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I was born in Ellsworth, Kansas the second of three children to Paul and Karin Schepmann. My dad is a Registered Land Surveyor and my mom has a master's degree in Social Work and worked in that field as I was growing up. My family lived in central Kansas, when I was 12 years old we moved to Olathe. I graduated from Olathe South in 1994, then attended Kansas State University where I studied microbiology. My original plan was to attend medical school following graduation from KSU however I had begun work at JBM and Associates (currently TranSystems) on a survey crew with my dad after high school and during my summers in college. After helping my dad on a survey crew for 2 years I was asked to help as a Construction Inspector on a project in Manhattan and decided I would rather work in this field than attend another unforeseen number of years of school. I held the Construction Inspector position until I graduated with my bachelor's and was then offered a full-time position with TranSystems. While working there, I gained valuable experience in heavy highway and civil construction through a variety of projects. I was promoted to supervisor and eventually Project Manager handling construction inspection projects with a staff of 4 inspectors. I was involved in the design process as the Utility Design Lead on the Bond Bridge Design Build project. In 2011 I left TranSystems and began work with BHC Rhodes in the Utility group. I have held a variety of positions with BHC Rhodes including OSP designer, Utility Supervisor and my current position as Project Manager. I have worked Utility Coordination as Utility Design Lead for Johnson County Gateway D-B project, Construction Management for Fiber Hut construction in KC and Austin for Google Fiber and telecom design projects including Long haul fiber, FTTX, subsea cable landings and Construction Management of telecom projects.

I have been married for 7 years to my stunningly beautiful and brilliant wife Erin (formerly Weisz) Schepmann. We have two boys, Emmett Orlan (5 years old) and Conway James (3 years old in September).

I coached high school and youth lacrosse from many 15 years until my kids were born and I was once the Head Coach of one of the worst high school boys' teams in the Nation. I like to think it was more a

product of playing in a very developing market, but we were pretty bad. We also had some good teams and thoroughly enjoyed *almost* every moment of the experience.

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.”

— Martin Luther King Jr., Letter from the Birmingham Jail

My job would be a lot easier if everyone worked at the same pace and in the same manner that I do.