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Why does Jonathan love FGA?

I was eager to help build a new kind of think tank—one that focuses on getting results by utilizing an innovative organizational structure and pursuing unique talent development—and it's been a successful journey. FGA has secured a lot of real results that have made people's lives better, and we've done so through a new business model that's become a pioneer in the industry.

Jonathan Bechtle is the chief operating officer and general counsel at the Foundation for Government Accountability. As COO, he is responsible for building and upgrading the organizational structure and core systems of FGA through hiring and management, and as general counsel, he works to ensure FGA's compliance with all relevant state and federal laws.

Prior to joining FGA, Jonathan served as the chief operating officer and chief executive officer of the Freedom Foundation, a free-market think tank based in Olympia, Washington. He holds an Associates Degree in Family and Youth Counseling from Telos Institute International and received his Juris Doctorate from Oak Brook College of Law.

Jonathan first experienced the value of work while stocking shelves and breaking down bags of flour at a bakery. His belief in the inherent dignity of work and the industriousness of mankind sets the foundation for his work at FGA and his service on the board at Better Together in Naples, Florida. As a recognized expert on election law and government transparency, Jonathan has testified before Congress and several Washington state legislative committees. He has been published in several media outlets, including the Seattle Times, the Washington Post, and the National Review Online. He is also co-author of the book, "To Protect and Maintain Individual Rights," a citizen's guide to Article I of the Washington State Constitution.

A devoted family man, history buff, traveler, and fan of the Indianapolis Colts, Jonathan currently resides in Naples, Florida with his wife and four children.