
LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM 2011

CATHERINE J. ELLWOOD

DIRECTOR OF ORGANIZATION DEVELOPMENT, STATE AUTO INSURANCE COMPANIES

Cathy is the Director of Organization Development at State Auto Insurance Companies, and is responsible for integrating organizational change initiatives and people development solutions.

Cathy has many years of experience in the areas of performance management, leader development, change management, coaching, and talent management. She is a qualified administrator of the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI), a Master Trainer of Situational Leadership, and a certified facilitator of a variety of executive and leadership development courses.

Cathy's education is in Business Management and she is currently a student at Franklin University, pursuing a bachelor's in Organizational Leadership. In her free time, Cathy enjoys running, spending time with friends and family, and cheering on the Ohio State Buckeyes and the Green Bay Packers.

ROLAND CALDWELL

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES SUPERVISOR, COTA

Roland is a Transportation Services Supervisor with COTA. Roland joined COTA in May of 2009

Roland is an experienced Supervisor with over 20 years of progressive leadership in customer service, sales and risk management. He has excellent interpersonal skills used to supervise, train, and motivate employees. Roland has the proven ability to integrate effective performance management techniques to achieve bottom line results. He is a self-starter with strong organizational and planning capabilities.

Roland has attended Franklin University & Hondros College.

MIKE MAXEY

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER, SQUARE ONE TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS

Mike is the Business Development Manager for an Upper Arlington-based IT Consulting and Managed Services firm, Square One Technology Solutions. Square One has received global acknowledgement as a virtualization resource and Mike presently holds several certifications in both virtualization and data storage solutions. He works directly with decision makers and end users to simplify, focus, and scale their technological investments, personnel, and strategies to the core goals and objectives of each business. Founded in service, the Square One brand has come to be recognized for simplicity, reliance, and integrity in a convoluted industry.

Mike married Elizabeth in August of 2009 and the couple became the proud parents of a baby boy, Camden Price, in August of 2010. Mike, Elizabeth and Camden reside in Columbus with their two German shepherds, Ara and Axel. His leadership philosophy is derived from a determined belief that every failure is an opportunity and humility is foundational to any leader-follower relationship.

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LINDA SHERIDAN, CPA, CVA

MANAGING PARTNER, SNYDER & COMPANY

Linda graduated from William V. Fisher Catholic High School in Lancaster, and Cum Laude from Ohio University, Athens with a Bachelors of Business Administration in Accounting. She earned her Certificate of Education Achievement in Business Valuations in 1998 and her certification as a valuation analyst in Business Valuations (CVA) in 1999. She has been a CPA for nearly 26 years with most of her professional career in the field of public accounting. She is currently the managing partner of Snyder & Company, a local public accounting firm in Lancaster, Ohio.

In addition to her role as managing partner, Linda also serves as Chairman of the Board for the Fairfield Metropolitan Housing Authority, President of the William V. Fisher Catholic High School Foundation, Board Trustee and Finance Committee Chair for the Fairfield Medical Center and was recently named Chair of the Corporate Sponsorship Committee for the National Association of Women Business Owners Columbus Chapter.

Linda lives outside Lancaster with her husband of 26 years, Mike, and their youngest daughter Emily, who is a sophomore at William V. Fisher Catholic High School. Their older children, Mike and Amanda, are married and live in the area.

CHRIS LEACOCK

METHODOLOGIST, STATE AUTO INSURANCE COMPANIES

After graduating from Bowling Green State University with a bachelor's degree in music education, Chris entered the workforce as a middle school and high school choral director. Several years later he chose to move to Columbus where he began a new career in the Information Technology industry.

Following eight years as an IT consultant, Chris joined State Auto Insurance Companies in January of 2007 where he coordinated disaster recovery testing procedures and activities. He currently enjoys a wide range of responsibilities within the IT division's Business Office and recently completed the Leadership Institute at Franklin University.

Chris lives in Hilliard with his wife Amy and their two daughters, McKenzie (age 5) and Ava (7 months).

W. CURTIS STITT

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, CENTRAL OHIO TRANSIT AUTHORITY (COTA)

W. Curtis Stitt was appointed Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Central Ohio Transit Authority on April 4, 2011. Prior to that appointment, Stitt served as Vice President of Legal & Government Affairs and General Counsel for the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA), the regional transit authority in central Ohio, beginning February 2005. In that capacity, Stitt served as legal advisor to the CEO and Board of Trustees, manager of the legal department, government and legislative affairs counsel and ethics officer. He was responsible for assuring that the company operates in compliance with Ohio and federal laws and regulations and coordinating legal services provided by in-house attorneys and several outside law firms. Prior to assuming the General Counsel post, Stitt served six years as COTA's Government Affairs Counsel.

Stitt earned a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Kent State University. He is a Life Member of the Kent State University Alumni Association. Stitt also earned a Juris Doctor Degree from Northern Kentucky University, Chase College of Law in 1979. Stitt is licensed to practice law in state of Ohio, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio and the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. He is a member of the Ohio and Columbus Bar Associations.

Stitt is married and has one daughter who is currently a student at The Ohio State University.