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| Contact 10293 Twin Lakes Rd NW Elk River, MN 55330  715-410-7926  james.zahler@outlook.com | Objective Diligent and perceptive analyst who enjoys mastering new content to apply contemporary data tools to solve complex and ambiguous problems |
| Education St. Paul University Ottawa, Ontario, Canada MA and JCL in Canon Law  Cumulative GPA 3.95 Thesis: “The Diocesan Bishop and Catholic Universities in the United States of America, a Relationship of Vigilance” University of Wisconsin Eau Claire Philosophy Major; Biology Minor Cumulative GPA 3.72 Graduated magnum cum laude Key SkillsIn order of most proficiency: SAS, SQL, Excel, Python, Shell Scripting  References Available upon request | Experience Optum Payment Integrity: Sr Healthcare Economic Consultant 1/2020 to Current   * Led strategic level analyses of medical claims data to identify new savings and affordability opportunities * Estimated savings opportunities for payment integrity interventions using medical claims data * Identified providers potentially engaged in upcoding emergency claims * Managed daily activities of 2 junior analysts * Received a promotion within 18 months * Expanded the team’s data capabilities by developing logic and code to categorize data and facilitate drill down analysis * Integrated data from multiple sources to drive insights * Evaluated the effectiveness of provider identification methodologies * Communicated strategies to maximize savings using established methodologies to business leaders * Implemented parallel processing to quickly analyze datasets > 250 GB * Developed shell scripts to adapt existing SAS code to multiple clients * Automated reports, reducing dependence on manual processes * Coordinated with cross functional teams to integrated multiple perspectives into analyses * Solved complex technical, managerial, or operational problems regarding data and usage related to adoption of new reporting and cloud technologies like Tableau and Snowflake   *Self-Employed •* Canonical Consultant *• 2016 – 1/2020*   * Drafted the arguments that led to the removal of several priests from the clerical state   Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis • Judge • 9/2013 – 1/2020   * Advanced from the position of notary to advocate to judge * Investigated and decided the merits of marriage nullity cases * Argued and won substantive and procedural appeals before the Roman Rota, the highest tribunal in the Catholic Church * Advised Petitioners for marriage nullity cases with the most difficult cases, winning more than 98% * Scheduled and over saw timely execution of cases, eliminating backlog * Used technical solutions to draft routine decrees more efficiently |