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Tricia has been part of the Lake Effect HR & Law team since its opening day, in 2018. Lake Effect HR & Law's clients benefit from Tricia's 20 plus years of diverse experience in the Human Resources profession. Prior to joining Lake Effect, she worked with most of the Lake Effect team, in the same capacity, at Clark & Gotzler, Attorneys at Law and has held HR consultancy roles, including at her own consulting firm, advising leadership of start-ups, small and large business and non-profits. Prior to consulting, Tricia held various in-house human resources positions in the hospitality, property management and financial industries.

Tricia is frequently retained by clients to navigate difficult employee situations, align HR processes with the organization's culture, conduct sensitive workplace investigations based on harassment and discrimination, facilitate mediations to improve workplace relationships and train staff on management development and compliance topics, such as interviewing, performance management, professionalism, and anti-harassment. Tricia is a certified trainer in DiSC and Myers-Briggs.

Key Accomplishments

- Strategic HR consultant advising senior leaders on employee-related issues, employment law compliance and HR policies aligned with best practices and the strategic direction of the organization
- Customer service focused, senior level HR professional with expertise in employee relations, policy writing, training, investigations, HR assessments, performance management, interview, and I-9 compliance
- Energetic, interactive presenter identifying training solutions, creating content and facilitating supervisory and compliance-related workshops to develop a strong leadership team



- Thorough interviewer conducting sensitive workplace investigations in response to harassment or discrimination allegations

Professional Affiliations

- Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM)
- Fox Valley Society for Human Resources (FVSHRM)

Education

- University of Wisconsin Stout, Menomonie, WI -- BS Hospitality and Tourism Management

Certifications & Licenses

- Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR), 2004
- SHRM Senior Certified Professional (SHRM-SCP), 2015
- DiSC
- Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI)

Personal

Tricia is always ready for the next adventure, whether it a muddy mountain bike race or jumping from a plane. She looks forward to her next fun experience with friends and is always game for a bike ride, hike, paddle or cross-country ski.

Community Involvement

Tricia shares her knowledge and volunteers with short-term projects with organizations that are aligned with her values and personal interests. Some of these organizations include the Nonprofit Leadership Initiative, InterSector and Wisconsin Bicycle Federation.

Speaking Engagements

Tricia has been presenting to clients and partners for many years. As a certified DiSC trainer, she regularly presents on management development, HR compliance, and strategic organizational culture alignment related topics and issues. Tricia has also been sharing her knowledge and experience with local SHRM Chapters and Associations since 2013. Following are her most recent speaking engagements:

“HR Issues that Keep You Up at Night

- Green Lake Area Chamber of Commerce – Virtual (May 2021)

“How to Manage Performance During a Crisis & Employment Law Update

- Nonprofit Leadership Initiative – Virtual (January/February 2021)

“State of the Workplace”

- Numbers 4 Nonprofits – Virtual (January 2021)

“Sustaining Workplace Culture and Engagement in a Virtual World”

- Community Shares of Wisconsin – Virtual (December 2020)

“Helping Employees When S@!T Goes Down”

- Ogden Glazer + Schaefer's Hosted Bar – Podcast (December 2020)

“Strengthen Your Workplace Culture by Creating Strategic Goals Aligned with Your Mission”

- Fox Valley SHRM - Virtual (September 2020)

“COVID-19: Paid Leaves of Absence”

- Destinations Wisconsin – Virtual (August 2020)

“COVID-19: Preparing Your Workforce for the New Normal”

- St. Norbert College Non-profit Leadership Forum - Virtual (June 2020)

“Sustaining Workplace Culture in a Virtual World”

- Doyenne Group Iso-Learning Series - Virtual (April 2020)

“COVID-19: The Impact on the Workplace and Navigating Staffing Decisions”

- Destinations Wisconsin - Virtual (March 2020)

“Life Lessons Learned: Leading A Team”

- Professional Women's Connection – Oshkosh Chapter, Oshkosh, WI (February, 2020)

“Tough Conversations with Staff, Board and Volunteers”

- Nonprofit Leadership Initiative, Appleton, WI (January, 2020)

"Creating a Workplace Destination"

- Destinations Wisconsin – CEO Forum, Neenah, WI (January, 2020)

"Life Lessons Learned: Leading A Team"

- Professional Women's Connection – Fox Valley Chapter, Appleton, WI (November, 2019)

"83.15 Administrator Course - Human Resources Management"

- Wisconsin Assisted Living Association
Brookfield, WI (October, 2019) / Virtual (May, 2020) / Virtual (October, 2020)

"Human Resources Issues that Keep You Up at Night"

- Executive Director Forum, Oshkosh, WI (October, 2019)

"Eat, Sleep & Breathe Culture: How to Recruit, Onboard, and Coach to Your Organization's Culture"

- Wisconsin Assisted Living Association 2019 Fall Conference, Pewaukee, WI (September, 2019)

"Preventive Anti-Harassment Strategies for Employers"

- Stateline SHRM, McHenry, IL (September, 2019)

"Attracting Diverse Employees and Retaining Them Through Inclusion"

- Forward Festival, Madison, WI (August, 2019)

"Live Your Mission: Aligning HR with Your Mission"

- Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region's Nonprofit Leadership Initiative, Appleton, WI (January, 2019)

"Live Your Mission: Strengthen Your Workplace Culture by Creating Strategic Goals Aligned with Your Mission"

- Numbers 4 Nonprofits, Madison, WI (January, 2019)

"Develop Your Employees and Grow Your Business"

- Tri-State Human Resources Association, Dubuque, WI (January, 2019)

"The Difficult Employee"

- StartingBlock Madison, Madison, WI (November, 2018)

"Higher Quality Hiring: How to Grow Your Workforce with Intention"

- Forward Festival, Madison, WI (August, 2018)