JD, MA

Position Wanted – Legal / Regulatory Policy, etc.

A recent graduate, holding a JD, an MA in communication science, and extensive training and experience in policy, regulatory affairs, and research ethics, seeks a leadership position finding ways to create and sell products that meet rigorous standards for permissible communications while fully describing their attributes and benefits.

He has published on the translation of scientific research into legal expert evidence and nutrition information messaging. His Master's thesis reviewed the recent voter referendums on soda taxes and compared the high-level strategy and effectiveness of pro- and anti-tax messaging strategies. Beyond his publications, he has had coursework on FDA and federal regulatory law, message design, audience targeting, and research ethics. He has taught public speaking and communication courses at the University level for three years, honing his insight into aspects of impactful presentation and messaging development. While at university he developed a reputation for bringing clarity to murky ethical and scientific areas, and was selected to co-facilitate directed discussions of research ethics issues among senior research personnel.

This pattern continued outside the classroom. As an intern at the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), he studied academic-industry research collaborations and developed talking points for AAMC policy directors on federal legislation. At the Samueli Institute (an integrative medicine research NGO), he was directly involved in a wide range of research projects, helped develop presentations to Congressional groups and the Department of Defense, and organized team strategy sessions to engage new partners and stakeholders. As research coordinator for Penn State University's Communication Science program, he acted as first point of contact with all stakeholder groups, including university regulatory compliance communications. At the EAS Consulting Group, he had firsthand exposure to FDA regulatory processes and helped coordinate a large-scale FDA regulatory consultancy force at the CEO's side. In all of these settings, he has maintained a reputation for unflappability in working with material that is highly technical or socially sensitive, including at senior organizational levels.

He is now looking to help lead an FDA, USDA or FTC regulated company to more successfully navigate the scientific, ethical and regulatory complexities of the modern market. He can be reached at rwm1788@gmail.com with position inquiries.