor purchase orders. Developed archival system for tracking blue prints, organized/distributed construction bid packages, documented new product implementation on-site.

Projects included:

- Bullock's – Sherman Oaks, CA / Scottsdale, AZ / Palm Desert, CA / Century City, CA.
- Saks Fifth Avenue – Riverside Square, NJ / Bal Harbor, FL / Dallas, TX.
- Christian Dior – Paris.
- John Wanamaker – Philadelphia, PA.

ABC Television – New York, NY (www.abctv.com)

1984 - 1987

Daytime Drama Writer creating completed dialogue shooting scripts from breakdown sheets and story trajectories.

Projects included:

- [All My Children](#)
- [General Hospital](#)
- [Ryan's Hope](#)

Desilu Productions – Los Angeles, CA

1983 - 1984

Personal Assistant to Lucille Ball.

EDUCATION

Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY - BA - (Major in Film, Minor in English)

Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA - MA - (Graduate Degree in Clinical Psychology)

Lumleau Real Estate College, Westwood, CA – Certification – (Broker/Agent Program)

Elite School of Continuing Education, Ormond Beach, FL - CE - (36 units in CA MFT Lic. Req.)

Homestead Schools, Torrance, CA - CE - (36 units in CA MFT Lic. Req.)

Association for Advanced Training in the Behavioral Sciences, Ventura, CA - CE - (18 units in CA MFT Lic. Req.)

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

The Maple Counseling Center Alumni Peer Supervision Group (Active Member)

California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (Clinical Member)

American Psychiatric Association (Inactive Member)