

Renaissance Woman

(I posted this on LinkedIn to try a different angle of asking for career search support, instead of the desperation posts I've been reading for months.) It did get the most views of any of my posts.)

Extraordinarily talented women are everywhere - today's equivalent of the "Renaissance Woman". A few examples:

Mae Jamison - engineer, physician, and astronaut
Oprah Winfrey - media mogul, actor, and philanthropist
Jane Fonda - actor, political activist, and model

I applaud the many women who have accomplished things that have changed the world.

But I'm not one of those women.

However, I'm a woman who's highly skilled at the art of switching lanes. During the course of my career, I've sold cosmetics for a division of Estee Lauder, ran a direct-hire desk for a staffing firm, trained salespeople for an indoor tanning retail chain (as one of the palest women around), and voiced learning and development modules for clients as a voiceover artist.

Those are just a sampling.

A majority of my career has been in talent acquisition, a great space to hone every important skill to succeed in business or life: building relationships, studying the mind, crafting messages that earn attention, negotiating, and never, ever being afraid to raise my hand.

All of these roles taught me something important. The common threads emerged:

1. I'm diverse and well-rounded.
2. I'm good at understanding what makes people tick.
3. I'm a wordsmith.
4. I'm adaptive to different environments.
5. My interest in knowledge will never end.

What am I doing now after more than five months of being unemployed due to a layoff?

Yes, I've been applying to a lot of jobs, and networking my *ss off. (I'll spare you the stats.)

But I've also been learning. I've been learning more about "Employer Branding for Talent Acquisition", figuring out how to navigate Final Cut Pro, and studying legal terminology.

That's right, legal terminology. When a friend shared her employer's search for a Legal Writer, I raised my hand. Did I know anything about the law? Well, does a course entitled, "Supreme Court and Religious Issues" in college count?

But I knew I could learn. And I'm proud to say that two of my articles have already been published by Reuter's online legal site.

What's the moral of this story?

I possess a certain set of strengths and I know how to leverage them in different fields, and different roles.

Except you won't see me become an astronaut. I have vertigo.

This Renaissance woman wants to work - and needs to pay bills. Please like or comment - or let me know of any remote Recruiter, Employer Brand Manager, or Content Writer openings!