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Craig's career path, prior to joining the Ontario Securities Commission (OSC) in 2006 as Senior Geologist, was typical of many who choose a profession in mineral exploration and mining with its boom and bust cycles. But as with all things in life, keeping a positive attitude, being respectful of others, and embracing opportunities that come along generally leads to a fulfilling career and life.

After graduating in 1989 from the University of Waterloo with an Honours B.Sc. in Earth Science he worked as an exploration geologist for BHP. In 1997 he was sponsored by BHP to obtain his M.A.Sc. in Mineral Exploration (QMinEx) from Queens University. While still completing his final studies, BHP closed their Toronto office and Craig found himself searching for new opportunities, which he found with Phelps Dodge.

At the time, Phelps Dodge's Toronto office was also responsible for exploration activities in India and was looking for volunteers. Craig accepted the challenge and had two years of some of the best overseas exploration experiences. Phelps Dodge closed their office in 2002, and the hunt for new employment was on again. Craig spent the next four years working numerous short-term contracts in Canada and internationally.

In 2006, the OSC advertised for a senior geologist position to assess compliance with securities regulatory requirements, in particular NI 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects. Having never worked in regulation, or even a typical 9-5 job, Craig took the leap and was fortunate to get what turned out to be the best and most meaningful job of his career. Craig finds that one of the most rewarding and enjoyable parts of working at the OSC for the last 15 years is the opportunity to contribute to the geoscience profession and public protection through presentations, workshops, and webinars on the disclosure requirements of NI 43-101. This public outreach helps ensure that geoscientists understand their key roles and responsibilities in upholding the public interest.

Craig would like to thank his wife Andrea for her love and support, and all the mentors, colleagues, and peers that nominated him in receiving the PGO Award of Merit. Many individuals help shape one's career. In Craig's case he would like to thank several people in particular, all professional geoscientists: Rod Thomas for his leadership at BHP, Deborah McCombe for her mentorship at the OSC, and Maureen Jensen for her guidance as Chair of the OSC.

Lastly – Craig would like to recommend a career in public service. *“If you ever get a chance to be involved in public service and public protection, you might find it to be some of the most rewarding and meaningful work you will ever do – I certainly have”.*