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His positions prior to the Coast Guard were:

- 2001-2008, American Waterways Operators (AWO), supported projects on maritime safety and environmental protection.
- 1997-2001, U.S. Census Bureau, assisted with research on administrative records and demographic modeling.
- 1989-2001, Association of American Railroads, analyzed relationship between work/rest schedules and accidents.

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