



1. If anything was possible, what would your dream job be, and why?

I grew up in a poor family. I remembered, there was a time that we didn't have enough money to buy even matchsticks to start fire to cook food that would fill our stomachs for the night. That became the reason why I took a Management Accounting course in college. It is practical because a business course offers a lot of employment opportunities after graduation and that it entails lower schooling expenses because I studied at a state university and that tuition fees are shouldered by the government. If anything were possible, without money blocking my way, my dream job would be to be a lawyer. It was my childhood dream to become one. I was inspired by my father's principle in life that truth should always be defended. Also, I love the challenge that comes with the profession. For me, it feels fulfilling defending peoples' rights. Also, I wanted to stand for those people who cannot afford to seek legal help due to circumstances brought about by lack of finances. What I was then became an inspiration for the advocacy to help other people. I hope, in 5 years' time, I will come to the realization of my dream job.

2. Have you ever experienced a stressful situation in your past workplace (college if fresh graduate), what was it and how did you overcome it?

My work life would be boring without stress. I was stressed due to the fact that I have multiple roles at the same time, needing to finish tasks with urgency. One thing is when payroll week comes. I would usually see that I pass the documents up for audit a week before the payroll crediting schedule making sure that all necessary supporting attachments are complete. What always happens is that the documents are audited 2 to 3 days before the schedule as our internal auditor also has more urgent tasks that need attention. It would stress me in a way that auditing it will take, at most, 2 days. By the time the documents have been audited, I only have a day to process it: forward to the disbursing employee for check issuance to be deposited to the bank: and upload summary to bank's corporate portal for crediting to employees' accounts making sure that it was verified and approved. The same scenario kept on happening until my resignation with the company. I did not overcome it due to circumstances I cannot control but what I did to make sure that I processed it on time after the audit was preparing the summary ready for upload beforehand so that I only must update minimal adjustments once the audit is done taking less time.



3. In your previous position, what task did you find most challenging and why? What task did you enjoy most and why?

I must say that my previous job really contributed to my work ethics and values. I really enjoyed the whole stay. I have very accommodating and professional workmates, some of which even became very good friends, and at the same time taught me not just the technicalities entailed in the job but also on my initiative to be an effective employee. In my previous role, the most challenging thing for me was doing multiple tasks at the same time. I handled several roles at the same time which tested how I do things in the most effective and efficient way and still follow the company's established processes. I must make sure that I finish my tasks before the due date without compromising my other tasks as well. It was challenging but I enjoyed the challenge, I must say. One specific task that I enjoy doing the most is end-to-end payroll processing. It was the first role given to me since I've entered the company. It gave me satisfaction being able to process payroll without delays. I also find it relaxing working with numbers and using the calculator.

4. How would your past colleagues or managers describe your work ethic?

I am very thankful for the relationship that was built in my previous workplace. One that I never expected. I was thankful that they treated me as family and I also treated them the same. Bias aside, based on evaluations, I can say that they are impressed with how organized I work. They commend me for the initiative I put through my work to comply and execute quality work. They also are happy that I don't need supervision when I work, and I must say that I really own up to what I do and whenever I encounter situations I see to it that I find ways to carry out what is being handed on to me. My workmates also commented that I was strict with my work. I was just making sure that procedures are followed and that I comply with the company's policies. Also, I am very particular about my attendance. As reflected in my DTR, I seldom go to the office late, most of the time I arrive at the office 15 - 20 minutes before the official clock-in time.



5. What personal or professional accomplishments are you most proud of?

I've always been very careful with regards to making decisions. The thing is, I always believed that I could not afford to make mistakes. I thought that I'd be a failure by doing so. My actions have always been calculated and well-thought, only to realize that I am missing so many things. Today, I am most proud of myself for being able to get out of my comfort zone and take risks. I was stable at my previous job. I had my own house, a salary that can provide for me and my family also giving room for savings after every payday. I was comfortable with that life, but I decided that it would be time for me to take a step to get better and realize my dreams. As a result, I resigned. I resigned without a back-up plan taking with me the courage and faith that somewhere along the way, it will all make sense. Some would tell me that it was a lost opportunity but at this age, I just want to be bold, explore things outside my comfort zone, and to just discover the world. I think I have a lot to offer that I cannot because my environment and channel was limited to my workplace and home, which became my haven. I am limiting myself to do things and be better because I am afraid. I really am glad that I overcame fear. Things are uncertain as of now, but either way, this is still a win for me. Opportunities are just in every corner; it just takes a lot of courage and leap of faith to grab onto one.