

objective To offer my experience and skill in art direction, design, and team management to better clarify a client's message or campaign with utmost dedication to their core vision.

experience **Steadfast, Inc. dba: Wilburn Thomas** Evanston, IL
Art Director, Designer, Print Production Manager 07/2008 - Present

- Took on a leadership role in the agency as a valuable member of the creative team.
- Created and finalized designs on projects in print, packaging, brand development, and digital.
- Integral part of core creative team for all projects from concept to implementation.
- Developed collaborative and effective vendor relationships through final production sourcing.
- Managed talent and art-directed projects requiring photo-shoots and custom illustrations.

G.Tsatsakis Design Des Plaines, IL
Freelance Art Director, Designer 05/2009 - Present

- Obtained and negotiated terms for projects from a wide variety of clients.
- Directly identify and present an array of solution options to address clients' needs.
- Managed projects to completion on time and within budgets.

RTG Ltd. dba: Zorba's House Chicago, IL
VP, General Manager 06/1995-05/2005

- Ran day-to-day operations of a restaurant with 30 employees.
- Oversaw hiring, firing, training, and management of all employees.
- Sourced and procured weekly inventory of all goods and supplies.
- Managed payroll, expenses, and net sales. Handled financial transactions on daily basis.
- Re-designed and oversaw production of all printed material & signage.

Grind House Coffee Inc. Chicago, IL
VP, Founder 07/1999-08/2003

- Complete concept and identity development.
- Logo creation and theme implementation on all printed materials and signage.
- Concept and implementation of total interior layout, architecture, and design.
- Oversaw construction and completion of venue.
- Sourced all vendors and stocked completed coffee house with necessary inventory.

education **Columbia College of Chicago** Chicago, IL
Bachelor of Art 05/2008

Major: Digital Media Technology
Minor: Management

recognition 2012 Silver San Francisco World Spirits Competition Packaging Design Award. FEW Spirits Series.
2012 Inaugural Neenah Un-Show Competition. FEW Spirits Packaging/Label Category.
Package Design Magazine Cover, July/August 2012. FEW Spirits Rye Whiskey.
2012 TheDieline.com "Trending: Hipster Edition" FEW Spirits.
2012 Communicator Awards, 2011 Gold Davey Awards, 2011 Gold W³ Awards, FEWSpirits.com
2012 GDUSA American Package Design Award. FEW Spirits.
2011 Gold Chicago Business Marketing Association, 2010 Silver W³ Award. TCBOOST.com
2011 Silver W³ Award. ChicagoAreaPeds.com
2010 American Graphic Design Award. TCBOOST.com
2010 W³ Award. MyPedsDoc.com
2009 GDUSA American Graphic Design Award. Channel Economics.

personal factoids **Bilingual:** I can swear up a storm in both English and Greek.
Entrepreneurial: I was washing dishes, serving coffee, and shakin' down people for tips at age 8.
Traditional Artistic Ability: Sometimes the term *sketch-up* doesn't include Google.
Skills: Down a piping-hot, fresh-off-the-grill, giant steak burrito in 1 minute. They're that good!