

## A summary of my personal and family background

“ I love you very much, but my moving out is panacea of our troubles. I’ll visit you as much as I could, but don’t make me stay, Mama.” This was a start of my managerial career, and I become a manager of my own life. I was fourteen when constant scandals with my step-father and my mother’s tears made me leave my home and people whom I loved the most: my mother and my brother. I came from a modest Russian family. My poor mother, divorced with my never sober and violent father and trying her hardest to bring up two children, got in relationship with an older man who could have helped her financially and spiritually.

She was mistaken. The house turned into a nightmare where everyone tried to please one “endlessly sick” and abusive person-“narcissus” and where any little wrongdoing was severe punished. “These mentally retarded and good-for-nothing kids belong to a boarding school for idiots,” followed my brother and me during our staying at home. So, I moved out into a little apartment and, thanks for my mother’s financial help, started life on my own.

My brother, being badly treated, finally gave up on trying to be “good and smart” and expressed his rebellion in taking drugs and drinking. “Life is better through chemistry”- he sadly joked. I, on the other hand, decided to achieve the best goals I could and to disprove my stepfather’s conviction about my worthlessness. I became a manager and creator of my destiny.

At first, I made people believe that I was happiest child on Earth, never sharing my problems and crying for help. Sense of humor, enthusiasm, and abilities to work hard

and make correct decision under pressure attracted people to me since my school years.

“Never give up, reach for perfection and the output of a team is always greater than an output of an individual” were my greatest motivations in achieving any of my goals.

These factors had formed the qualities that I was most proud of: persistence, meticulousness, punctuality, and, of course, reliability—qualities my family, friends and partners respect me for, and qualities are very important for being successful in any business.

Second, I became a Valedictorian of a high school, then without the auspices and in spite corruption and bribery, I enrolled into and graduated from the university, obtaining valuable knowledge how to lead, organized and supervise people, how to be diplomatic, and how to make people believe in me and success of a project under my supervision. I became a teacher of Russian language and worked for three years with children brushing on my knowledge and polishing my skills. Unfortunately, there was no future for professional and individual growth in teaching after Perestroika in Russia. My ambition and thirst for achievements brought me into a business field because of various opportunities opened by the free market economy.

I obtained jobs with few international trading companies starting from trainee and quickly was promoted to a supervisor position. “Not bad, but it could be done better” was the best compliment from my family. Pursuing the admiring comment taught me to reach for perfection, made me meticulous,

accurate and punctual. In addition, I traveled a lot and learned to understand English, Belo Russian, Ukrainian, and Polish languages. Being open-minded and easy going in addition to all my other qualities, which were accrued through the life, I gained

the respect of my supervisors and co-workers. My personal life stabilized: I got married, and next turn of my life brought to the USA.

My husband is a nice person, great businessman, former owner of the multimillion corporation, and an alumni of UCLA. Working for him, I got taste of American way of doing business and loved it. Furthermore, I see unheard -opportunities for expressing my talents in business. I have ambitions and experience but lack the theory and basic knowledge on how to effectively run a business. An MBA Program holds a key to my success. And here I am standing front of the gate to the Wonderland, called an MBA, with a hope to obtain a MBA degree from one of the world well-known business schools, so I can implement this knowledge into my future work.