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Personal/Professional History

I grew up in Olathe and attended KU for my BS degree. Following my graduation I worked for KDOT in the Bonner Springs construction office doing inspection work. After two years I left to work for Walter P Moore and Associates, Inc. in downtown Kansas City as a Civil Engineering consultant. I have been with WPM for about 13 years doing a wide variety of both private development (parking lots, storm water systems, hydrology, utility systems, etc.) and public improvements (roadway reconstruction, storm sewer systems, water mains, sanitary sewers, etc.). I live in Overland Park with my wife of almost 9 nine years and have three children: Ben (7), Alex (5), and Madeline (3). I am Forever Royal.

Fun Fact

I own a 720 acre family tree farm in central Missouri where my family actively manages the property for timber and wildlife. The property was purchased by my grandfather in 1960 for \$3 an acre (which he thought was enormous) and has grown into one of the most well-respected and actively managed private woodland properties in central Missouri. Being at the property and improving the land is what I live for. I've been told I'm better at running a chainsaw than engineering work....

Quote

My favorite quote: "it's not one damn thing after another, it's the same damn thing over and over again." - a disgruntled old man.

Statement

My job would be easier if...."I didn't have to sugar-coat it"