



FEATURED TEAM MEMBER

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What is your role at Taureau Group, and how long have you been here?

I joined Taureau Group in 2015 and I am currently a Vice President. My role entails a wide range of responsibilities - from financial analysis and research to project management, marketing, business development, strategic planning, negotiations and legal document reviews. In M&A you need a variety of skill sets that are constantly evolving as the market changes. Our goal is to satisfy each of our sell- and buy-side client's unique and specific objectives.

Before working at Taureau Group, what was the most unusual job you've ever had? I grew up in the country so unusual jobs were the norm. While past bartending jobs may have the best stories, maybe the most unique job I had was working with honey bees to harvest honey and transport bees around the country for pollination purposes. Getting stung 2-4 times daily was a given.

What has been your most memorable deal at Taureau Group? Each deal has a story and remembrance as we really get to know our clients over several months of working closely together. Broadly speaking, I always find our sell-side deals with reinvestment opportunities amongst the existing shareholders and key management teams enjoyable. It's fun to see those running the day-to-day operations retain, or get some, "skin in the game" and ideally realize a meaningful future return on their investment.

Describe the culture at Taureau Group. I am attracted to, and fit best with, smaller firms where everyone has an enhanced role and is committed towards the firm's success. The culture at Taureau Group is entrepreneurial and one where everyone has a say towards how we can improve and grow. We work hard as a team where we all lend a hand and jump in as needed.

What's something about yourself that may surprise us? People tend to like to hear about a hunting trip I took in 2007 to the swamps of Georgia and Florida. Not to brag, but we recorded the second largest gator in Georgia...it measured over 12 feet. While the pictures of the trip are pretty neat, I thought my family would appreciate that I use a picture of them for this.

Where is your hometown? Berlin, WI (Not New Berlin!)

What is your favorite movie and music? I always struggle with picking a favorite since my tastes depend on my mood and time of year. Some regular music picks are Eric Church, Christ Stapleton and DMB. If looking for a recent Netflix recommendation, I thought The Queen's Gambit was entertaining.

What is your favorite quote? I can't say that I have a favorite quote, and while this may sound cheesy, a lot of times I reference Nike's "Just Do It" to myself. Rather than complaining or procrastinating throughout life, just focus in so you can keep moving forward.

What do you like to do in your free time? With two kids under 2 1/2 years of age there isn't a lot of "free time" these days. Beyond family time consisting of tea parties, sticker books and trips to the playground, our "COVID entertainment" has been backyard fires with the neighbors. Ideally, I am hoping I can get back to playing basketball a couple times a week soon.

