education

The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL (1991-1993) BA in Advertising (Cum Laude) - Minors in Graphic Design and English

awards / honors

Adobe Certified Expert in Photoshop Printing Industry Association of the South design award University of Alabama Advertising Team

Appointed Creative Director

Selected for Presentation/Speech Team

Two Ranatra Fusca creativity awards presented by Odyssey of the Mind

Golden Key National Honor Society Phi Theta Kappa honorary Academic scholarships presented by The University of Alabama Scholarship for creativity presented by Odyssey of the Mind

work experience

2003 - Present

Sole proprietor of KGMdesigns™

· Work with clients to solve problems through graphic communication with use of good design, ad creation, and copywriting services

1998 - January 15, 2003

Hart InterCivic, Inc.

Head of Design, Typesetting and Prepress departments

- Worked closely with clients in conception, design, copywriting and production of brochures, logos, letterhead, business cards, advertising specialty items and other forms of printed media
- Ran and maintained all design and prepress equipment including computer-to-plate imaging system, flatbed scanners, thermal wax and dye sublimation proofer, printers, film processor, plate burners and metal plate processors
- · Performed flight check operations (including trapping) on customer supplied, computer generated files in preparation for production
- Proofreading and editing
- Developed company promotions to better inform customers of services and products available
- Created paper and electronic forms for better workflow management utilizing basic database programming methods with Microsoft's Word and Access applications

1993 - 1998

Computer Link Corporation (sold to Hart in 1998)

- Type/makeup and design
- Customer and sales support
- · Estimated continuous form printing costs

1993

TotalCom (Internship)

- · Assisted in creating art for brochures, newspapers and billboards using latest design layout programs along with traditional methods
- Worked on research assignment

1993

Educational Media - University of Alabama

· Worked in preliminary design stages of media produced by the University

computer skills

Experienced with both Macintosh and Windows platforms

Intermediate to expert level in following design and layout applications: QuarkXPress and Adobe's Photoshop, PageMaker, Illustrator, InDesign, PageMill, GoLive, Encore DVD, Premiere Pro and Acrobat programs

Proficient in Macromedia Freehand, ClarisWorks and Corel Draw

Experienced in Microsoft's PowerPoint, Access, Word and Excel applications

additional training

1998 - Color Scanning Success Workshop in Atlanta, GA - DPACommunications Corporation - Michael Kieran

1997 - Color Theory and Electronic Color Management Training in Tuscaloosa, AL - Brian Cohen

1997 - One-on-one training of various page layout applications on the Macintosh - ComSouth, Inc. (Steve Bushery)

1995 - Business Forms Basics Workshop in LaGrange, GA - Woodbury Business Forms, Inc.