

Volunteer Profile

Mitch Frazer BA, MA, LLB, MBA



Mitch Frazer spent 10 years pursuing higher education, eventually completing both a Bachelor of Laws and more recently, a Master of Business Administration from Wilfrid Laurier University. Mitch's journey has included many volunteer experiences in a variety of roles that provided him with insights into his own skills, strengths and needs. It was not that Mitch even sought volunteer experiences to 'advance his career'; indeed, he always volunteered as an opportunity to give back. In taking the time to offer his volunteer services, he was able to learn important information about himself. As Mitch says "volunteerism is circular, when you help people you feel good and often indirectly help your career". To understand Mitch's journey and what it can take to find and make a great career, we invite you to read more about Mitch's volunteer experiences.

Some of Mitch's earlier volunteer experiences with a Legal Aid Clinic while in law school gave Mitch practical experience while being able to assist those in need. The experience also gave Mitch the insight to realize that his goal to work in litigation was not the perfect fit for him and he instead would pursue work as a solicitor.

Volunteering allowed him to recognize his capabilities for organization and co-coordinating activities that were helpful in accessing career opportunities. Mitch feels strongly that doing well for others always seems to come back and benefit you personally.

Mitch began to realize other personal benefits resulting from his volunteer work. This came to him as he began to see he wasn't going to find a job that covered all his areas of interest. However, through volunteer work he has been able to make up for those areas that were missing in his professional work. For Mitch it has been to fulfill his passion for education and select volunteer experiences based on this passion.

Presently, Mitch is a senior associate with an international business law firm where he also has several volunteer activities on the go including volunteering as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law, Co-Chair of The Learning Partnership Annual Dinner and fundraising for political parties. These volunteer experiences have provided both career and skill development opportunities. Mitch says his role as a member of the Ontario Government's Post Secondary Education Advisory Committee for First Generation Students is one of his more interesting experiences. It gives him the opportunity to have a meaningful impact on policy and the ability to give students the opportunity they might not otherwise have had.

Volunteer work has given Mitch the chance to continuously develop skills that he can transfer to his professional work. For instance, his fundraising initiatives allowed him to improve his ability to "give a sales pitch", and the network he has established through volunteering significantly increased his business connections.

Mitch selects his volunteer activities with the idea that it is something he will enjoy and believe in. However, he also believes the more involved you are, the bigger the impact you will have and the more personal and professional rewards. For Laurier students, Mitch would suggest that they volunteer for something for which they are passionate and that when you help people, you help your career and that is a win/win situation.

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