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Summary

Missy Mandell founded Mandell and Associates in 2008, a political consulting and public outreach firm based in Austin, Texas.

Prior to forming Mandell and Associates, Missy served as Executive Manager of Federal Affairs for LCRA, which provides energy, water and community services to communities in 58 counties in Central Texas. LCRA's success depends on meeting the needs of communities served as well as successful partnerships with local, state and federal governmental entities. Ms. Mandell served as a liaison to local, state and national industry organizations, worked with federal regulatory agencies, elected officials and interest groups, monitored federal legislation and policy discussions, and represented LCRA at a national level.

Ms. Mandell's previous career highlights include owning and managing a cable and satellite television company in Central Texas, owning a public relations company with clients in both the public and private sector, and working at the White House in Washington, D.C.

Ms. Mandell's management expertise includes intergovernmental relations, strategic alliances and partnerships, community development, strategy and policy development, networking and community involvement, budget and planning, administration and staffing, trade association representation, and public speaking and presentations.

Executive Management Responsibilities

Ms. Mandell developed, coordinated and implemented strategies for working with the U.S. Congress, the Federal Administration and all federal agencies. She managed relationships with federal elected officials and represented LCRA on federal legislative and regulatory issues and with federal trade associations. She also developed and coordinated strategies that resulted in support from the federal government for LCRA's priorities and programs. Ms. Mandell established contacts with community leaders, elected officials and customers that enhanced LCRA's ability to manage and deliver services in a highly regulated industry. She developed strategies for working with customers, elected officials and various interest groups to build understanding, consensus and support of LCRA programs and services. During her career at LCRA, Ms. Mandell also managed the environmental, conservation and demand side management departments, communication and customer relations departments, and human resources and safety operations.

Appointments and Honors

Executive Officer, Large Public Power Council (LPPC)

Former Secretary, Large Public Power Council

Co-chair, Program Committee Large Public Power Council

Former Vice Chair, Environmental Task Force and Work Plan Oversight Committee of the Large Public Power Council

Former Chair – Government Relations Committee of the Children’s Advocacy Center

Former Board Member, Advisory Board and Board of Directors of the Children’s Advocacy Center, Keep Austin Beautiful, Texas Cable Television Association; LBJ LASA (Liberal Arts & Science Academy) Advisory Board; City of Austin Environmental Board

Former Member, Charter Revision Commission, City of Austin

International Who’s Who of Professionals

Graduate of Leadership Texas

Career Track

Owner, Mandell and Associates, LLC 2008

Lower Colorado River Authority, Austin, Texas, 1989 – 2008

Executive Manager, Federal Governmental Relations

Executive Manager/Adviser, External Affairs

Manager, Community and Governmental Services

Executive Director, Conservation and Environmental Protection

Senior Director, Employee and Customer Relations

Press Secretary, State of Texas, Senator Lloyd Bentson Vice Presidential Campaign, Austin, Texas 1988

Campaign Manager, U.S. Representative J.J. “Jake” Pickle, Austin, Texas, 1986

Public Relations and Political Consulting, Austin, Texas, 1981 – 1989

President and Owner, Star South Management Company and
Bluebonnet Cable Company, Austin, Texas, 1981 – 1986

The White House, Washington, D.C., 1977 – 1980

Deputy Advisor to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs

Special Assistant to the Deputy Director for Budget, Office of Management and Budget

Assistant Campaign Director, Carter Presidential Campaign, 1976

Office Manager, Environmental Policy Center, Washington, D.C., 1975

Education

The University of Texas at Austin, Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education

Yale University, Seminar on Corporate Environmental Leadership