# CLAIRE LEONARD

Working with me is kind of like handing your brand a double shot of espresso and a therapy session. I ask hard questions, care too much about fonts, and treat inconsistent messaging like a personal emergency. I play well with teams, deadlines, and half-baked concepts with strong main character energy. Also, if AI ever becomes sentient, it's probably from absorbing my obsessive monologues about color theory and messaging tone. I'm wired for deep thinking, fast doing, and turning creative chaos into something that actually works. I'm deeply collaborative, addicted to trend-spotting, and curious enough about emerging tech to be on a first-name basis with my algorithms.

# WORK & EXPERIENCE

#### 2021-Present

#### **Director of Media & Communications** RiverGlen Christian Church / Waukesha, WI

Oversees all internal and external communication across digital, print, and video platforms for a multi-campus church. Leads a creative team of staff and volunteers in developing branding, storytelling, and messaging strategies that support church-wide initiatives and ministry alignment. Spearheaded branding and communications for an \$11.1 million generosity campaign, including visual identity, print collateral, digital rollout, video storytelling, and launch strategy. Manages content production, social media growth, and a full website redesign to enhance user experience and engagement. Collaborates across ministries to maintain mission-aligned messaging.

#### 2018-2022

#### Business Owner & Freelancer Spirefly Media LLC / Remote

Specialized in branding, visual storytelling, and digital content for local small businesses, particularly in the artisanal and food sectors. Delivered end-to-end media services including logo design, social media management, product photography, and promotional video production. Partnered closely with clients to develop unique brand identities that reflected their story, mission, and values. Known for a hands-on, collaborative



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# EDUCATION

#### 2020

Bachelor's in Digital Media Marquette University, Milwaukee WI

## **CORE VALUES**

Innovation	Excellence
Integrity	Passion

# STRENGTHS

- Problem Solving
- Public-speaking
- Collaboration
- Creativity
- Teamwork
- Leadership
- Organization

#### Sales Associate & Social Media Strategist

Art's Cameras Plus / Waukesha, WI

Held dual roles as Social Media Strategist and Sales Associate at Art's Cameras Plus, a retail camera store serving both amateur and professional photographers. Created original photo, video, and written content for all major social platforms, developed and executed digital marketing strategies, and elevated brand engagement through consistent, targeted campaigns. Helped drive the com pany's recognition as 2019 Dealer of the Year, credited in part to a revitalized online presence and increased customer engagement. Balanced creative direction with frontline retail responsibilities, providing expert product knowledge, customer service, and sales support.

## **EXPERTISE**

- Al & Emerging Technologies
- Copywriting
- Web Design
- Marketing Strategy
- E-Commerce
- Content Creation
- Brand Creation & Management
- Graphic Design

# **EVERYDAY TOOLS I USE**

Adobe Creative Suite - Illustrator, Photoshop, Premiere Pro, InDesign, Lightroom CC, After Effects Task & Project Management - Freedcamp, Notion, Vimcal, ChatGPT, Basecamp Data Analysis & Content Strategy - Google Sheets, Excel, Meta Business Suite Content Creation - Panasonic, Fuji and Sony Cameras E-Commerce - Printful, Wix Web Design - Wix, Javascript, GoDaddy Al & Emerging Tech - ChatGPT, Custom OpenAI, Sora, Veo, Google AI, MidJourney, DALL-E

## HOBBIES









Dogs



Fancy Coffee

Motorcycles

es Tattooing

Photography

Cooking

## AWARDS

2019

#### James T. Tiedge Award

Marquette University

Given to who's professional career reflects the values Dr. Tiedge lived including social responsibility as a media profesÅ sional, "a commitment to ethics

#### 2019

#### Dealer of the Year

Digital Imaging Reporter

DIR, a trade magazine specifically focused on the imaging and photo business, awarded Art's Cameras Plus "Dealer of the Year" for their online presence and innovative marketing strategies.

## **REFERENCES\*\***

**Tim O'Neil** Friend / Client / Co-Founder of RPC Worship

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**Tony Miresse** Former Supervisor / Owner of Art's Cameras Plus

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**Thomas Hochheim** Former Client / Owner of Smokin' Ts

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#### Michelle

Landlord / Owner of Fine Line Salon

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David Draper Former Coworker at Art's Cameras Plus 207-712-6256

\*\*Additional References Available Upon Request.

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