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Professional Summary

Strategic and forward-thinking Chief Actuary with 5+ years of actuarial leadership, specializing in enterprise risk strategy, capital optimization, and multi-line insurance pricing. Known for building high-performing actuarial teams, steering complex valuation initiatives, and strengthening solvency metrics through rigorous forecasting and regulatory alignment. Adept at turning complex financial data into clear insights for executive and board-level decision-making.

Professional Experience

Chief Actuary

MetLife Insurance — New York, NY | Mar 2019 – Present

- Direct actuarial strategy across individual life, group benefits, and annuity segments, contributing to a 14% improvement in portfolio profitability through refined pricing and reserve methodologies.
- Lead a team of 22 actuaries and analysts, implementing review standards and workflow tools that cut model development cycles by 40% and reduced rework across projects.
- Oversaw annual statutory and GAAP valuation on reserves exceeding $4.6B, ensuring full alignment with ASOPs, NAIC guidance, GAAP, and IFRS reporting requirements.
- Championed modernization of forecasting and scenario testing using Python-based risk models and interactive dashboards, increasing projection reliability by 22% and accelerating planning timelines.
- Advised senior leadership on capital allocation and reinsurance strategy, supporting $310M in surplus distribution while maintaining target risk capital ratios and rating-agency expectations.

Education

Master of Science in Actuarial Science — Columbia University, New York, NY (2017)
Bachelor of Science in Mathematics & Statistics — University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI (2015)

Certifications

- Fellow of the Society of Actuaries (FSA)
- Member, American Academy of Actuaries (MAAA)

Technical Skills

Enterprise Risk Management (ERM), Economic Capital Modeling, Prophet Actuarial Software, Stochastic Scenario Testing, Asset-Liability Management (ALM), Pricing Optimization, Financial Reporting (GAAP/IFRS/Statutory), ORSA & Solvency Planning, Predictive Analytics, Python, R, SQL, Power BI

Soft Skills

Executive leadership, Strategic planning, Stakeholder influence, Board-level communication, Cross-functional collaboration, Judgment under uncertainty, Change management, Coaching & mentoring