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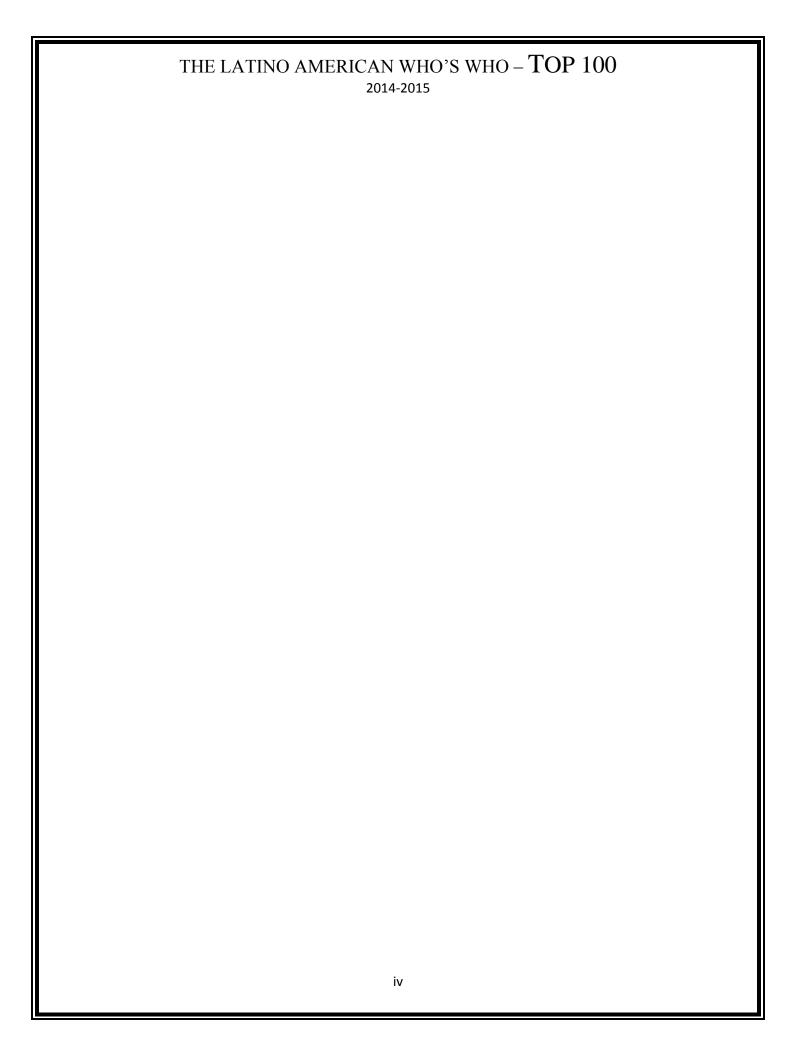
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#### Foreword:

The Latino American Who's Who has been very successful in offering a positive perspective about the Latino executive and professional community and their contributions to society.

To date, they have successfully recognized thousands of leading Latino professionals and their achievements. The Latino American Who's Who – Top 100 is comprised of an elite group of individuals that have inspired and motivated the publishers of The Latino American Who's Who to continue to pursue and give recognition to those that have achieved a level of success that should be recognized nationally.



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# 2014-2015 Professional of the Year

#### Ruiz, Richard M.

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The Texas homegrown
Ruiz family has over
100 years of
experience in the
produce industry.
They specialize in



tropical fruits such as mangos and limes, which are available year round from Mexico and South America. They work with only the best growers and shippers to bring you only the best fruits and vegetables available on the market today. Mr. Ruiz has been President of the company for 23 years.

Ruiz Sales has been the recipient of the 2012 and 2013 Role Model award, the highest level of award Produce for Better Health Foundation gives out. It was given in honor of the work Ruiz Sales has done to increase fruit and vegetable consumption in order to provide significant steps towards improving the health of America. In addition, Ruiz Sales has been rated the highest standing XXXXAA, 17 consecutive years by Blue Book. They are the only Mexican American company with this rating. Ruiz Sales has also been rated \*\*\*\*I by the Red Book and 3A1, the highest rating by Dun & Bradstreet. Mr. Ruiz is personally a Produce for Better Health Ambassador, which is a group of individuals responsible for advancing the cause of fresh fruits and vegetables throughout the industry. Mr. Ruiz attributes his success to his faith in God and the training and legacy he received from his father, Mr. Robert Ruiz Sr. Robert Ruiz Sr. got his start in the produce industry in 1949, working at Boler Farms in Pharr, TX, as a field buyer in Texas, New Mexico, Arkansas, Colorado and California. After 15 years at Boler, he began selling cabbage, Bell peppers and tomatoes to Britt McCullough Produce, Mel Renfro Foods and Van De Walla, and was doing direct store delivery to H.E.B. stores throughout Texas.

Using the extensive experience and knowledge he acquired through these jobs, Robert Ruiz Sr. opened Robert Ruiz Inc. in 1963 and was joined in the business by his sons Robert Jr., Richard and Eddie. Together, they grew the company into one of the leading grower-shipper-packers in North America.

Through honesty, integrity, hard work, dedication, and trust in God, Robert Ruiz Sr. was able to overcome the harsh discrimination that existed against Hispanics during that time, and establish a company that flourished, even when many other grower-shipper-packinghouses were going out of business at that time. With the labor and business that Robert Ruiz Sr. brought to an area, he always left an area better and richer than it had been when he arrived.

Robert Ruiz Sr. created an opportunity for Hispanic-Americans that did not exist at the time, and made the idea of Hispanic-owned companies more acceptable during a time when Hispanic-owned companies did not exist in the agricultural industry. Mr. Richard Ruiz proudly continues the tradition of excellence, integrity, and faith that was set by his father, now has a highly rated, highly regarded company, which is also 100% Hispanic owned and operated.

Mr. Richard Ruiz also attributes his success

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to Mrs. Laura S. Ruiz. Mrs. Laura S Ruiz is Vice-President of Ruiz Sales and wife of 43 years and full supporter of Mr. Richard Ruiz and his business career, even through the hard times, has been the backbone of the company, and a major stepping-stone to success and excellence, playing a major role as the account manager for the corporation. Together, they have three daughters. Mrs. Lori Ann Nisimblat, Mrs. Erica Marie Espinoza, Mrs. Jessica Nicole Armstrong. Mrs. Nisimblat also continues the family tradition be being on the board of directors of Ruiz Sales, and serving as Director of Operations. She is also responsible for the introduction and mass acceptance of Mexico Ataulfo variety mangoes into the Florida retailer's market.

Mr. Ruiz is a member of the Trinity Worship Center and attended Pan American College, now known as the University of Texas at Pan Am.

Today, Mr. Richard Ruiz continues the legacy set forth by his father, and strives to advance the cause of all Hispanics, and be a role-model to Hispanics everywhere. His company is at the forefront of the PTI and Traceability movement, and he is one of the few people in the Produce Industry who can provide item-level traceability for his Persian Lime product, which lets both retailers and consumers trace their fruit back through the supply chain to the fruit's origin point. Mr. Ruiz believes in the importance of the Hispanic community as future leaders in American business, politics, and social change, and his company strives to be the best at not only being a profitable and wellrenowned Hispanic company, but also supplying other Americans, especially the moms and kids, with their safe food needs.

#### Acosta, Ricardo

Owner and Director First Response Medical Training, LLC 2904 Trimmier Road, Suite 2 Killeen, TX 76542 www.frmtllc.com Ricardo Acosta, a 3rd generation soldier, was in the Army from 1991 till 2003. Of those 12



years he spent his time as an Army Combat Medical Specialist with 9 years in the infantry and as a Practical Nurse for 3 years. First Response Medical Training was formed in August of 2005 by Mr. Ricardo Acosta. As the Director and Owner of FRMTLLC, he oversees the daily operations of his staff at both school locations and his clinic, First Response Medical Exams. With over 20 staff members, he must make sure that they are all following the guidelines established by the Texas Workforce Commission Career Schools and Colleges branch as they govern how state approved schools operate. Ricardo also makes sure that the medical training programs are being taught by quality and qualified staff. Their goal is to make sure that our graduating students get their national certification through one of various certifying agencies so they are more marketable to all healthcare facilities. Ricardo also oversees the clinic which is a self-pay no insurance minor care clinic, that has the capability to perform various drug testing exams, DNA screening, STD screening, DOT physicals, overseas physicals for the military contractors as well as vaccinations and minor care procedures to the community. In addition, they also have translators for the Hispanic community. At First Response Medical Training, they are

saving lives every day, one student at a time. His secret to success has been in keeping God in his life, surrounding himself with successful people and following his own motto. "Before someone can fail they must first be given the chance to succeed"-Ricardo Acosta

Mr. Acosta is a member of the American Medical Certification Association (AMCA) as well as a member with Career Colleges and Schools of Texas (CCST). He is the recipient of the Army Service Medal; Army Commendation Medal; Army Achievement Medal; Good Conduct Medal; Joint Service Commendation Medal

**Education:** Graduated from Practical Nursing Program and Combat Medical Specialist Program at the Academy of Health Sciences in San Antonio, TX

Family: 3 children: Areli, Alma, and Arelia

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#### Agosto Jr., Benny

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Firm serves and protects the rights of seriously injured people and families of loved ones killed by the negligence of others. Benny Agosto, Jr., was a former international soccer player, a former teacher, and a current partner with Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Sorrels, Agosto & Friend. Mr. Agosto was born in New York City and raised in Puerto Rico. From a young age, Mr. Agosto was taught by his parents that through hard work and determination, anything was possible. He has applied this principle throughout his life, in school, on the soccer field, and in the courtroom. Every day his parents would tell his siblings and him to be sure to get an education. "No one can ever take that away from you," his father would say. His parents knew the struggles of being a migrant family without a formal education. Hard work on the soccer field and in school paid off for Mr. Agosto. He was an avid soccer player in San Juan and was recruited by Houston Baptist University to attend and play NCAA Division I soccer. Mr. Agosto went on to the University of Houston to work on his graduate degree in microbiology and taught high school and college students for six years. He then realized that although he loved teaching and coaching soccer, he needed more. Mr. Agosto was accepted to South Texas College of Law,

where he excelled in mock trial and academics and is now a board certified trial lawyer. Mr. Agosto continues his outreach to help and mentor young people in the community through his guest lecturing and speaking appearances. He frequently speaks to students attending Houston-area schools, colleges, and universities on the importance of jury service and the Constitution of the United States. In addition, Mr. Agosto delivers his inspirational advocacy message to Spanish-speaking communities, as well as, other attorneys, businessmen, and law professors, and is a frequent speaker on issues relating to civil litigation across the country. Mr. Agosto says "he is blessed to be able to make a difference in today's world". Associations: President of the Dispute Resolution Center for the Houston Bar Association, 2012-13; Former President of the National Hispanic Bar Association, 2011-12; Board of Directors for the Houston Bar Association, 2008-present; Board of Directors for the Houston Trial Lawyers Association; Member and on the Board of Directors for the Mexican American Bar Association; Founder and President of the Mexican-American Bar Association of Texas Foundation: Hobbies: playing soccer, tennis, and golf Honors: Named "Best Lawyers in America", 2012-13; One of the 101 Most Influential Leaders, Latino Leaders Mag., 2012; Texas Super Lawyers, Thomson Reuters Business, 2004-2012; Lawdragon-Leading Plaintiff Lawyers in America Finalist, 2009 **Education:** Bachelor Degree from the Houston Baptist University; Graduate Studies with a major in Microbiology from the University of Houston; JD from the South Texas College of Law, Houston, Texas

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#### Almonte, Gina Marie

President and Founder Refresh-A-Baby, Inc. 6617 Glencoe Drive Tampa, FL 33617 refreshababy.com *Business Specialty:* Refresh-A-Baby was developed by inventor and educator, Gina Marie Almonte. Refresh-a-Baby turns



water bottles into baby bottles. The idea occurred to her on an outing with friends when she realized she had left her sons baby bottle at home. Gina only had a water bottle. Instantly the idea of Refresh-A-Baby popped into her head, a quick and easy way to hydrate your baby on the go saving parents time and energy! Gina patented a baby bottle nipple converter for water bottles which instantly turned the water bottle into a baby bottle. In 2012, Gina decided to leave her career in education and freelancing as a makeup artist behind to focus 100% on her business, Refresh-a-Baby, Inc. Refresh-a-Baby is currently sold in Walgreens pharmacy's in Tampa, at airport stores across the nation, and growing daily. Prior to Refresh-A-Baby, Gina taught at Seminole Heights in Tampa for over 7 years and then worked part-time in the Hillsborough County School District to have more time for her family, as she worked on bringing her invention to market. In addition, her secret to success has been attributed to perseverance, creating meaningful working relationships, and receiving support from others wanting to see the business succeed.

**Associations:** Greater Tampa Chamber of

Commerce

**Honors:** Semi-Finalist for the "Start Up Small

Business of the Year Award"; recipient of
"Start Up Scholars Award" with the Tampa
Chamber of Commerce; honored to be invited
to the "Celebrity Gift Wagon Events" for the
Emmys and the Golden Globes; honored to be
invited to the "Celebrity Gifting Events" for
the Emmys and the Golden Globes in Beverly
Hills, CA

*Education:* Attended the University of Tampa; Bachelor Degree at the University of

Tampa; Estheticians License

Family: Two sons, Braulio and Nico

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#### Alonzo, Maria Genoveva

CEO/Owner Creaciones Fantasia

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Business
Specialty:

Creaciones Fantasia, a family owned and operated business is entering its 13th year providing planning and organization of all social and corporate events. This familyoriented company offers an extensive variety of services starting from face painting, decorations, moon-jumps, center pieces, to catering, professional video, photography and animation. On top of that, Mrs. Alonzo creates and sells Piñatas and Mascot Costumes of any form, shape, and size. Her company provides their services to all the Rio Grande Valley from South Texas Mexico border. The idea for the company was encouraged by Mrs. Alonzo's fourteen year old daughter, Mayra when she was in high school while performing in one of her Annual Folklorico Concerts. As the first born of her siblings, Mayra is responsible for company sales, publicity and is also an animator for their "Show Infantil". Mrs. Alonzo's two sons, Edgar and Kevin help with Table settings and Moon Jump deliveries. Karen and Magdalena, also daughters, help with animation and decoration of all private and social events. Lastly, Melanie her seven year old daughter loves to do face painting and create balloon arcs as a hobby. Creaciones Fantasia is always looking for ways to reach out to the community and at the same time help others. Every April 30th, Creaciones Fantasia hosts a non-profit event that is free of charge for the public where all children can get free

balloons, face painting, puppet shows, popcorn and many other items. All proceeds go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.
Creaciones Fantasia has a slogan "Donde Hacemos de tu Fiesta un Evento Inolvidable" in English would be translated to, "Where We Make of Your Party an Unforgettable Event." Mrs. Alonzo is very proud of her family which has made their business successful as well as inspirational to many. Creaciones Fantasia is located in Mission, Texas.

Associations: Make-A-Wish Foundation; Mrs. Alonzo also forms part of the Palmview Chamber of Commerce Committee and is an active volunteer for the Palmview Crime Stoppers.

Honors: Received Certificates of Appreciation and Participation Awards from numerous companies including Make-A-Wish Foundation, Idea Academy Public Schools, Palmview Crime Stoppers, Rio Grande City Police Department, Pediatric Practice Association, Pediatric Care Center, and the City of Palmview to name a few.

**Education:** Bachelors of Arts in Psychology & Sociology with a minor in English; Masters of Science in Psychology from the University of Texas-Pan American.

#### Alvarez, Agustin A.

Restaurant Owner El Cazador Mexican Restaurant 1904 Skibo Road Fayetteville, NC 28304 elcazadormex.com

#### **Business Specialty:**

Agustin Alvarez is a restaurateur, with two incredible restaurants one in Fayetteville NC,



and the other in Carolina Beach, NC. Mr. Alvarez entered the restaurant business 13 years ago. Mr. Alvarez prides himself with providing excellent, quality and authentic Mexican food, at the best price, with fast service, using the freshest ingredients, as well as offering terrific margaritas. They have space inside or outside on their patio for parties, and offer dine in and take out service for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The restaurant also has entertainment to add to your dining pleasure. Mr. Alvarez's goal is to open more restaurants over the next couple of years, and he merits his success by the way his hard working parents raised him, and with honesty.

**Honors:** Honored in the Fayetteville

Observer, Talk of the Town

*Family:* Vanessa Alvarez, daughter. Jovan Alvarez, son. Linda Alvarez, youngest

daughter

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#### Alvarez, Jose R.

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Alvarez currently works
as an MRI Tech during



the night shift at Hackensack University Medical Center and has been there since 1986. However, his real passion is acting. He has performed not only in film, but also on stage, TV commercials, and even voice over projects. Jose has appeared in several successful TV programs such as the Sopranos, Third Watch, Law and Order: Special Victims Unit, as well as, stage performances, Godspell and the Importance of Being Ernest. He also appeared in the film "Stills" in 2013. Jose also appeared in "Steps", the horror flick "Sacred Game", which can be seen on Netflix and "November Lies", which show cased his talent. Several other films for 2013 and 2014 including "Confabulator" due out in the fall of 2013 and "The Summer of 76" by Tom Koveleskie, where he portrays a state trooper. In addition, Jose is on two web series in season 2, Hamilton Street found in Youtube and The Crew which can be seen on the Dish Network. His secret to success has been his determination, drive, hunger, passion, desire to perform and a supportive family.

Associations: American Society of Radiological Technology; American Registry of Radiological Technologists

**Honors:** Perry Award Nomination for Best Male Performance in a musical for his performance in Guys and Dolls

Education: Completed the program at Stella Adler Conservatory in New York; attended Van Mar Academy School of Acting in California; Associates Degree in Radiological Science from New Jersey's Passaic County Community College; certified in Cat Scans & MRI technology

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been and continues to be legal work of the highest quality, performed by well prepared lawyers who revere their profession and are devoted to their clients. Holland & Knight remains dedicated to developing and maintaining long-term relationships. The firm's growth is due in large part to the success of their clients. They are honored to be able to contribute to their success and growth across the United States and around the world. Since their beginning, Holland & Knight attorneys have delivered focused, responsive and personalized service resulting in lasting relationships with their clients. In 1968, two law firms joined together to become Holland & Knight. One rose from the early days of industry and commerce in Tampa, the business center of Florida's west coast. The other was established amid the phosphate mines and citrus groves of inland Polk County. Both were founded by men who shared a passion for the law and public service. Maria Elisa Arango is an associate in the International and Cross Border Transactions Group with Holland & Knight for close to 4 years. Her primary areas of focus are international mergers and acquisitions and financing and investment arbitration. Her background in both common and civil law systems, in addition to her language skills,

provide Mrs. Arango with a special ability to advise clients on cross-border transactions involving multiple jurisdictions, legal systems, business cultures and languages. Before joining Holland & Knight, Mrs. Arango practiced as an associate in Colombia's premier boutique securities and M&A law firm. Mrs. Arango is admitted to practice in New York and Colombia, and she is licensed as a Special Legal Consultant in Washington, D.C. Her secret to success has been her ability to work with different cultures and also being able to negotiate beyond those differences.

\*\*Associations:\* New York Bar Association; American Par Association: Colombian Par Associations:\* Par Association: Colombian Par Associations and page 1.

Associations: New York Bar Association; American Bar Association; Colombian Bar Association; Harvard Alumni Association; Asociación de Egresados de la Universidad de los Andes

Honors: In 2011, Mrs. Arango was counsel to the controlling shareholders in a corporate reorganization involving concessions in Transantiago and Transmilenio, the largest mass transportation systems in Chile and Colombia

**Education:** J.D. with a minor in Literature and graduated cum laude from the Universidad de Los Andes; LL.M. from Harvard Law School **Family:** Married to: Isham Bhabha

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#### Arnaud, Hiram M.

Financial Advisor Strategies for Wealth 140 Broadway 22nd Floor

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#### **Business Specialty:**

Strategies for Wealth began in 1934 as a Guardian Life Insurance agency to the many



property and casualty firms that existed on Wall Street during the Great Depression. Over 70 years later, they have evolved into one of the greatest success stories in the financial services industry. Today, Strategies for Wealth offers a conversation to individuals and businesses that very few firms can initiate-a conversation encompassing a 360-degree perspective on your financial picture. Hiram Arnaud is a Financial Advisor and has been in the industry since 2000. He has had a role as an Associate Director at UBS Americas Inc., where he served as a credit analyst responsible for underwriting various warehouse credit facilities for the Asset Backed Securities ("ABS") lending portfolio. Prior to this position, Hiram was a Senior Associate for the Financial Institution Group ("FIG") at Moody's Investors Service. In this capacity Hiram's responsibilities included researching and analyzing quantitative and qualitative information for issuer credit analysis, covering commercial finance, consumer finance, credit cards, and auto

Associations: Hiram is an Inroads Scholar, a competitive leadership program for outstanding minority students, from the New York City Chapter 1998-2000. His

captive sectors.

experience in complex transactions has been enhanced by multiple professional training throughout his career, including Cash Flow, Debt Capacity and Transaction Structuring at Pimley and Pimley Inc.; Structured Finance training at Moody's; Securitization and ABS training at Fitch. Additionally, Hiram is Bloomberg Certified by Bloomberg University.

Honors: Guardian Leader's Club Award, 1st Qualification 2009, 2nd Qualification 2010 & 3rd Qualification 2011; Life Leader Award; Julien H. Summer Award; Career Kick of School Award, Recognition of the First FR to write 10 individual life insurance policies Education: Hiram was born in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic where he attended the American School of Santo Domingo. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Finance from Manhattanville College in New York, where he was the recipient of the Manhattanville College Board of Trustees Scholarship from 1996 to 2000.

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#### Arrieta, Elaine M.

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#### **Business Specialty:**

Arrieta Construction, Inc. is a small owned



construction company located in Yorktown and serving all of southeastern Virginia. A woman owned business with SWAM Certification through the Virginia Department of Minority Business, the company specializes in federal, commercial and residential construction and restoration services. Ms. Arrieta has owned the business since February 2009 and has been in the industry for ten years. Her secret to success is teamwork.

Associations: Hispanic Business Women's Alliance and was published on their website as the Latino Business of the Week for June 2010; Virginia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and was recognized on their website and in a newsletter as a Proud Member Moment; Hampton Rhodes Hispanic Chamber; National Association of Women in Construction; National Association of Women Business Owners

Honors: Received the Woman of the Year Award in 2010-2011 from the National Association of Professional Women; Published in June 2010 edition of the Hispanic Business Magazine as one of Fortune 500 Growing Businesses; Inside Business Newspaper as a successful business, April 2010; Presentation at Newport News in honor of Hispanic Heritage

**Education:** Studied computers at Columbia University; two semesters in Blueprint

Reading and Advanced Blueprint Reading at Virginia Apprenticeship and Adult Training

Center (part of Thomas Nelson Community College); attended Herbert H. Lehman College for two years

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#### Arvielo, Patricia

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Business Specialty:
Patricia Arvielo is the
President and Co-



Founder of New American Funding with over 30 years of experience in the mortgage industry. She has helped transform New American Funding into a national mortgage banker and servicer that funds in excess of \$400 million in home loans every month. New American Funding was recognized as one of the Top Mortgage Companies in 2011 and was ranked as one of the Fastest-**Growing Private Companies in Orange** County by the Orange County Business Journal. Patty began her career in the mortgage industry at the young age of sixteen. She focused on networking with real estate agents and growing her home purchase loan business. By her mid 20's, Patty found herself at Countrywide, where she gained an extensive background in mortgage operations. While there, she became a DE Underwriter and received her VA LAPP Certification. In 1994, Countrywide began its hot pursuit for the Spanishspeaking market, and Patty was instrumental in helping establish their strong presence in the Orange County community. In 1997, Patty left Countrywide for a new and exciting opportunity. She was invited to lead the operations unit at a new start-up, New American Financial. She worked at New American Financial until 2003, when Patty along with her husband

Rick, decided to step away from New American Financial and launch their own mortgage company, New American Funding. Patty's experience in all the different facets of mortgage lending gave New American Funding what it needed to take the next step to become a mortgage banker. With her direction, the company grew to take on and handle the entire loan process in house, from origination to processing, to underwriting and funding. It was also Patty's experience in residential lending that prompted the company to start down the path of forming their own Realtor-based Lending Division. Even today, while she manages operations and sales for seven offices and a staff of more than 500, Patty continues to originate and book \$4 million to \$5 million in home loans each month. She recognizes the importance of originating as it helps her keep a finger on the pulse of the market and in touch with the "streets". She knows exactly how her staff of 250 loan officers feels at any given moment. Patty resides on the National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals' Corporate Board of Governors and is on the Risk Management Committee for the Mortgage Bankers Association. She is politically involved in the current and future states of mortgage banking and frequently visits Washington, D.C. to lobby on behalf of the mortgage industry and homeowners. Her company received the Top Mortgage Companies Award in 2011-Rank #28 and was one of the Top Mortgage Vendors in CA. The company made Inc. magazine's exclusive list of the nation's fastest growing private companies, ranking at 560 and was recognized by the Orange County Publication in 2012 as one of the Best Places to Work. The company also made Inc.'s Hire Power Awards for generating jobs and building up the economy. Patty has continuous license

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education with numerous certifications from

FHA, VA, and Real Estate Boards.

Associations: National Association of

Hispanic Real Estate Professionals'

Corporate Board of Governors; Risk

Management Committee for the Mortgage

Bankers Association;

Honors: Top Mortgage Companies, 2011-

Rank #28; One of the Top Mortgage Vendors

in CA; company made Inc. Magazine's

Exclusive List and Inc.'s Hire Power Awards;

Recognized by Orange County Publication in

2012 as One of the Best Places to Work

**Education:** Continuous license education; numerous certifications from FHA, VA, and

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Business Specialty: The Mt. Diablo Silverado Council, Boys Scouts of America serves over 14,000 youth through their Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, Venturing Crews and Explorer Posts throughout Contra Costa, Solano Lake, Napa and northern Alameda counties and provides the Scouting Program to youth ages 6 through 20. Scouting provides an educational program for boys and young adults to build character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop personal fitness. Ronald Alexander Berliner is the Scoutreach District Executive for the Mt. Diablo Silverado Council, Boy Scouts of America. "If you really know me you understand how important Scouting has been to me. I couldn't comprehend my life without the experiences brought to me through the best youth serving organization in the world. The scouts will always have my loyalty. I have been a Scout reach Coordinator Marin Council BSA, and a Cub master of Pack 2000, of the Marin Council BSA, since 2002," Ronald says. Associations: Environmental Forum of Marin; Knights of Columbus; "CAMSAM" College of Architects, Mexican Architects Society; La Mirada Art Colony Club; "PADI", **Professional Association of Diving** Instructors: Latin-American Museum Long Beach: Volunteer Council of "California Palace of the Legion of Honor" and "M.H.de Yong Memorial Museum"; International Latin Film Festival Staff; American Red Cross, Disasters Health Services Division

Honors: Eagle Scout, Scouts of America, 1989; Honorable Mention in the competition to select the Expansion Project of the "Lino Picaseno Library" in 1997; Received the "Merit of Recognition of Quality of Thesis and Academic Achievement", by the National University of Mexico, 1998

Education: Major in Architecture from the National University of Mexico; holds a Professional Certificate 2769781; completion of the Program "Environmental Forum of Marin XXXV"; Semester in the Specialty of "Helios Design", Graduated Program in Sun Energy; "Emergency Medical Technician", Squadron SOS, Texas Association of Emergency Medical Technicians; County of Marin Department of Health and Human Services

#### Bernal Jr., Gilbert J.

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www.sbaustinlaw.com *Business Specialty:*Gilbert Bernal is a tax
attorney and partner in
the law firm of Stahl,



Bernal & Davies, LLP, where he practices in the firm's Texas Tax Litigation Section. He represents a wide cross-section of clients, corporations, partnerships, and individuals, from various states in connection with their administrative and judicial challenges to Texas tax audits by the Comptroller of Public Accounts. He also represents clients in tax refund claims filed with the Comptroller, including Texas franchise tax and Texas sales tax refund claims. His practice includes state tax planning and administrative and judicial litigation against other Texas taxing agencies that assess taxes and fees. Mr. Bernal represented the Comptroller and the Texas Attorney General in numerous tax trials, appellate arguments, including four arguments in the Texas Supreme Court, from 1975-1983, serving the last two years as Chief of the Attorney General's Taxation Division. He has also represented major outof-state clients and local businesses in franchise tax and sales tax litigation where the courts awarded attorney's fees to the taxpayers against the State, major cigarette and tobacco products distributors in tobacco and cigarette tax litigation against the Comptroller and various Fortune 500 oil and gas companies, automakers, insurance companies, telecommunications companies,

and defense contractors in franchise tax and sales tax litigation against the State of Texas. *Associations:* Former Chair of the Board of Advisors for UT Hispanic Law Journal; Past Member Board Volunteer of Legal Services of Central Texas; Past Member Literacy Austin; President of the Leadership Council of the Catholic Student Center at Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas; State Bar of Texas Tax Section; State Bar Construction Law Section; Texas Comptroller State of Texas Advisory Group; Subcommittee for State Tax Practitioners-Committee of the State Bar Tax Section

*Honors:* Rated AV Martindale Hubbell; Leadership Austin, 1977

**Education:** J.D. from the University of Texas at Austin, during which time he served as a law clerk in the Taxation Section of the Attorney General's office; Bachelor Degree in Government from the University of Texas at Austin with High Honors

**Family:** Married to Mary with children: Jesse Bernal and Amanda Hawkins and four grandchildren

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#### Bowman Rey, Joyce

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Business Specialty:
Ms. Rey is nationally
recognized as one of



the most influential figures in real estate today. She has continually broken sales records, managed high profile real estate transactions for the rich and famous and delivered consistent services for all of her clients. With Ms. Rey, expect nothing less than a seasoned team of experts that will offer around the clock communication, unsurpassed market knowledge and a selection of tools and resources that enhance every step of the experience. The firm will offer the personal and professional attention you require, all the while maintaining and respecting your privacy and treating your transaction with the utmost integrity. Ms. Rey is one of only two Executive Directors of Previews International (Estate Division of Coldwell Banker) in the United States. She also co-founded the first company to exclusively represent properties over 1 million dollars in America. In 2006 Ms. Rev was selected as one of the 35 Most Influential People in real estate in the country along with the Chairman of the Federal Reserve. She taught business law, spoke at UCLA, the National Association of Realtors, Women's National Congress, YPO Graduate Forum and the Governor's Conference for Women.

**Associations:** Board of Realtors; Chamber of Commerce; Volunteers for L.A. Alive, Los

Angeles Library Foundation, St. Joseph's
Center for Homeless, Coldwell Banker
Foundation Board and the International Day
of a Child; Advisory Board of the Venice
Family Clinic; US Fund for UNICEF Board;
Music Center's Blue Ribbon Board of
Directors; International Women's Forum
Honors: Legend's Award; 2010, Closed the
Highest Residential Sale in the US; Society of
Excellence Coldwell Banker Top 1%; Haute
Living, 100 Most Influential Angelenos;
Global Image Leader, The LA Business
Journal & Wall Street Journal Top Real Estate
Teams

**Education:** Master's Degree, and Bachelor's Degree, Business/Education, University of Southern California, with Honors.

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#### Buchmann, Yolly

Retired President of the Cultural Council, Inc.

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#### **Business Specialty:**

Yolly is Past President and Coordinator of the Cultural Council, an



organization that presented two major events annually: Saturday and Sunday In The Park With Art, a juried fine art show featuring up to 200 artists from around the nation, Canada and the Caribbean, and Jazz Under The Stars, a concert featuring nationally known headliners. Yolly was born in Madrid, Spain and at an early age was exposed to the arts. She summered in Vichy, France and then moved to Puerto Rico at age 4, where her dad's family owned three sugar plantations and refineries. At age 7, she moved to Illinois and went to a special school for the children of the faculty at the University of Illinois and her favorite classes were art and music. After graduating college, she became a volunteer at the Museum of Modern Art in New York, and also modeled shoes for Lord and Taylor Department store. Yolly married shortly after graduating college, and while raising children she continued her interest in art and music. In 1982, she became President and Coordinator of the Cultural Council.

Associations: President of Theatre Arts League for 8 years; Past President of Friends of Theatre at University of Miami for 4 years Honors: Who's Who of American Women; Selected Woman of the Year (1994) by the American Cancer Society; Community Headliner by Women in Communication (Miami-Dade County); Woman in the Arts by YMCA (Miami-Dade); Recognized by Miami-Dade Cultural Council for contributions to the arts, January, 2013; Leadership Award from Rotary International; Jerry Herman Ring Theatre's Hall of Fame

**Education:** Graduated from the College of New Rochelle in New York, majoring in Art and History

Family: Married to the late George Allen Buchmann with children: Victoria Anne, Melodye, Cynthia, Terry Francis, Gary Allen and Diana Lynn. Fourteen grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild.

#### Burgos-Tiburcio, Alberto

M.D.

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thewellnesssphere.com *Business Specialty:* The
founders of the
Wellness Sphere,
Alberto Burgos-



Tiburcio, M.D. and his wife, Paola Mercedes Del Valle Patron, DOM, are from Peru and were raised in the beautiful Incan culture where health has a holistic approach from herbal medicine to spirituality. The Wellness Sphere is a family-owned holistic medical practice dedicated to delivering superior medical care to their patients. Dr. Burgos-Tiburcio specializes in Clinical Nutrition, Functional Medicine and Internal Medicine. Dr. Burgos-Tiburcio decided to pursue more advanced training to better understand the basic mechanism of disease. He had a research fellow training in the department of Immunogenic at Dan Farber Cancer Institute, affiliated with Harvard Medical School. Posteriorly, he pursued his medical residency in Internal Medicine.

**Honors:** Awarded the best post-graduate year 3 medical resident in Internal Medicine, Boston, Massachusetts

**Education:** Bachelor Degree, Peru; Board Certified in Internal Medicine, Boston, Massachusetts; Board Certified in Palliative Care. Trained in Clinical Nutrition and Functional Medicine

*Family:* Married to Paola Mercedes Del Valle Patron, A.P., with two children: Jesus Burgos-Tiburcio and Diego Tiburcio

2014-2015

#### Bustamante, Antonio D.

Attorney
Law Office of Antonio D.
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1001 N. Central Ave.,
Ste. 660
Phoenix, AZ 85004 *Business Specialty:*Antonio established his law firm in 1989 and currently operates in



three locations in Phoenix. During the summer of 1973, Antonio started work as a UFW organizer during the violent grape strike in Coachella, California, but soon became a member of Cesar Chavez' road staff and was one of a team of young men responsible for moving the revered union leader every place he went as well as providing for his protection round-the-clock. Within a few months Antonio became the head of Cesar's road staff and took a leave of absence from college to continue in this role. In 1976 he returned to college and attended law school. During his 31 years as a lawyer, Antonio has advocated in favor of a number of human rights issues and civil rights cases affecting Chicanos/Latinos and immigrants. His focus is on Criminal Law and Civil Rights. Antonio's secret to success has been having a wonderful mentor in his mother for his choice of career, and his ability to work hard.

Associations: Founding Member of Arizona's Black Brown Coalition, and Member of the organizations Executive Committee; Board of Director of Los Abogados, the Hispanic Bar Association in Maricopa County, AZ and chairs the organization's Civil Rights Committee

**Honors:** 2013 Arizona State University, "Martin Luther King Award"; Law Student "Community Service Award"; Frequently

interviewed by the news media on matters of immigration law, public policy, civil rights, criminal law and Latino issues by Telemundo, Univision, Channels 8, 10, 12 and 15, KTAR Radio and other local radio stations, the Arizona Republic, Phoenix New Times, and the New York Times

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts Degree, Political Science, Stanford University, Magna Cum Laude, 1974; Law Degree, Antioch School of Law in Washington, D.C.

*Family:* Children: Dorina, Ana Magdalena, and Antonio Augustin

2014-2015

#### Butler, Jesse Bush

Partner
Thompson Coe
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thompsoncoe.com *Business Specialty:*Since 1951, Thompson
Coe has been the
litigation firm of choice
for one of the most
sophisticated buyers



of legal services in American business, the insurance industry. Building on this strong foundation of handling major case litigation and regulatory challenges, they work with clients in other industries to move their companies forward; through trial experience, alternative fee structures and fast case resolution. Jesse Butler has a wide variety of experience in commercial litigation, debt collection, bankruptcy, insurance defense litigation, professional liability litigation, energy litigation, administrative law, toxic tort litigation, product liability litigation, LLC formations, and business contract formations.

Associations: Immediate Past President,
Hispanic Bar Association of Austin (HBAA);
Board Member and former Secretary, HBAA
Foundation Board; Former Chair, St.
Edward's University Alumni Board of
Directors; Chair, St. Edward's University
GOLD Associates Club (donor organization);
Representative, Austin Bar Association Board
of Directors; Board Member, Wayside Schools
Board of Trustees; Member of the Texas Bar
Association, American Bar Association, Austin
Bar Association, Mexican-American Bar
Association of Texas, Hispanic National Bar
Association

*Honors:* Jesse was honored by his peers as a 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 Texas Rising Star

by Law & Politics magazine; and published in Texas Monthly

Education: Bachelor Degree from St.
Edward's University, graduated magna cum laude, Student Body President, Varsity
Basketball, Presidential Award winner; J.D. from the Southern Methodist University
Dedman School of Law, Editor for the SMU
Law Review, Barristers, John Marshall Moot
Court Team, Officer of the Hispanic American
Law Students Association

2014-2015

#### Calas, Noel H.

President Noel H. Calas, P.A. 210 Crown Point Circle, Suite 208 Longwood, FL 32779 sell-my-business.biz **Business Specialty:** Noel H. Calas, P.A. and **Bateson Business** Brokerage, Inc., www.sell-mybusiness.biz, was



formed to give personalized service to their sellers and buyers. They will give you the extra effort needed to insure that the sale of your business goes smoothly, and with total confidentiality. They make themselves available to you at all times possible to guide you through the sale of your business. They understand the momentous nature of selling the business that you have devoted so much time, energy and emotions to build. It is like selling a part of your life. In his 30 years in the corporate world, Mr. Calas has held positions from Marketing Representative to Executive Vice President in the Banking, Construction and Information Technology Industries. Mr. Calas retired after 20+ years in the Information Technology Industry as Vice President of a company he helped grow from \$27 million to over \$350 million, before going public. Over the years, Mr. Calas has owned several businesses, some that he started, grew and then sold, as well as others, which he bought and grew. Mr. Calas has high ethical standards and an excellent reputation for dealing honestly and fairly at all times. Associations: Business Brokers of Florida (BBF), Advisory Board Member for the Florida Small Business Development Council (SBDC)

Honors: "Deal Maker Award", Top 5 in State of Florida, 2011; "Million Dollar Plus Award", 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012

**Education:** Bachelor Degree in Advertising and Public Relations and Master Degree in Marketing from Florida State University Family: Married with a son and a daughter

#### Calderón, Rev. Marco T.

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providing bibles for bible schools and children's churches, that are currently serving 25,000 churches globally, in the U.S. and Latin America. The company distributes 1.2 million books per year. The Reverend's secret to success has been the willingness of God.

Honors: Recognized by Casa Beautista de

**Publications** 

Senda De Vida publishers in 1984,

**Education:** Secular Degree in Costa Rica; B.S. Degree, Fiu Catholic University; Attended

Bible Seminar in Costa Rica

Family: Married to: Olivia, Children: Rebecca,

Marco Jr., and Deborah

2014-2015

#### Cardenas, Ruben Raul

Partner/Attorney Cardenas & Stephen, L.L.P.

100 S. Bicentennial McAllen, TX 78501 *Business Specialty:* 

The firm of Cardenas & Stephen, L.L.P. is a legal practice focusing



on Real Estate, Bankruptcy, Trusts & Estates, Commercial Law, Estate Planning, Probate, and Business Law. Mr. Cardenas is a Partner with the firm and is Board Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization (State Board of Texas) in Residential Real Estate Law and Farm and Ranch Real Estate Law. He has been in the legal field since 1958. He previously served the State of Texas on the Texas Transportation Commission, Texas Turnpike Authority, Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Racing Commission, Pan American University and the State of Texas Drug Abuse Advisory Commission.

Associations: Hidalgo County Bar
Association; State Bar of Texas; American Bar
Association; McAllen Hispanic Chamber of
Commerce; McAllen Greeters, Charter
member; Advisory Board of Directors of Frost
Bank, Rio Grande Valley, Texas; Member and
Past President of Kiwanis Club of McAllen;
Member Sacred Heart Church, McAllen,
Texas; Past Member of the Board of Directors
of listed NY Stock Exchange Companies: SBC
Communications, Inc., Valero Energy
Corporation, and Cullen-Frost Bankers, Inc.;

**Honors:** Recipient, Lifetime Achievement Award, Hidalgo County Bar Association, 2005; Recipient, McAllen Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Golden Eagle Award, 2000; Recipient, Rio Grande Valley Boy Scouts

Past Member, McAllen Jaycees;

Council, Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award, 1998; Humanitarian Award, Corecipient with his wife, Dardanella, from the Easter Seals of Hidalgo County, 1994; Recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award, University of Texas at Austin, 1991 and St. Edward's University, 1976

**Education:** Bachelor of Science, Accounting, St. Edward's University, 1951; Doctor of Jurisprudence, University of Texas at Austin School of Law, 1958

*Family:* Married to Dardanella, with children: Carlos J., (M.D.), Oscar R., (1960-2011) and Diana L., Educator, and grandchildren: Hilary, Adam, Miles, Simon, Daniel and Emily

2014-2015

#### Cardenas, Jr., Victor L.

Shareholder/Founding Member

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Business Specialty: Mr. Victor L. Cardenas Jr. is a Shareholder and founding member of Jackson, Gilmour & Dobbs, PC ("JGD"). Mr.



Cardenas is currently leading the firm's crossborder energy practice, with an emphasis on midsize energy, commercial, and transportation sector clients. He represents companies of all sizes in complex environmental, regulatory, and commercial matters, including oil and gas contract disputes, gas supply, storage and transportation contracts, gas gathering agreements, property contamination cases, environmental cost recovery actions and superfund litigation. He also counsels clients on how to manage their environmental risks and claims through appropriate environmental indemnity clauses, performing appropriate environmental due diligence, ensuring regulatory compliance and developing other preventative and proactive strategies. Mr. Cardenas has also assisted producers, transporters, and gas storage development projects with the determination of applicable federal and state permit programs and the securing of required approvals, including permits for construction and operation of new air sources, wetlands and water quality certifications, and pipeline construction authorizations. Mr. Cardenas' unique understanding of the political, environmental, transactional and regulatory

issues unique to cross-border ventures is particularly valuable to U.S. and foreign energy-sector clients looking to expand their markets. Mr. Cardenas is fluent in Spanish and also has extensive experience with matters involving international cross-border e-discovery disputes. Mr. Cardenas' contact information is vcardenas@jgdpc.com and 1-(713) 355-5007. His representational matters include: -Representing the State of New Jersey as Special Counsel in pursuing natural resource damages, remediation, costs and other damages associated with the Passaic River and Newark Bay Complex.-Represented the State of New Jersey as Special Counsel in pursuing claims of Alter Ego, Fraudulent Transfer, Civil Conspiracy, Breach of Fiduciary Duty, and Aiding and Abetting against multi-national corporate defendants associated with the Passaic River and Newark Bay Complex. Representing the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico in pursing environmental claims including remediation, natural resource damages, tort claims, and other damages associated with contamination of the water resources of the Commonwealth. -Represented Fortune 500 Railroad Company in achieving favorable multi-million dollar settlement in a commercial dispute arising from of a train derailment. -Represented Texas City Terminal Railway Company in achieving a favorable result in a matter involving FELA claims, Breach of Contract, and Indemnification. -Representing The Brownsville & Rio Grande International Railroad in general corporate matters including drafting operating agreements, leases, indemnity and risk transfer provisions, providing strategic business and safety and operational guidance, and advising with respect to environmental regulatory

issues associated with the railroad and port

operations. -Representing member clients in PRP groups and related matters at state and federal Superfund sites including the U.S. Oil Recovery Site.

Associations: State Bar of Texas, Member:
Litigation Section; Houston Bar Association
Member: Litigation Section; Mexican
American Bar Association; Houston Young
Lawyers Association; Phi Alpha Delta
International Law Fraternity; Volunteer for
H.I.S.D. Project Expectation Graduation;
Volunteer for HYLA Lawyers in Schools
Program, H.I.S.D.; Volunteer for HBA Bilingual
Pro Bono Legal Services Programs

Honors: Appointed by Mayor Bill White to the

**Houston Buildings and Standards** 

Commission

Education: Law Degree, with honors, from Thurgood Marshal School of Law, Texas Southern University in 1999; Graduated from the University of Texas in 1991; Licensed to practice in all state courts in Texas and the United States District Court for the Southern and Eastern District of Texas

*Family:* Married with two daughters

2014-2015

#### Carmona Toro, Beatriz E.

**ARNP** 

Neurological Services of Orlando 3849 Oakwater Circle Orlando, FL 32826 orlandoneurological.com *Business Specialty:* Neurological Services of Orlando provides diagnostic, treatment,

and rehabilitative



services to patients throughout Central Florida, including Orlando, Orange, and Seminole. Most of their services are provided on site or at a convenient, nearby treatment facility. In addition to providing general and behavioral neurological care, they offer their patients the following diagnostic and treatment programs-Parkinson's Disease Treatment Center, Multiple Sclerosis Treatment Center, Electromyography (EMG), and Electroencephalography (EEG). After receiving her Bachelor's in Nursing from the University of Central Florida, Beatriz began work in the field of nursing in 2007 on the neuroscience unit at Orlando Regional Medical Center, a stroke certified hospital. While working on her Master's in Nursing Practice at University of Central Florida, Beatriz obtained her certification as Neuroscience Registered Nurse in 2009. In 2010, Beatriz further focused her work on neurology by working with several neurologists as a rounding nurse. She has spoken locally on neurology topics including at the Annual Heart and Vascular Conference in 2010, and became certified as a Family Nurse Practitioner in the fall of 2010. In January of 2011, Beatriz joined Neurological Services of Orlando with a practice focusing on sleep medicine in addition to general neurology. Her secret to success has been

perseverance. Beatriz comes from a family of health care providers including doctors and dentists, but is the first to go into nursing. She is a member of the Certified Florida Nurse Practice Council and the American Board of Neuroscience Nursing.

**Associations:** Central Florida Nurse Practice Council; American Board of Neuroscience Nursing

**Honors:** Spoken locally on neurology topics including at the Annual Heart and Vascular Conference in 2010

Education: Associates Degree from Seminole Community College; Bachelor and Master Degree in Nursing Practice from University of Central Florida; holds a certification in Neuroscience Registered Nurse in 2009; certified as a Family Nurse Practitioner in the fall of 2010

**Family:** Married to: Juan Carmona with on child, Christina

#### Carrizalez Jr., Manuel

Founder and President Stay Focused Ministries and Reach 4 Greatness, Inc. 1225 California Avenue Bakersfield, CA 93304 stayfocused.org Business Specialty: Manuel provides

spiritual inspiration



and intervention to people all over America. In spite of being deeply involved with gangs and the turmoil of that self destructive lifestyle as a young man; he managed to turn away from it, to pursue a new and positive direction through the intervention of God's grace and a few key friends. Manuel was ordained as a minister in 1991. He is the Executive Director and Founder of Stay Focused Ministries, a non-denominational, non-sectarian organization. This ministry has a gift to reach those who are hurting and have no hope for a better future, encouraging them to seek a better life through a commitment to Jesus. Manual recognizes that what God did in his life he will do in others. He is committed to reaching youth and parents through multifaced outreach efforts provided by his dedicated following of volunteers through a well orchestrated plan. Stay Focused is actively involved in offering alternative solutions to those who have become imprisoned by their environment and circumstances. Through ministry, mentoring, coaching and encouragement, Manuel and his team of volunteers are changing the lives of people in need of hope. Manuel also founded the Reach For Greatness Mentoring Program, another facet of Stay Focused providing school-based and community-based, one on

one and group mentoring relationships to at risk and high risk youth which focuses on character development, making right choices and hope for the future. Stay Focused Ministries received a U.S. Department of Education grant to assist youth through mentoring in 2005 in order to provide consistent positive impact with youth and families locally.

Associations: Outreach events in communities, inner cities, churches, school assemblies and a televised program entitled "Stay Focused"; Hobbies: golf and spending time with family

Honors: Requested as a speaker at schools and universities, conferences, neighborhood meetings, community based forums, and other public gatherings; invited to share his knowledge regarding mentoring high risk youth at the U.S. Department of Education National Conference in August 2007 and was a speaker at the 2007 annual White House Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Conference in Washington D.C. focusing on the importance of parent involvement in prevention of violence amongst youth

**Education:** 23 years of experience **Family:** Married to Liz with one daughter and one son

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#### Cataxinos, Edgar R.

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TraskBritt, P.C.

represents national and international corporations, research organizations, universities, and individuals throughout the world, with a substantial client base in the European Union and Asia. They provide the highest-quality professional and legal services in a timely manner and at a reasonable cost through the use of innovative technologies, practices and procedures and ongoing education and training of the attorneys and professional staff. Mr. Cataxinos is a Director and the Managing Shareholder of TraskBritt. His practice emphasizes patent preparation and prosecution and patent related litigation. Mr. Cataxinos performs patent and technology portfolio evaluations and audits for clients. He regularly advises clients on intellectual property licensing, trademark cancellations and oppositions, and patent interferences. In addition, Mr. Cataxinos has litigated numerous intellectual property matters through trial and has successfully argued appeals before the Federal Circuit in patent matters. Mr. Cataxinos is a registered pharmacist with twenty years of industry experience in intravenous medications, pharmacokinetics, and general laboratory analysis. As the Director of Pharmacy Services for a specialty pharmacy services provider, Mr. Cataxinos created protocols and

procedures for accreditation and ongoing compliance for state and federal health care agencies. He has written in the area of Drug and Dietary Supplements and drafted model protocols for FDA approval of new drugs. Mr. Cataxinos is currently an Adjunct Professor at the University of Utah College of Law and has written and lectured extensively on the subjects of patent litigation and patent prosecution. He is named as one of The Best Lawyers in America in the field of Intellectual Property, ranked in Chambers, USA, listed among the "Utah Legal Elite" by Utah Business Magazine, and named by Mountain States Super Lawyers as among the top five percent of lawyers in the state.

**Associations:** Member of the Super Lawyers; Best Lawyers; Chambers; Hobbies: soccer and snowboarding

Honors: Named as one of The Best Lawyers in America in the field of Intellectual Property; ranked in Chambers, USA; listed among the "Utah Legal Elite" by Utah Business Magazine; named by Mountain States Super Lawyers as among the top five percent of lawyers in the state

**Education:** Received JD from the University of Utah; attended College of Law

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*Family:* Married with three children

#### Chanez, James

M.D.

President and Founder of NTLAPA North Texas Latin American Physicians Association (NTLAPA) 8230 Walnut Hill Lane, Ste. 804 Dallas, TX 75231



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Business Specialty: North Texas Latin American Physicians Association (NTLAPA) is a local non profit organization of Latin physicians and professional healthcare leaders working together to improve the quality of healthcare for the communities in North Texas through scholarship and community support. Dr. Chanez is the President and Founder of the organization whose mission is to represent all Latin American physicians, physicians with Latin ancestry, all physicians and all healthcare professionals wishing to join. Dr. Chanez has a private practice specializing in internal medicine and diagnosis, and is Board Certified in Internal Medicine. He has been in the medical field for over eleven years.

**Associations:** President of NTLAPA; Vice Chair, Genesis IPA; Active Member of the Texas Medical Association and Dallas County Medical Society; Current Board Member of Mighty Grow Fertilizer Company; Hobbies include sports, hunting, fishing, community work, and spending time with his wife and three children

**Honors:** Former Chief Resident, Internal Medicine, Methodist Hospitals of Dallas; D Magazine's Best Doctors in Dallas

**Education:** MD, University of Texas Health

Science Center, San Antonio

2014-2015

#### Corrao, Angela M.

#### Psy.D.

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Psychiatric Group
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Middletown, CT 06457
Business Specialty:
Spring Street
Psychiatric Group
provides individual,
couples, and family



psychotherapy in a private practice setting, offering clinical evaluations to children, adolescents, and adults, as well as assess treatment needs, treatment goals, and immediate objectives. Dr. Corrao is one of the few bi-lingual and bicultured psychologists in the state of Connecticut in private practice. Prior, Dr. Corrao was at the Community Health Center in Middletown, CT. She has provided child and family therapy to clients from Puerto Rico, San Salvador, Chile and other Latin American countries. In New London, Dr. Corrao holds weekly group therapy meetings and parenting classes. She also does clinical interviews and mental status examinations in the effort to determine the emotional states and mental health needs of the mothers who attend her group. Dr. Corrao was an Assistant Visiting Professor of Psychology at New Mexico Highlands University, which is located in her hometown, from 1994 to 1995. She lectured and taught undergraduate and graduate psychology courses, as well as coordinated practicum placements for graduate students at such mental health facilities as Las Vegas Medical Center and the New Mexico Highlands University Counseling Center. Additional responsibilities included contributions to recent re-evaluation of core curriculum courses. She also played an active

role in redefinition and development process of the graduate program.

Associations: American Psychological Association; Connecticut Psychological Association; Society of Behavioral Medicine; Hobbies: cooking, playing the piano and bicycling

Education: Bachelors Degree in Psychology from Connecticut College; Masters Degree in Clinical Psychology from Connecticut College; Masters Degree in Clinical Psychology from the University of Hartford; Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Hartford Family: Married with four adult children, and nine grandchildren

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#### Cruz, Monica

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Downing & Anderson L.L.P.



Associations: State Bar of Texas Family Law Section, Dallas Bar Association, Family Law Section, Dallas Minority Bar Association, Collaborative Professionals of Dallas, and the Dallas Hispanic Bar Association. Ms. Cruz proudly served on the District 1 Grievance Committee from 2011 - 2014, and she will continue her service on the District 1 Grievance Committee for the 2014-2017 term

as the committee panel chair

*Honors:* Texas Rising Stars, Thomson Reuters, Legal Division, 2010 - 2015; Gold

**Key National Honor Society** 

Education: J.D. from Texas Tech University School of Law in Lubbock, Texas, and, a B.S. from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. In 2003, she also attended the University of Guanajuato, Summer Law Institute Study Abroad Program in Guanajuato Movice.

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### D'Annunzio, Michael

D'Annunzio Group Inc. 136 Central Ave. Clark, NJ 07066 *Business Specialty:* D'Annunzio & Sons was started in 1981 by Michael D'Annunzio father and brothers, and they have been in business for over thirty two years providing



heavy highway construction services. The company has been involved with various projects including bridge rehabilitation, excavation, environmental, grading, paving, pile, driving, bridge construction, cofferdams, foundations, utilities and marine work in the NYC Metropolitan market. Michael Anthony D'Annunzio is third generation in this industry and he has been with the company as President and CEO since 1987. He grew the company from \$8,000,000. in revenue to \$117,000,000. prior to the 2008-2014 economic down turn. His secret to success has been his passion and determination.

Associations: Utility and Transportation
Contractors of N.J. (UTCA), Board of
Directors and Chairman, Student Scholarship
Awards Committee since 1987; NYC General
Contractors Association; N.J. Professional
Engineers in Construction; N.J. Society of
Professional Engineers in Construction;
National Society of Professional Engineers;
American Society of Civil Engineers;
American Road and Transportation Builders
Association; Construction Industry
Advancement Program (CIAP); Past Member
of the Scotch Plains Township Zoning Board
of Adjustment; Past Board of Trustees
Member Plainfield Country Club; Past Youth

Baseball Manager; Past Member of Newmark School's Capital Campaign Committee (2011-2013), (a school for special needs children); Hobbies include: reading, golf, boating and travel

**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, Cum Laude, New Jersey Institute of Technology, 1981; P.E. Registration, State of New Jersey, License No. GE 32964

Honors: SET Scholarship Designee, 2006; UTCA, 2001 William Feather Constructor Award; NJPEC, 1998 Bonhag Engineer Constructor Award; NJPE, 1998 NJ Engineer of the Year Award

**Family:** Married to Kim with children: Angelica and Christopher

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### D'Arcy Maculaitis, Jean

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**Business Specialty:** Dr. Jean D'Arcy Maculaitis is the President of MAC Testing & Consulting, LLC, an educational strategy and research firm with a global clientele. Her firm was named one of the Top Learning Centers in America by the independent researchers at Inside America. Dr. Maculaitis (Dr. Mac/La Maguita/Dra. Mac) has been a professional test architect and test writer for more than 25 years. She is an English language educator, international lecturer, education/testing expert in legal cases, consultant, professional editor, featured academic writer for NJ Blitz Magazine, professional guidance and career counselor and researcher. Dr. Maculaitis is the author of, among other numerous non-technical and technical works, The Maculaitis Assessment of Competencies: Comprehensive English Language Evaluation (The MAC K-12), a coordinated and developmental series of test batteries for non-native speakers of English in grades K-12 used worldwide. The MAC K-12 measures listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Dr. Maculaitis has also been working for the past two decades on researching, developing and field testing pivotal evaluative tools for native and nonnative learners in grades 5-adult, The MAC Action Indicators: Insightful Assessments for Personal Empowerment (aka THE PROFILE). The nine diagnostic components (and the actual accompanying texts) of THE PROFILE are as follows: 1 Long-Term Mathematics Issues for Tweens, Teens & Young Adults 2

MAC Core Beliefs Questionnaire for Middle School, High School and College Test Takers 3 MAC Stuff Happens Rating Sheet for Tweens, Teens & Young Adults 4 MAC Diagnostic Checklist for Visual & Auditory Difficulties for Tweens, Teens & Young Adults 5 MAC Learning Style Pathway Rating Scale for Tweens, Teens & Young Adults 6 MAC Rating Scale of Hemispheric Mode Preference for Tweens, Teens & Young Adults 7 MAC Informal Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder Questionnaire for Tweens, Teens & Young Adults 8 Who am I? Personality Types A, B, C, F, H, & T for Tweens, Teens & Young Adults and 9 May I Have Your Birth Order: Birth Order as a Powerful Personality Indicator for Tweens, Teens & Young Adults. Future components will focus on the highly sensitive person, the mildly autistic learner and the dyslexic student. Among other brain-friendly pragmatic projects, Dr. Mac and her staff have just completed the final edition of Grammar Games: An Exciting & Fresh Approach to American English Grammar and four easy-to-use books for students from middle school through adults— HuMATHities: An Exciting & Fresh Approach to Mathematics. Currently, she is working on the research edition of Best Friends Forever! Writing Reading & Reading Writing, as well as on Navigating the "Geography" of Real Life Writing: Practical Templates to Advance Your Career or Save Your A—— or Both. She has also prepared extensive instant access databases to facilitate program selection for students wishing to matriculate at college (including programs for students with learning disabilities), business school, law school, medical school, dental school, veterinary school, and the like. Her most notable accomplishments, however, are the young people whose lives have been

transformed by their experience at MAC Testing. Dr. Mac's life is totally and unabashedly dedicated to children—all children.

Associations: Member of the International Platform Association, the oldest and most prestigious speakers' organization in the world; Test Reviewer for the Buros Institute of Measurement at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln; Founding Member of the US-China Entrepreneurs' Federation (UCFED); select corporate partner of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association, and member of the Advisory Board of Trustees of Georgian Court University in Lakewood, New Jersey. She is the recipient of the 2009 Jim Sullivan Award presented to the individual who has made outstanding contributions to the game of basketball in the Jersey Shore area. Her It's a Wonderful Life Annual Holiday Drive began in 2011. That year monies were raised to help the local poor. In 2012, Dr. Mac joined the efforts of her student, Samantha Noblejas, and helped her collect some of the over 6,000 books and school supplies that were then sent to a rural school district in Bulacan, Philippines for Rosario's Library, an organization named after Samantha's late grandmother. Monies, books, and school supplies were collected between Thanksgiving 2013 and St. Patrick's Day 2014 and sent to Ms. Mariah Iapicco, a 2013 Georgian Court University graduate, to be distributed to the students at St. Michael's High School on the Indian Reservation in Apache County, Arizona. Dr. Mac is also the founder of both the MAC Apollo Program (strictly at Asbury Park High School) and the MAC All-Star Program, which have very quietly provided free expert P/SAT, college application and interviewing preparation to under-privileged high school studentathletes since 1992, including select Gang Prevention members of the Boys and Girls' Club, Asbury Park, New Jersey Unit during the 2010-2011 academic year. It is significant to note that, to date, every MAC All-Star senior has earned a full or partial college scholarship. The majority of these All-Stars either has already graduated from college or is still in college or graduate/professional school. Many are or will be working professionals in their respective communities.

Education: Ph.D., New York University; self-designed doctorate in the measurement and evaluation of the English language, with a concentration in Applied Linguistics and secondary education. Dr. Mac has taught every grade from third through post-doctoral in virtually every type of community— urban, suburban and rural, including a brief time in three New York State federal prisons.

*Family:* 9 children: 6 girls, 3 Boys

2014-2015

### De León, Juan Manuel

Spanish Teacher
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Business Specialty: Mr. De León was born in Reynosa, Tamaulipas, Mexico and graduated from San Jacinto High



School. He completed the Pharmacy Specialist Program in the United States Army at Fort Sam Houston, TX and then went to Fort Campbell, KY. In 1969, Mr. De León decided to go back to school. He completed his Bachelor Degree in Spanish with a minor in History and his Master Degree in Spanish with a minor in Elementary Education at the University of Texas-Pan American. Mr. De León also completed the Elementary-General, Elementary-Spanish, Bilingual, High School-History, and High School-Spanish Certificates. Mr. De León started in the Donna Independent School District as an ESL 3rd Grade Teacher and was also an ESL Teacher-Adult Basic at night. In 1975, Mr. De León went to the Montana Migrant Summer Program where he was a 5th and 6th Grade Teacher, an ESL Teacher, as well as a Recruiter. In 1977 through 1999, Mr. De León was a 5th and 6th Grade Teacher, an ESL Teacher, and a High School Spanish Teacher levels I and II for the McAllen Independent School District in McAllen, TX. He also taught Spanish at the Summer Bilingual Program and Adult Night Classes. In 1986 through 1988, Mr. De León was a Part-Time Spanish Professor at the University of Texas-Pan American. He completed the Language Proficiency Development for Spanish

Teachers and the A.P. Spanish Language and Literature Programs there too. Starting in 1999, Mr. De León is now a Dual Enrollment College Prep Spanish Teacher at the Science Academy of South Texas in the South Texas Independent School District. He has been with the Academy for 13 years with over 38 years of teaching experience. Mr. De León continues his education, as well as his teaching. In the summer of 2000, Mr. De León completed the TAMUK/Fulbright Program in Guatemala. He then returned in the summers of 2001 and 2002 to the Universidad Galileo/Centro de Idiomas ilntegrados Guatemala, Guatemala to teach English. He is a Board Member for the Texas Classroom Teachers Association (TCTA) and has been the recipient of the College Board Award, as well as being nominated numerous times for the Who's Who Among American Teachers Award. His secret to success has been his strong desire to teach.

Associations: Board Member for the Texas Classroom Teachers Association (TCTA)

Honors: College Board Award; nominated numerous times for the Who's Who Among American Teachers Award

Education: Pharmacy Specialist in the United States Army at Fort Sam Houston, TX; Bachelor Degree in Spanish with a minor in History, Master Degree in Spanish with a minor in Elementary Education, Language Proficiency Development for Spanish Teachers, A.P. Spanish Language and Literature from the University of Texas-Pan American; TAMUK/Fulbright Program in Guatemala; Certificates: Elementary-General, Elementary-Spanish, Bilingual, High School-History, and High School-Spanish

*Family:* Married to: Maria de la Luz, children: Juan De León, Jr., Jose E. De León, David De León, and Marco A. De León, grandchildren: Isabel, Nathaniel, and Alexandra

2014-2015

### de Liz Hernandez, Flor

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**Business Specialty:** Mrs. Flor De Liz Hernandez, Special Education Residential Facilities and Compliance Monitor, joined the Beaumont Independent School District, Special Education Supervisory team on July 25, 2012. She has also worked within the district since 2003 in other capacities including Classroom Teacher, Computer Liaison and Diagnostician for seven years. Prior to coming to Beaumont, she served for six years as a Bilingual 3rd grade teacher, then two years as a Math Coach and Intervention Specialist (K-5) at Spring Branch ISD. A graduate of University of Houston, Mrs. Hernandez received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies and a Masters of Science Degree in Occupational Technology with an emphasis in Information Systems Technology. In addition, she earned a Principal Certification from St. Thomas University and a Diagnostician Certification from Lamar University. Mrs. Hernandez manages Special Education Compliance Monitoring and is responsible for staff training and development. "I am honored and thankful for the continued opportunity to positively contribute to an organization that holds high standards for student achievement-a District that enhances student strengths, supports areas of need, embraces diversity, and individualizes instruction to ensure that all students realize their fullest

potential." Mrs. Hernandez was born in Managua, Nicaragua. She immigrated to the United States and is fluent in English and Spanish. She graduated Salutatorian of her class at Braeburn Baptist Academy in Houston, Texas. She has been published by Devine Educational Inc. She was awarded an Excellence in Education Grant for designing and implementing integrated instruction about the human body wherein students used slideshows and PowerPoint to present research. Mrs. Hernandez is also very active in the community serving as Interpreter in the community, traveling in Missions trips to Totogalpa, Nicaragua, as a Deacon and in the Choir at her church, Ministerio Internacional Nueva Vida en Cristo. "I attribute my success first to the Lord God All Mighty and second to the love and support of my family. My mother, Lucy Rubio, has been an unconditional support in my Spiritual, Academic and Professional success. It is through her love and dedication that I am the Hispanic Leader I am today. I am also very grateful for my husband, Daniel Hernandez and my spectacular children, Adelin Esperanza and Jonathan Daniel Hernandez. They are the joy of my life. As a Christian Latino family we provide each other with unity and support. We are a family that believes in service and in God's word Philippians 4:13 "I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me [I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me; I am selfsufficient in Christ's sufficiency]." **Associations:** Very active in the community Nicaragua, as a Deacon and in the Choir at her

serving as Interpreter in the community, traveling in Missions trips to Totogalpa, church, Ministerio Internacional Nueva Vida en Cristo; Hobby: horseback riding

**Honors:** Graduated Salutatorian of her class

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at Braeburn Baptist Academy in Houston, Texas; published by Devine Educational Inc.; awarded an Excellence in Education Grant for designing and implementing integrated instruction about the human body wherein students used slideshows and PowerPoint to present research

Education: Bachelor of Science Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies; Masters of Science Degree in Occupational Technology with an emphasis in Information Systems
Technology; earned a Principal Certification from St. Thomas University and a Diagnostician Certification

**Family:** Married to: Daniel Hernandez, Children: Adelin Esperanza and Jonathan

Daniel Hernandez

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#### DeAnda, Jaime

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#### **Business Specialty:**

Like everyone Jaime had a dream, to play in a band. Born and raised in Northside Houston,



he was the only boy of 4 children. During his childhood, he would watch his Dad perform and while helping out at his Dad's shop he would make his own instruments. It was during this time that he fell in love with the concept of performing in front of an audience. Years later Jaime would perform drums in his father's band at local clubs and bars. At the age of 13 he started learning how to play the accordion, that was when destiny took over. Jaime Y Los Chamacos popularity can be directly attributed to 26 years of combined talent and outstanding ability to appeal to audiences of all ages. Creative choreography such as gravity defying spins while simultaneously playing the accordion and singing is the role trademark of Jaime De Anda. In the year 2000, Jaime Y Los Chamacos drew audiences to indoor and outdoor performances with attendance ranging from 1,000 to 10,000! Appearances have included night clubs such as T -Town 2000 in Houston with over 2,500, Graham's Central Station (San Antonio and Pharr, TX), out door performances like the Rodeo de Zua Zua in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, with an attendance of 10,000 and Party On The Plaza (Houston, TX) just to name a few. Having appeared in various cities across the United States and Mexico, Jaime Y Los Chamacos are

no longer considered a Texas band. They even played for the San Antonio Spurs at half time and after the game. Jaime would like to thank his agent, Norma Duran, for the success of the Jaime Y Los Chamacos!

Honors: Televised appearances have included over 30 appearances on The Johnny Canales Show, local Telemundo and Univision programming, public service announcements, endorsements, product spokesperson and commercials; performed twice for President Bill Clinton and once for the first lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton in Brownsville, Texas; CD sales range in status from gold to platinum and include reaching to number 1 in both the Tejano and Latin Billboard, as well as #14 on the Billboard's Hot Latin Charts; 7 time Grammy Winner; TTMA Show Band of the Year Award; Male Entertainer of the Year Award; Conjunto Of The Year in the Valley's Choice Awards

2014-2015

### del S. Pedersen, Gladys

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Business Specialty:
Gladys del S. Pedersen
was born in Costa Rica
and came to the United



States in 1957. She was an Officer for the Bank of America International in New York and retired in 1988. In 1997 a group of concerned Latin Americans envisioned an organization to deal with the education of its young and the welfare of Latin Americans migrating to this area. To this aim they founded a non profit association, Hispanic Scholarship Civic & Cultural Foundation, Inc. The organization took some turns and temporarily closed around the year of 2004, but the passion and the fire for the cause reopened the organization on July 22, 2005. The Hispanic Scholarship Civic & Cultural Foundation mission is to: "organize fundraising events and procure other sources of support to aid Hispanic students from financially disadvantaged homes to pursue a college education; to, through our youth, perpetuate our Hispanic heritage, our culture, our beliefs, our traditions and our values; prepare them to receive the torch from our hands and pass it on with respect, dignity and pride to the hands of our future generations; to lend economic help to our Latin American brothers and sisters adopting this country as their new home; to ease their transition to a new way of life by helping them identify economic, social and civic programs available to them; to encourage them to become self

reliant and determined to successfully integrate themselves into the mainstream of the community and become productive members of our society." Gladys del S. Pedersen is the President and leads the creation of the new foundation with the support by a select group of concerned retired professionals (co-founders) from various areas of endeavor. When asked what is the secret to your success, Gladys simply answers, "What moves her is her caring and the giving of herself so she may leave something accomplished in her lifetime. We were put into this world not only to breath in and breath out; not only to occupy space, but to move, to cause change, to influence others to find within themselves the fire and passion to try to change the world for the better, if only in an infinitesimal way."

Associations: Captain of the Welcome Center and a member of the Council of Catholic Women for St. Joan of Arc Church; Hobbies: power walking, exercise, reading, and listening to classical music

Honors: Received the "Certificate of Appreciation" in recognition of her deep commitment and dedication to H.E.A.R.T. Literacy, awarded by Hernando County School Board; recognized by the Hernando County Times

**Education:** Associates Degree from the City University of New York-College of Staten Island; Bachelors Degree from St. John's University; Master Degree in Marketing and Finance from Wagner College-Staten Island Campus

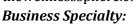
*Family:* Married to the late Albert R. Pedersen

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#### Del Valle Patron, Paola

A.P., Dipl. O.M.

Co-Owner The Wellness Sphere 299 Alhambra Circle, Ste. 316 Coral Gables, FL 33134 thewellnesssphere.com



The Wellness Sphere is a family-owned holistic



medical practice dedicated to delivering superior medical care to their patients. They practice a model of medicine that incorporates the best medicines to ensure that patients choose carefully from Western and Eastern medicine to develop a treatment plan that is maximally effective, minimally invasive and personalized to each individual's needs. The founders of the Wellness Sphere, Paola Mercedes Del Valle Patron, A.P., DOM. And her husband, Alberto Burgos Tiburcio, M.D., are from Peru and were raised with a strong Incan culture surrounding them. In the Incan culture as well as Peru health has a more holistic approach from herbal medicine to the spiritual realm. Paola values the importance and how progressive acupuncture has been; by listening to people who have come to her for treatment and where there pain or stress stems come from. She has discovered that with acupuncture there is a virtue in healing people of certain problems and pain as well as preventing their future occurrence. Mrs. Del Valle with her passion in Holistic treatment completed training in Traditional Chinese Medicine, herbal medicine as well as application of acupuncture. With her completed training she is now able to excel in helping those in need of pain management, stress, anxiety disorders, infertility, insomnia, chronic

fatigue, headaches (including chronic migraines), weight loss, depression and more. The Wellness Sphere's team are bilingual, highly trained, licensed and board-certified. Paola's vision is to provide the best Oriental medicine that is easily accessible, effective and affordable to everyone. Her secret to success has been her perseverance to follow her dreams. "My vision is to provide them [patients] with the best Oriental medicine that is easily accessible, effective in its purpose, and affordable to everyone. This vision is what led to the birth of The Wellness Sphere a medical practice that is family owned. It gives me great joy to be one of the co-founders; we specialize in pain management, anxiety, stress, weight loss, fertility, insomnia, motivation, and empowerment. These services are provided to people of all ages and are easily accessible" (Paola Del Valle Patron O.M). Associations: Florida State Oriental Medicine Association, American Association of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Honors: Graduated "Summa Cum Laude" **Education:** Bachelor Degree, in Health Science as well as a Masters Degree in Oriental Medicine from Acupuncture Massage College, graduating "Summa Cum Laude". She is National Board Certified in Oriental Medicine and has a license to operate as an Acupuncture Physician in the State of Florida. *Family:* Married to Alberto Burgos-Tiburcio, M.D., with two children: Jesus Burgos-Tiburcio and Diego Tiburcio

2014-2015

### Devasquez, Devin

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**Business Specialty:** 

Devin has been President of DevRonn Enterprises, LLC for six years. She started the company because so many of her friends were asking for her Cajun Gumbo and chicken recipes. She created the site "Devin's Kickass Cajun Seasoning", and part of the proceeds go to the "Hurricane Katrina" Fund to help rebuild New Orleans. Her cookbook, Cookin' Cajun, includes many of her favorite recipes. She has also written a book called "True Age, Timeless Beauty", a simple outline on how to keep life in balance and how to find the fountain of youth with lifestyle changes that will keep you forever young. Another book Devin has published is "Naked Truth About a Pin-Up Model", told first hand by Playboy Playmate, Devin Devasquez, who knows what being a pinup is about and will share insightful secrets to questions you have always wanted to know about a pinup model. A book about humorous looks at relationships between men and women, can be found in her and co-author husband's book "My Husband's A Dog---My Wife's A Bitch". Devin has been a successful pinup model for over twenty five years and has appeared in films such as "Can't Buy Me Love", "Society" and "A Low Down Dirty Shame". She went on to produce her own video "The Best Of Devin" and photo book "Living in a Blond World". Her biggest passion is to empower women

and her secret to success has been her perseverance.

*Honors:* \$100,000. winner of "Star Search"; Discovered by Playboy and was "Miss June", 1985

Family: Married to actor Ronn Moss with two

daughters

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### Docasar, Haydee

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with a high level of respect, confidentiality and personalized individual care. They pride themselves on their motto "For Women by Women". They understand the importance of compassion and the human touch, and reassure their patients that they will be there for them at every stage of their lives, without compromising on the level of service that is received or the knowledge base that they provide as physicians. Dr. Docasar has been with A Woman's Place since 2006. Her experiences have encompassed academic medicine, military medicine, organized Medicine with Kaiser Permanente, as well as the private sector of medicine with her own private practice. Dr. Docasar's surgical training includes laparoscopic surgery for hysterectomy & ovarian disease, hysteroscopy surgery including the "No Scar" Tubal Ligation & the "Stop Bleeding" endometrial ablation, and cosmetic surgery in laser lipolysis.

Associations: American College of Obstetrics & Gynecology, Gynecological Cosmetic Surgeons; Member of the Laser Body Sculpting Institute; participates in community service within the Hispanic community Honors: "Wall of Heroes" Customer Service Award in 2001 from the National Naval Medical Center; Community Service Award in 1994 from the Congressional Hispanic Caucus

Education: M.D. from Howard University
College of Medicine, Washington, DC; Degree
in Marriage, Family & Child Counseling from
the University of San Diego, CA; Bachelor of
Science Degree in Psychology with a minor in
Biology from the University of San Diego, CA;
completed her Internship and Residency in
Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Washington
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Family: Two sons

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President of Duran Duran Industries, Inc., and is owner and publisher of La Prensa de San Antonio, with two weekly editions: La Prensa, a bilingual edition on Sunday and La Prensita, a bilingual edition on Wednesday (a tabloid). He has been in the publishing industry for thirty-five years and is a member of the Board. His wife, Amelia Duran, is the Chairperson for the company. His secret to success is his faith in God, and his motto is "What moves the Lord is not the size of your need, but the faith you have to meet that need."

Associations: National Association of Hispanic Publications, President; Crime Stoppers of San Antonio, President; San Antonio Crime Prevention Commission, Commissioner; National Hispanic Leadership Agenda, Board Member; Hispanic Association of Corporate Responsibility, Board Member; San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Board Member; League of United Latin American Citizens, District Director; Member of the Toastmasters Club, the American GI Forum, and the Boy Scouts of Dallas; Vice Chair of the Alamo Community College District Foundation Board

**Honors:** Humanitarian Award by the San Antonio Summer Arts & Jazz Fest, 2010; Recognized as the Godfather of Hispanic Media by the American Marketing

Association, 2009; Betty Fulenwider Media Award, for excellence in comprehensive coverage of mental health issues, 2008; the Community Advocate of the Year by San Antonio Area Association for Bilingual Education, 2008; Legends of San Antonio Award, by South San Antonio Chamber, 2007; St. Mary's University Distinguished Alumni, 2004; Top 100 Hispanics Media by Hispanic Media Journalist, 2003, 2001; Henry Guerra Journalism Award, by the San Antonio Hispanic Journalists, 2002; Sam Walton Business Leader Award, by Small Business Administration (SBA), 1999; Entrepreneur of the Year, by Ernst & Young LLP and Merrill Lynch, 1995; selected for the Hispanic Role Model Award, by the Southland Corporation, 1993

Education: Master of Science Degree in Public Administration from St. Mary's University; Bachelor Degree in Political Science from St. Mary's University; United States Air Force, four years Family: Married to Mellie Duran with children: Florentino Duran, Jr., Nina Marie Duran, David Andrew Duran, Steve Anthony Duran and Mary Margaret Duran-Freeman, and ten grandchildren

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### Engle IV, Claude Roy

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Business Specialty: The firm of Claude R. Engle, Lighting Consultant was established in 1968 by Mr. Claude R. Engle III to apply his training in Electrical Engineering and experience in theatrical and television lighting to the discipline of architecture. Committed to the design of lighting as an integral part of architectural design, the firm's services begin with consultation on the conceptual implications of light to the project. The services include the development and detailed specification of lighting systems, lighting fixtures and lighting controls, coordination of the lighting with the architectural details, and the detailed followthrough required to achieve the lighting concepts in the finished projects. The firm has provided these services for leading architects in the United States, Europe, the Far East and Australia on a wide range of projects including museums, art galleries, concert halls, high-rise office towers, theatres, hotels; underground and surface rapid transit systems; urban development, urban highways, airports and public plazas, as well as selected homes and apartments. Mr. Claude R. Engle IV worked as a freelance lighting designer as well as a translator of architectural papers and publications in Barcelona for six years. He received numerous awards for his designs for theatre and dance companies. While in Spain, Mr. Engle IV oversaw the installation of the firm's

lighting design for the Palau de Congresos in Valencia, the development of the prototype lighting designs for the Repsol petrol stations, the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts in Philadelphia; the Greater London Authority Project in London; the Mercado de Colón in Valencia, Spain; Paragon, the new Mclaren Headquarters in London, CSUCI Library in California, Spitalfields in London and Stazione TAV in Florence, Italy and Kamakura House in Tokyo. He is currently Senior Designer for Regent Tower, a multiuse tower in Sydney, Australia, Freedom Tower at the World Trade Center, and the Winspear Opera House in Dallas, Texas.

**Associations:** The firm is a member of the American Consulting Engineer's Council; IES; Hobbies: swimming, hiking, sailing, and travelling

*Honors:* International Association of Lighting Designers (IALD) Award in 1997; numerous awards for his designs for theatre and dance companies

**Education:** Bachelor Degree in Theatre and Philosophy from College of Wooster; received an MFA in Creative Writing from New York University

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### Fayes, Mayer A.

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management services to a diverse group of wealthy U.S. and international individuals, trusts, endowments, foundations and retirement plans. We look to successfully combine disciplined wealth management with a commitment to client service. Strengths include wealth management, executive level strategic advising. relationship development, and critical thinking to yield significant and measurable results. Mr. Fayes joined FPCM in 2012 as a Vice President - Wealth Management. Mayer came to the U.S. in 2005 when he joined a software consulting firm as a Project Manager. In 2008, he was made the sales and marketing manager for the supply chain software/consulting services and in 2010 Mayer transitioned to the financial industry and joined Morgan Stanley, capitalizing on his well-cultivated relationships all over Latin America. Mayer is very proud of his parents who gave him an excellent upbringing with great values that gave him his foundation for success. His Specialties include: private wealth management, institutional EM fixed income trading, investment advisory services, asset allocation strategies, econometric forecasting modeling, supply chain management and logistics. His hobbies include Hard rock bass & guitar playing;

music writing and recording.

Associations: Jewish Latin Center (New York), ALPFA New York Chapter, NSHMBA, IE Business School Alumni, Universidad Metropolitana Alumni, Ex-Oracle Group, Industrial Hansa Board Member, Unihansa Import Board Member; His hobbies include: Hard rock bass & guitar playing; music writing and recording

Education: MBA IE Business School (Instituto de Empresa) - Madrid, Spain; Bachelor's in Systems Engineering, Econometric Forecasting Models, Universidad Metropolitana - Caracas, Venezuela

# Feliu, Miriam Psy.D.

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leading medical schools,



Duke is one of the world's premier centers for medical education, clinical care and biomedical research. Duke Programmatic accomplishments include: the world's first brain tumor program, established in 1937, an outstanding clinical research organization, the nation's first Physician Assistant Program started in 1965, and one of the oldest Medical Science Training Program (MD/PhD) in the country. They are one of the first and most prominent Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) sites, the Duke Translational Medicine Institute and they are in partnership with the National University of Singapore to create Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School Singapore, based on Duke's unique curriculum that reserves the third years for scholarly research. Dr. Feliu is well respected in the field of Psychiatry/Medical Psychology. She participates in workshops and seminars educating health workers in the field and also supervises interns.

Education: PsyD, Education, and MS, Mental Health both from Carlos Albizu University, Florida, 2004; Biofeedback, Biofeedback Certification Institute of America; Licensed Mental Health Counselor, (LMHC), Florida, Fellowships, Duke University Medical Center Family: Married, husband is a Radiologist

#### Fuentes, Angel

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Fifth District



Legislative Office of the New Jersey General Assembly in 2010 till present. He serves on the following committees: Human Services, Woman and Children, and

Telecommunications and Utilities; he served in the past on Commerce and Economic **Development and Higher Education** committees. Mr. Fuentes was the president of the city council in Camden which is New Jersey's 7th largest city. He served 1994 to 2010, Council President from 2000 to 2010; and stepped down to take the NJ Assembly seat. When he was councilman, Fuentes represented Camden's 4th Ward, which includes Downtown Camden, the Camden Waterfront, and the North Camden, Cramer Hill, and Cooper Grant neighborhoods. As a city councilman, Fuentes has been known as a major proponent of youth and senior citizens' programs, efforts toward social justice, and anti-crime efforts. During his tenure on the council, Fuentes helped to create or spearheaded the creation of a Citizen Public Safety Council, Ethics and Municipal Human Relations Commissions, a Taxicab Commission, a Public Safety Council, and an Asian American Advisory Board. Notably, Fuentes has led a crusade against graffiti in the city of Camden, which included the establishment of an anti-graffiti task force, the implementation of an anti-graffiti

curriculum in local schools, and a related hotline. Favoring efficiency and accountability in government, Fuentes has published a Ten Point Plan for city government reform. Fuentes enjoys close ties with the Save Our Waterfront in North Camden organization and the Cramer Hill Neighborhood Advisory Board.

Associations: Founder and President of the Hispanic Leadership Summit in New Jersey (www.hispanicleadershipnj.com), Strategic Planning Committee for the United **States** Hispanic Leadership Institute; member of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials; serves on the boards of directors for the Camden County Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Greater Camden Partnership, and the Cooper's Ferry Development Board Honors: Recognized: S. Jersey Cham. Comm. for Pinnacle Award in Ed., Camden County Off. Hispanic Aff. and Commun. Develop., Outstanding Commun. Leader, 1997; Pub. ser. awards: Amer. Red Cross, Peace Troop. Camden City, faith-based initiative Christian Quart. Education: BA in Philosophy from St. John Vianney College and Seminary, Miami, Florida; Certified by the state of New Jersey as a social worker

Family: Two children: Josuel and Mariangelis, Parents: Pablo Fuentes and Maria Lus Caban, Brothers: Pablo, Ceferino, Jeraldo, Melvin, Sister: Rosa, Half sister: Peggy, Engaged: Nancy Ruiz, Her daughter: Brittany Ruiz

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#### Garcia, Randy A.

CEO and Founder
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Company
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www.iccnv.com
Business Specialty:



Randy A. Garcia is founder, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Investment Officer of the Nevada based investmen consulting firm. The Inve

Investment Officer of the oldest and largest Nevada based investment management consulting firm, The Investment Counsel Company, established in 1987. Mr. Garcia is an innovative leader in the investment management consulting industry. Since 1978, he has assisted affluent families, corporations, foundations, and endowments with establishing investment goals and risk parameters, structuring and implementing investment plans to match individualized needs, and monitoring investment performance in relation to clients' stated objectives. He specializes in money manager searches and performance monitoring, measurement, and evaluation.

Associations: Board of Director and Education Committee member of the Council for a Better Nevada, UNLV Foundation Board of Trustees, Board Member of the Las Vegas Area Council of the Boy Scouts, Member of the Las Vegas Latin Chamber of Commerce, Honorary Commander for the Nellie Support Team, Formerly served as Chairman of the Nevada State Taxicab Authority (Governor appointee), and on the Spending and Government Efficiency Commission (Governor appointee)

**Honors:** Nevada's first Certified Investment Management Analyst (CIMA); Honored by the Latin Chamber of Commerce as 2007 Hispanic of the Year for his efforts and in 2009 was honored with the Nevada State College President's Award for his contribution to improving education Education: B.S., Business Administration and emphasis in Accounting, Honors graduate, University of Nevada, 1977; University of Santa Clara, School of Law, scholarship recipient; Attended Harvard University and Wharton School of Business; Certified Investment Management Analyst (CIMA) holds over five National Securities Industry professional licenses; Accredited Investment Fiduciary Analyst (AIFA) Designation from the Center for Fiduciary Studies Family: Married to Staci with two sons and a daughter

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#### Gonzales, Jr., Emelio

President and CEO Apex Limited, Ltd. 7042 Alamo Downs Pkwy., Ste. 370 San Antonio, TX 78238 www.apexlimited.net

#### **Business Specialty:**

Apex Limited, Inc. understands the importance of family



and being a family owned business with big business values, they continue to push themselves to provide services that will meet or exceed their customers' expectations. This driven passion is what has made Apex Limited, Inc. such a success. This success and growth would not be possible without the passion (for their respective positions) that permeates all of their employees. The staff of 150 plus employees (and still growing) is a litmus test testament of Apex's growth. Apex values long relationships with both its customers and its partners (with multiple ventures or projects). Their quest includes a continual search for growth opportunities (through new accounts and partners) while maintaining excellent customer services for existing customers. Ultimately, Apex strives to be a good corporate citizen that provides jobs for the community and supports the community charitable contributions. Emelio started in the business at Lackland AFB as a driver for a janitorial company. Because of his vast work experience and continual educational upgrades, he gained increasingly responsible positions within the companies for which he worked. He attained the highest level in his profession, Registered Executive Housekeeper (REH). The combination of work experience and education prepared him for owning his own business. Today, Apex

conducts business in three states, Texas, Missouri, and Kansas. Currently, three of Emelio's daughters, his son-in-law, who is General Manager, and sister work in the business. Emelio attributes his success in business by putting his trust in God, strong faith in the Lord and having God's favor. **Associations:** Life Changing Worship Center, where he is the Praise and Worship Leader **Honors:** Recognized by ISSA to be CIMS-Green Building Certified with Honors **Education:** Southwest Texas Junior College; REH through International Executive Housekeeper Association; Management **Development and Business Development** through Servicemaster Management Education

**Family:** Southwest Texas Junior College; REH through International Executive Housekeeper Association; Management Development and Business Development through Servicemaster Management Education

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# Guerrero, Carlos Andres Ph.D., HCLD, ELD

Scientific Director
Fertility Specialists of
Texas
5757 Warren Parkway
Frisco, TX 75034
www.fertilitytexas.com *Business Specialty:*Fertility Specialists of
Texas strives to
combine the most



advanced and effective technology with their clinical experience, structured to support each patient's needs. From diagnosis through treatment, their patients benefit from their compassionate care. A successful treatment means having a baby, and they are truly dedicated to reaching that goal. The physicians and the team at Fertility Specialists of Texas are involved in your care from check-in to check-out, and they develop a unique treatment plan specific to each patient's case. The center is known for personalized care in infertility in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. The patients are each given an individual user name and password that allows them to communicate with the practice at any time, day or night, and if they choose, after the doctor has reviewed their lab work, they are able to see it. The center has three locations, one in Dallas at Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas, one in Grapevine, across from Baylor Grapevine, and their flagship location at Baylor Medical Center at Frisco. They have consistently delivered some of the best results in the nation with pregnancy rates above the national average. Dr. Guerrero oversees and is directly involved on a daily basis with the quality control/quality assurance and overall functioning of the Andrology, Endocrinology

and Embryology Laboratories. His technical experience and scientific knowledge in the assisted reproduction laboratory have been recognized both locally and nationally. His expertise is on all areas of embryology and andrology, including: semen analysis, sperm preparation for intra uterine insemination, and in vitro fertilization, oocyte retrieval, in vitro fertilization, embryo micromanipulation techniques to include assisted hatching, intracytoplasmic sperm injection and preimplantation genetic diagnosis. Oocyte, embryo and blastocyst slow freezing and rapid freezing (vitrification), embryo culture and embryo transfer. Dr. Guerrero is actively involved in research projects, including egg freezing for fertility preservation, blastocyst freezing, embryo growth and selection, blastocyst

**Associations:** American Society for Reproductive Medicine; American Association of Bioanalysts

culture and male infertility.

*Honors:* Several publications in prestigious scientific journals

Education: Ph.D., Reproductive Physiology, with emphasis in Embryology, Louisiana State University; Board Certified in Human Clinical Andrology and Embryology; High Complexity Clinical Laboratory Director and In Vitro Fertilization Laboratory Director by the American Board of Bioanalysis.

Family: Married to Nathalie

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### Gutiérrez Jasso, Mauricio

M.S.

Coach, Consultant,
Speaker
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Business Specialty: As
a professional



organizational psychologist, Mauricio has worked for companies such as The Walt Disney Company, Exxon Mobile, Kaiser Permanente, World Vision International, RAND, UCLA, LAUSD, and The World Trade Center Association. Mauricio has coached board members, executives, and mid-level managers around the world. He understands the needs of non-profit leaders as well as Clevel executives in the private sector. Based on a competency model approach, Mauricio has created global leadership programs and has assessed team effectiveness for various groups. In addition, Mauricio has participated as a keynote speaker in different consortiums, both in the US and Latin America, to present topics such as Leadership and Learning Technologies.

Associations: Active in different professional associations-The American Society for Training & Development (Co-director of Special Divisions ASTDLA), International Coach Federation (ICF), and Learning in NGOs (LINGOs); through his music, Mauricio is involved in fundraising events advocating for children who come from under-resourced families or that face emotional or physical challenges

**Honors:** The City of Los Angeles has recognized Mauricio's musical group for their

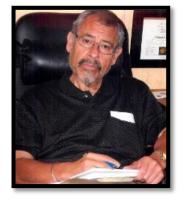
efforts and commitment **Education:** Masters of Science in

Organizational Psychology from Alliant
International University

#### Guzmán, J. Eduardo

#### M.D.

Psychiatrist
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Business Specialty:
Community Health
Centers of the Central
Coast, Inc. (CHC) is a
501©(3) non-profit



network of community health centers serving the residents of California's Central Coast. Dr. Guzmán has been with Community Health Centers since 1996. He also participated in developing the implementation of mental health services to their resume. He is a Psychiatrist and also provides mental health services at his two private practice offices in San Luis Obispo and Montebello, California. Treating various psychiatric disorders such as Bi-Polar dis., P.T.S.D., Major Depression and Schizophrenia. He specializes in addiction medicine and works with court ordered drug offenders. He has a fellowship in forensic psychiatry working in the legal system as an expert witness. His secret to success is his kindness and passion for his work.

**Associations:** American Medical Society; American Psychiatric Association; Hobbies include: Golf, reading, skeet shooting and cooking

**Honors:** Dr. Guzmán has been recognized for his work with the homeless; Past Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at USC Medical School

**Education:** Medical Degree, UC Irvine; Undergrad Degree, UCLA; Internship and Residency in Psychiatry, USC Medical Center; Fellowship, USC Institute of Psychiatry and Law

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### Hinojosa, Hon. Juan

State Senator
State of Texas
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McAllen, TX 78504
senatorhinojosa.com *Business Specialty:*Senator Hinojosa has
been a member of the
Texas Senate from the



20th District since 2002. He was first elected to the Texas House in 1981 and served eight terms. He is known for his expertise in criminal justice as well as civil litigation. He previously served as staff attorney for the Legal Aid Society of Nueces County and later as an Assistant Attorney General for the Texas Attorney General. In 1980 Senator Hinojosa began his own private practice in McAllen where he continues to represent clients in both civil and criminal matters. During his tenure in the Texas House, Senator Hinojosa passed landmark legislation, including establishment of the Regional Academic Health Center, which promotes physician training on the Texas/Mexico border. Senator Hinojosa wrote a heartfelt letter in the 2014 Father's Day edition of the McAllen, Texas based newspaper, The Monitor, proclaiming his love for his adult daughter, Kriselda, defending her sexual orientation. He wrote, "As you journey into adulthood and revealed that you are gay, it made no difference to me". "You are still my daughter, you did not change, I will always love and support you". The story received national coverage including on the Today Show.

**Honors:** Authored the Texas Fair Defense Act; Named Twice as Texas' Top 10 Legislators by Texas Monthly Magazine; Recipient of the Humane Legislation Award from the Humane Society of the United States; Received the Texas Medicines Best Legislation Award, from the Texas Medical Association; Received the John Henry Faulk Award from the ACLU *Education:* Bachelor of Science, Political Science, University of Texas-Pan American; J.D., Georgetown University; U.S. Marine Corps

*Family:* Daughter, Kriselda and son, Jonathan Weisfeld-Hinojosa

#### Howard, Margarita U.

CEO
HX5, LLC
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Ft. Walton Beach, FL
32548
www.hxfive.com *Business Specialty:*Ms. Howard is the
Founder, Sole Owner,
and President/CEO of



HX5, LLC., a \$15 Million dollar Professional Engineering and Technical Services U.S. Defense Contracting company. Ms. Howard is a first generation American, born of immigrant parents from Mexico. As a first generation American, she grew up facing many socio economic challenges that come from living in a community that was predominantly Hispanic. With Spanish being her primary language spoken at home, and English being a second language which was only spoken in school, Ms. Howard was at a disadvantage from an early age. Ms. Howard had to overcome and persevere through unfortunate personal challenges as well. By the time she was 19 years old, both her parents had passed away and she was left to fend for herself from that point forward. She was fortunate to have had a solid and loving family foundation at an early age where her core values were established, and were based upon the strong examples set by her father and mother of the intrinsic values of possessing a solid ethical and moral foundation, coupled with a strong sense of self-responsibility, self-respect, and a strong work ethic. A set of core values had been instilled which allowed Ms. Howard to not only persevere in the face of adversity, but to excel. Ms. Howard set a path for rising above the norm by establishing and achieving

higher goals in education, career aspirations and a vision for a more successful future and pursuing the American dream. She was the first in her family to complete a college education. Ms. Howard successfully graduated from High School, and from that point forward, went on to achieve many notable accomplishments to include serving in the US Air Force, raising a loving and caring family, and obtaining a Bachelors of Arts degree in Social Sciences and Masters Degree in Public Administration. She also continued to maintain an upward career mobility through positions of increasing responsibility. Ms. Howard's professional career has spanned more than 20 years of **Executive Level Management focused** primarily in providing oversight over all organizational areas of a Company's Operations. Ms. Howard's career in the industry has been primarily in supporting the U.S. Department of Defense and related federal agencies. Since its inception in 2004, Ms. Howard's company, HX5, has specialized in the field of providing professional operations support services to meet the operational needs of Federal Government organizations, focusing specifically within the US Department of Defense. Throughout this time, under Ms. Howard's direction and leadership, HX5 has developed into a highly effective US Defense Contractor with an outstanding reputation for providing exceptional quality professional services and customer service to its Government customers. HX5 provides a spectrum of professionals, who are educated, experienced, trained, and cleared to work at the highest levels necessary to support our customers' operations and who are dedicated to our customers' missions. Ms. Howard's company has been entrusted by her Government Customers to provide

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professional support services in the fields of Software and Hardware Engineering, Information Technology, Research, Development and Test, Missions Operations Support, Program Management and Logistics, and Military Weather Operations Support. To date, HX5 is a \$15 Million Dollar company, with approximately 150 employees, working across three HX5 Program Office locations, and across 35 states. Mrs. Howard's corporate philosophy has always been to support the company's government customers in a mission-focused manner that maintains the highest ethical standards while delivering professional services of the highest quality.

Associations: US Air Force

**Education**: Bachelors of Arts degree in Social Sciences, University of West Florida; Masters Degree in Public Administration,

**Troy State** 

Family: Married with 3 children

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#### Hoyos, Karen

Global
Transformational
Leader,
Celebrity Coach
Karen Hoyos
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Business Specialty:

Karen Hoyos is a Global



Transformational Leader, Celebrity Coach-Speaker & Author; she is considered one of the most influential leaders in the area of personal development. Applying the principles she teaches, in just ten months, Ms. Hoyos was able to reach over forty million people through her seminars, top television show appearances, published articles and best-selling products. In 2009 Ms. Hoyos was chosen as one of the seven most inspiring women in the United States second only to famous Shakira by international magazine "Wiempre Mujer". She has collaborated directly with the Colombian President and other influential leaders to expand her message of transformation and contribution. **Associations:** Company proceeds support the

Associations: Company proceeds support the foundation for sexually abused children, "Kids for a New Planet", in which she is the International Spokesperson; Board Member, "Milagros Day Worldwide"

Honors: Recipient of Hispanic Pride's "Executive Woman of the Year", 2007; Recipient of "Humanitarian of the Year" 2010, by LISTA organization; Featured expert guest on Spanish & English speaking networks - NBC, Telemundo, Univision, E! Entertainment & CNN

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### Ibarra, Armando C.

#### **CPA**

President Armando C. Ibarra CPA, P.C.

371 East Street Chula Vista, CA 91910 www.ibarracpa.com

#### **Business Specialty:**

Armando Ibarra came



to the United States at the age of 19. He worked in the fields then as a welder for National Steel. Mr. Ibarra decided he wanted more and put himself through school. He obtained a Associate Degree in Accounting from San Diego Community College and a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration from National University. In addition, Mr. Ibarra is a Certified Public Accountant licensed by the State of California. Mr. Ibarra started his career as a controller for a chain of convalescent hospitals. He moved to the firm of Hayman and Bresenoff in 1977 and became partner in 1985. Mr. Ibarra has a strong background in many industries including the Maquiladora industry, where his nationality gives him valuable insight on conducting business in Mexico. In his thirty years in public accounting, Mr. Ibarra has developed experience in all areas of accounting such as audit, business consulting and business startup and financing. He has also developed experience in many phases of the income tax world including complex return preparation, tax audit representation, and tax planning. Armando C. Ibarra CPA, P.C. is a leading firm engaged in international income tax preparation, accounting, financial planning and advisory to Corporations and individual taxpayers who are involved in cross-border transactions.

Associations: California Society of Certified

Public Accountants: Better Business Bureau **Honors:** National Leadership Award: Achievement Award for 25 years; Recognized by the Mexican Chamber of Commerce; Asociacion De Dirigentes de Empress y MercadoTenia De Tijuana, Mexico **Education:** Associate Degree in Accounting from San Diego Community College; Bachelor Degree in Business Administration from National University; Certified Public Accountant licensed by the State of California Family: Married with 7 children

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### Jany, Col. Eduardo

Colonel
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Business Specialty:
Eduardo Jany is the
highest ranking
Brazilian born United
States Government
Officer. He is a Marine



Corps Colonel serving on reserve as a Staff Officer with the 4th Marine Division. He is also a Director of Leads-Law Enforcement Advisory Services, a Division of Mutualink, Inc., and is involved in providing advisory, training and equipping services and solutions to military, police and security organizations with emphasis on Brazil. In 2013 Col. Jany was a Senior Executive Fellow at the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government. He has over thirty-three years of combined active and reserve military service in the Marines and the US Army Special Forces, and Commanded the Anti-Terrorism Battalion, the larges and most geographically distributed Battalion in the Marine Corps with over 1,200 Marines and Sailors operating in eleven sites, spanning six different time zones. He has served in a wide variety of leadership roles and assignments including contingency operations overseas, and also serves as a Reserve Police Officer with the Tampa Police Department on the Mounted Patrol Unit. He retired as a Police Captain in the metropolitan Seattle, WA area after serving more than twenty years in Minnesota, Florida, and Washington Sate, and held assignments in SWAT, canine, patrol, homicide task forces, narcotics, training and investigations, directing numerous key

programs, several of which earned awards at the state and local levels. He also is a sought after lecturer and guest speaker. He is the author of several published articles on law enforcement and international operations, tactics and supervision and is featured as the forward author in the recently published "Warriors Grunt". He feels his greatest accomplishment in life is his lovely wife. **Associations:** Advisory Board of the National

**Associations:** Advisory Board of the National Tactical Officers Association

Honors: Bronze Star Medal; Meritorious Service Medal; Police Officer of the Year; "Excellence in Service" Award; Police Medal of Calor; Three time Medalist in the Can-Am International Police and Fire Games in Men's Karate, Black Belt Division, and four time medalist in swimming events

Education: Eduardo completed the Harvard Kennedy School National and International Security Senior Executives Program, as well as additional graduate studies in Criminal Justice through the University of Wisconsin; Graduate of the National Defense University RC National Security Program, United States Marine Corps Command and Staff College, the Inter-American Defense College Course on Diplomacy and Conflict Management; BA, Law Enforcement Administration, Madison University; Attended the University of Minnesota completing four years of baccalaureate and graduate level work in Latin American Studies.

*Family:* Married to Luciana Pinheiro with two daughters

#### Juarez, Aaron Vincent MPAS, PA-C

Business Specialty:
Aaron Vincent Juarez
left this earth June 1,
2013. The 25-year-old
was living in Corpus
Christi, TX, working as
a Physician Assistant at
Kingsville Medical
Center and Christus
Spohn Portland Urgent



Care. Each day he made the commute to the two centers, devoting his time to helping others and saving lives. Even while growing up in La Feria, TX, Juarez helped out around the community, with his church and was recognized for his athletic abilities and academic achievements. He graduated fourth in his 2005 La Feria High School class before attending The University of Texas-Pan American. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from The University of Texas-Pan American with his Bachelor's degree in biology in 2009 and went on to receive his Master's degree from The University of Texas-Pan American as a Physician Assistant in 2011. Aaron carried himself with a humble confidence and strong grace, exuding gravity and drawing in others with his presence. Juarez frequently made visits back home to be with family and friends, and made sure to keep in touch with them on a daily basis even on the busiest of days. He is survived by his parents Fabian and Nora Juarez and younger sister Lea Victoria Juarez. Fitness was a significant part of his life. He never missed a day of exercise and always promoted a healthy lifestyle. But when he wasn't working or at the gym, he was on the dance floor, his heart pounding with the music and feet moving in smooth cadence. Juarez eventually wanted to pursue a career as doctor in family practice. His dream continues with the Aaron Vincent Juarez Scholarship for The University of Texas-Pan American students aspiring to become a Physician Assistant as well. He now rests at Heavenly Grace Memorial Park in La Feria, but his memory lives on through the lives of those he touched.

Education: Graduated fourth in his 2005 La Feria High School class; graduated Magna Cum Laude from The University of Texas-Pan American with his Bachelor's degree in biology in 2009; Master's degree from The University of Texas-Pan American as a Physician Assistant in 2011

Family: Survived by his parents Fabian and Nora Juarez and younger sister Lea Victoria Juarez How can we forget someone who gave us so much to remember...Please give to a foundation that will keep on giving forever, The Aaron Vincent Juarez Scholarship Fund.

Donations can be made on paypal Email: Aaronjuarezscholarship@gmail.com Checks can be mailed and made payable to Aaron Vicent Juarez Scholarship

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### Jurema, Marcus W.

M.D.

IVF New Jersey 81 Veronica Avenue Somerset, NJ 08873 www.ivfnj.com Business Specialty:

Dr. Marcus Jurema is a Brazilian born, American educated, trilingual (English,



Portuguese, and Spanish) reproductive endocrinologist and infertility specialist practicing in New Jersey and New York, USA. Dr. Jurema is a partner member of IVF New Jersey, a state-of-the-art fertility center offering highly successful fertility treatment and personalized family building options since it was founded in 1990. Dr. Jurema's multilingual and international background has allowed IVF New Jersey to serve not only American-Latinos but also the Latino community as a whole (including South/Central Americas and Europe) in a comfortable and professional environment where cultural and language barriers are not concerns. Dr. Jurema has established a referral relationship with doctors throughout the world who refer their patients for fertility treatment ranging from in vitro fertilization (IVF) to egg donation and gestational carriers. IVF New Jersey has made continuous efforts to better provide the Latino and international communities with fertility treatment that is not only readily available and affordable, but also streamlined to take into account logistics associated with international and intercultural medicine. Dr. Jurema received his Medical Degree from Stanford University School of Medicine in 1996 and completed his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at The New York Presbyterian Hospital, Weill

Medical College of Cornell University. He completed a fellowship in reproductive endocrinology and infertility at The Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions in 2003. After completing his fellowship, Dr. Jurema became an Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecologyat the Brown University Medical School, Division of Reproductive Medicine and Infertility of The Women and Infants' Hospital. He has developed, improved and researched cutting edge technology in assisted reproduction such as In Vitro Maturation (IVM), a new procedure allowing eggs to mature outside of the woman's body, practically eliminating the need for hormonal injections. In addition, Dr. Jurema was the Principal Investigator of a study evaluating the efficacy and safety of oocyte (egg) freezing a technique for fertility preservation that today is no longer considered to be experimental. IVF New Jersey has been doing egg freezing since 2005 and offers vitrification, a novel way of freezing eggs. He has published research articles in leading academic journals and has been invited to travel nationally and internationally to give lectures, participate on expert panels, and help other facilities develop their own groundbreaking programs. His current areas of clinical expertise include general fertility, surgeries for correcting reproductive tract abnormalities, and improving IVF outcomes. He is also involved in IVF New Jersey's exceptional third-party reproduction program, leading the nation in success rates for assisted reproduction using donor eggs and gestational carriers.

Associations: Member of The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG); American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM) and its Fertility Preservation Special Interest Group; Society for Reproductive Endocrinology and

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Infertility (SREI); American Medical

Association (AMA)

Honors: 2011 Patients' Choice Award for the

Most Compassionate Doctor; 2012 the Patients' Choice Award for Favorite Doctor *Education:* Medical Degree, Stanford Univer. School of Medicine; residency, Obstetrics & Gynecology, New York Presbyterian Hospital, Weill Medical College of Cornell Univer.; fellowship, reproductive endocrinology &

infertility, Johns Hopkins Medical Inst.

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#### Kalla, Yunus

Executive Vice President & Cofounder M & M Products Co. 1355 Terrell Mill Rd.,



Bldg. 1480, Ste. 100 Marietta, GA 30067 www.mmproducts.com

Business Specialty: M & M Products was founded by cousins Yunus and Iqbal Kalla with a groundbreaking ethnic hair care product, Sta Sof Fro in 1973. Sta Sof Fro was the world's first product to help the people of color easily comb, style, and maintain their hair-particularly afros-all day, without shrinkage or tangling. Since then, they have introduced many new results-driven products, to keep pace with your family's changing hair and grooming needs. M & M products have revolutionized hair care and men's skin care around the world. Thanks to their international reputation, they have trained thousands of hair stylists and consultants to educate consumers of many ethnic groups in how to use safe, natural, therapeutic products that meet their unique needs. As a result, you and your family enjoy radiant style without sacrificing health. M & M uses only high-quality, often natural ingredients like Shea butter, Beta-carotene, and Tea Tree Oil to ensure the health of your hair and skin. In fact, many products actually prevent future problems. All of M & M's Products are therapeutic and many contain natural ingredients to make you feel and look great. Mr. Kalla has been with the company for fifteen years. On a daily basis, he brings in people from the local homeless shelters to cut and style their hair to boost

morale and enable them to more efficiently seek employment.

Honors: Honored by the U.S. Exports Chamber of Commerce, for most exports out of Georgia to international markets; Recognized by the NBFDA for the Most Distributed Product

**Education:** Graduated from the College of Capetown for International Business

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#### Lozano III, Felix J.

Partner Whitley Penn, LLP 8343 Douglas Avenue, Suite 400 Dallas, TX 75225 whitleypenn.com **Business Specialty:** Whitley Penn provides a full range of professional



services including: financial statement attestation and related services, including audits, reviews, and compilations, internal control advisement, forensic investigation, IT audit/consulting services, mergers and acquisition planning and support, tax planning, consulting and compliance, financial services, investment management, litigation support, and business valuation services. Mr. Lozano has been with the firm since 1999. His specific audit experience focuses on forensic accounting, fraud auditing, and special services related to control assessments.

**Associations:** Elected to the Leadership Fort Worth Class of 1994 and Leadership Dallas Class of 2007; Board Member for the YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas since 2007; Chairman of the Audit Committee since 2008; Chairman of the Audit Committee for Nexia International and held that position since 2007; Advisory Board for the Dallas Regional Chamber of Commerce; AICPA; TSCPA; Association of **Certified Fraud Examiners** 

Honors: Whitley Penn received the "Best of the Best" for 11 of the last 12 years from INSIDE Public Accounting; Top 100 places to work in DFW from the Dallas Morning News; Best Accounting Firms to work for from Accounting Today; Best Companies to work for from Texas Monthly: Fastest Growing

Firm 2012 from INSIDE Public Accountings **Education:** Bachelor Degree in Accounting from Texas Christian University; Certified Public Accountant (CPA); holds a Certified Fraud Examiners Certificate (CFE) Family: Married to: Belinda, Children: Tabatha, Natasha, Gabriel, and Mercedes

2014-2015

#### Luna, Orlando G.

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Laredo, TX 78040 www.usmarshals.gov

#### **Business Specialty:**

The U.S. Marshals Service is the nation's



oldest and most versatile federal law enforcement agency. Federal marshals have served the country since 1789, often in unseen but critical ways. The Marshals Service occupies a uniquely central position in the federal justice system. It is the enforcement arm of the federal courts, involved in virtually every federal law enforcement initiative. Presidentially appointed, U.S. Marshals direct the activities of 94 districts, one for each federal judicial district. Approximately 4,000 Deputy U.S. Marshals and criminal investigators form the backbone of the agency. The duties of the U.S. Marshals Service include protecting the federal judiciary, apprehending federal fugitives, managing and selling seized assets acquired by criminals through illegal activities, housing and transporting federal prisoners and operating the Witness Security Program. Mr. Luna has been a Deputy U.S. Marshal with collateral duties to include Judicial Security Coordinator and District Threat Investigator with the U.S. Marshals Service since January 2010. Prior, he was a Border Patrol Agent with the Department of Homeland Security from August 2006. In the past, Deputy Luna has presented over 300 cases before a Federal Grand Jury, and 2,000 criminal complaints before Federal Court. **Associations:** The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

Honors: Hispanic Scholarship Fund Scholar; Lamar Bruni Vergara Scholar Texas A&M International University; International Education Scholarship to study in London, England; former Texas Peace Officer State license

**Education:** Mr. Luna has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from The University of Texas-Pan American where he was inducted into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Mr. Luna is an alumnus at King's College London (University of London), Department of Philosophy

*Family:* Married to: Carla E. Luna, Children: Debbie and Daisy

#### Madrid Hall, Martha

Vice President/Owner Kokopelli New Mexico Inc.-Great Clips 9503 San Diego Avenue Northeast Albuquerque, NM 87122 www.greatclips.com *Business Specialty:* 



Great Clips understands that with today's fast-paced lifestyle, you need a salon that fits your schedule. That's why they are open evenings and weekends; no appointments necessary. At Great Clips, you can relax, because you know you will get an affordable, quality haircut in a comfortable, friendly salon. Putting convenience directly into its customer's hands, Great Clips launched the industry's first Online Check-In service, allowing customers to add their name to the wait list of a Great Clips salon before they arrive. With more than 3,300 salons throughout the United States and Canada, Great Clips is the world's largest salon brand. At Great Clips, you can relax, because you know you will get an affordable, quality haircut in a comfortable, friendly salon. Martha Madrid Hall is the Vice President and Owner of Kokopelli New Mexico Inc.-Great Clips established in 1999 providing hair styling, dry hair treatments, conditioning, corporate services, trimming, gift certificates, blow drying, hair cuts, shampooing/washing, beard & mustache trimming. In addition, Martha has over 20 years in banking experience.

**Honors:** Received trophies in Great Clips

requirements

*Education:* Degree in Business from the

University of Texas El Paso

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#### Medina, Gil

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services. Each year, we complete thousands of successful assignments with clients from the gamut of industries. This volume creates market knowledge that allows us to seize opportunities, speed the business process and create the most thorough, precisely accurate picture of global commercial real estate conditions and trends. Every day, in markets around the globe, we apply our insight, experience, intelligence and resources to help clients make informed real estate decisions. We do not exist without our clients - and we never lose sight of this fact. Our mission is to deliver superior results for stakeholders by: Putting the client first, always; collaborating across markets and services lines; thinking innovatively, but acting practically; and providing a rewarding work environment. Gualberto (Gil) Medina joined CBRE's Saddle Brook office in June 2013 as an Executive Vice President. Applying his extensive real estate and business experience, Gil is focused on providing and coordinating integrated real estate solutions to corporate, governmental and academic research organizations. He is responsible for local and global business development across all CBRE service lines including: Office, Industrial, and Retail Brokerage; Asset Services; Project Management; and Financial Consulting. As part of developing and

expanding major account service offerings, Gil provides corporate occupiers with multidisciplined, high level strategic advisory expertise. In addition, Gil is involved with multiple strategic initiatives focused on New Jersey business development and industry advancements. Gil is a former New Jersey state commerce secretary (under the Whitman administration) and the pointperson in the creation of incentive, finance and regulatory programs that today constitute the state's core economic growth policies. He remains a key voice in the New Jersey commercial real estate industry, the larger business community, and publicprivate sector efforts that are guiding the state's future economic health. Gil is an attorney, CPA and licensed real estate broker who has developed extensive expertise in management, sales, business development, technology, and regulatory matters.

Associations: Chairman of the Board of Solix Corporation, a process outsourcing firm that employs 500 people in New Jersey and 1,000 throughout the US; Vice President Associate Affairs National Association of Industrial and Office Properties, New Jersey; New Jersey Chamber of Commerce, Executive Committee; Rutgers University School of Business, Advisory Board

Honors: Hispanic Business Magazine 100 Most Influential Hispanics; Named to New Jersey Biz's Real Estate Industry "Power 50" in 2010 and 2011; Inducted onto the New Jersey Business Hall of Fame in 2009; selected as one of New Jersey Monthly Magazine's 101 Most Influential People in the state in 2009

**Education:** Bachelor Degree with Honors from Rutgers University; Law Degree from Temple School of Law

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### Melo Doroff, Paula

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multinational investment management corporation based in New York City. Founded in 1988, BlackRock is the world's largest asset manager,a major provider of investment, advisory and risk management services. BlackRock has \$4.401 trillion in assets under management and is a global firm with 21 investment centers and 70 offices in 30 countries. BlackRock has clients in 100 countries. According to Ralph Schlosstein, CEO of Evercore Partners, a New York-based investment bank and a former BlackRock executive: "BlackRock is the most influential financial institution in the world". Mrs. Doroff has been dedicated to the Financial Services Industry since she began her career with Ameriprise Financial in April of 1997. She also has worked for Morgan Stanley and Goldman Sachs. In her role as a Vice President and Investment Consultant for BlackRock, Mrs. Doroff caters to the needs of financial advisors throughout Minnesota. As part of a long-term consultative approach in gaining partnership with the aforementioned clientele, she assists with portfolio construction, Exchange Traded Funds, Alternative Investments including BlackRock mutual fund solutions.

**Associations:** Although Paula's career consumes and demands a tremendous amount of focus and time, she does not let it

hinder her ability to prioritize her family and stay active in the community. Paula often volunteers with "People Serving People" which serves the homeless community and she also volunteers with "Feed My Starving Children" which serves meals to underprivileged children. Additionally, Paula is active with the Financial Planning Association of Minnesota and is a Member of the National Speakers Association as well as the Investment Management Association. Lastly Paula enjoys to run races, travels and read books.

*Honors:* Sales Person of the Year from 2002-2012

**Education:** Bachelor's Degree, Business, received in Brazil; Certified Financial Planner; Certified Investment Management Analyst-Wharton School of Business

Family: Married with two sons

#### Mendal, David

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in the tourism and
airline industries
began at the early age



of 9, when he worked at Avianca Airlines' reservation center in Bogota, Colombia. At 16, while a student at Cushing Academy, David worked in a travel agency and serviced the worldwide travel plans of Cushing's international student body. It was during this time that David learned to book and ticket global travel. With his passion for travel firmly established, David started working at Forest Travel Agency as a reservation assistant. Two years later, at age 20, he became the manager of the agency. In this capacity, he handled both groups and individual reservations. By age 23, David had become one of the youngest travel agency owners in the United States; and Forest Travel one of the top agencies in the South East coast. David grew a \$250,000 a year agency to a mega agency as featured in the South Florida Business Journal with sales exceeding \$46 million annually and growing rapidly. He has achieved his great success by learning to manage worldwide airline, cruise, and hotel contracts and by creating an educational program for success in the travel industry. In addition to Forest Travel Agency, David has expanded the agency to include many online and offline subsidiary divisions; these include Ultimate Jet Vacations, travel vacation packages on

private jets; Prive Jets, worldwide brokerage of jets; Prive Yacht, private yacht charters; Linke Executive Travel Partners, regional air service connecting the northeastern United States; Luxury Hotel Experts, luxury upscale hotels; Luxury Cruise Connection, luxury upscale cruise vacation; Forest Direct, online booking tool; and lastly a partnership with Virgin Galactic, which offers clients a unique opportunity of space travel. Today's newest venture is a regional aircraft service in Central and South America called Fly **Executive. Ultimate Jet Vacations** (www.ultimatejetvacations.com) emerged from years of serving high profile and demanding clients from around the world. These clients yearned for a new form of luxury travel that exceeded expectations and included the luxury of private jet travel, value-added amenities, and exclusive hotels and resorts worldwide. The resulting tour operator, Ultimate Jet Vacations, seamlessly combines these elements to provide custommade vacation packages serviced by a highly experienced concierge team. Luxury Hotel Experts is another brand of Forest Travel Agency and a collection of Virtuoso properties worldwide. Only those hotels and resorts that pass the stringent analysis of service, location, decor and amenities qualify to be featured as Luxury Hotel Experts properties. With the Luxury Hotel Experts website (www.luxuryhotelexperts.com), David has created an online community where busy clients can easily view and book exclusive hotels. Prive Jets (www.privejets.com) is one of Forest Travel's most exclusive affiliates. It is a leading provider of private aviation and private jet charters, offering an enhanced experience in all aspects of luxury and corporate jet travel through the dedication and expertise of our over 140 highly trained

professional travel consultants and affiliates throughout the world. Prive Jets services all aviation requests, from helicopters to jumbo jets. Some of Prive Jets' satisfied clientele include former heads of state, Fortune 500 companies and members of Royal Families. With Forest Travel Agency serving as an umbrella for the Ultimate Jet Vacations, Luxury Hotel Experts, and Prive Jets brands, David has successfully incorporated all elements of travel to service even the most discerning clientele. David was born in Bogota, Colombia on September 19, 1963. He was raised in Bogota, where he attended high school and later moved to New York City. At age 22 David made a permanent move to Miami where he currently resides. David holds a Bachelor of Science Degree, from Bentley University in Waltham, Massachusetts, as well as, an Associate of Art Degree

Associations: Better Business Bureau Honors: Featured in the South Florida Business Journal with sales exceeding \$46 million annually and growing rapidly; Pilot Proficiency Award

Education: High School at the English Institute in Bogota, Colombia; Associate Degree fromMitchell College in New London, Connecticut; Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Bentley University in Waltham, Massachusetts; holds an FAA certified Commercial Pilot Rating and is avid pilot and future civilian space traveler

Family: Married with 3 daughters

### Moncada, Armando

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PCG Molecular is
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development of



genetic, molecular screens that detect early signs of DNA and cellular damage that can lead to health risks. The tests are easy to administer, often covered by health insurance, affordable and non-invasive to the patient. Established in 2003, the company believes in patient and doctor education regarding preventive care and makes results and next steps easy to understand. Partnering with PCG Molecular provides practitioners with business models that incent proactive versus reactive care and work within everyday practice processes. To aid in the fight against oral cancer, it launched the MOP™, a preventive genetic screen, in 2012 and expects to deliver additional screens for other health risks in the near future.. Dr. Moncada is a Board Certified pathologist by the American Board of Pathology and serves as the chief medical officer (CMO) of PCG Molecular. Dr. Moncada trained in Pathology while attending Tulane University School of Medicine in New Orleans, Louisiana followed by a fellowship at City of Hope Medical Center in Duarte, California. Upon completing his fellowship, Dr. Moncada served as medical director of a 300 bed hospital system in Texas and New Mexico. He was then given an appointment as

Assistant Professor of Pathology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. Dr. Moncada has special expertise in surgical pathology, gynecological pathology, breast pathology, immunohistochemistry, gastrointestinal and urological pathology. Additionally, Dr. Moncada has expanded his expertise to include Genomics, which is a discipline in genetics that applies recombinant DNA, DNA sequencing methods, and bioinformatics to sequence, assemble, and analyze the function and structure of genomes.

**Associations:** Dr. Moncada is an active Member of the American Medical Association, and the American College of Physician Executives. He is also a Fellow of the College of American Pathologists and the American Society for Clinical Pathology. In addition, Dr. Moncada is an experienced CAP inspector who served as the State Commissioner for the College of American Pathologists in New Mexico where he was responsible for the laboratory accreditation program for both clinical and pathology medical laboratories. He continues to serve as a CAP inspector for the College of American Pathologists and understands the changing needs of the medical community and laboratory industry. Dr. Moncada has a special interest in the laboratory industry and healthcare administration constantly searching for new business models to reduce the rising cost of healthcare.

**Honors:** Received numerous honors and awards over the years

**Education:** Pathology, Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, LA; Fellowship, City of Hope Medical Center in Duarte, CA; Board Certified pathologist by the American Board of Pathology

Family: Two sons

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Family: 2 children

### Negron, Martin

#### Ph.D.

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InterContinental University, we understand you may have a demanding lifestyle that may cause you to think twice about trying to fit your education into an already challenging schedule. At AIU, we don't think your studies should take over your life. That's why we offer so many choices when it comes to earning your degree on your own terms, including daytime, evening or weekend classes. In many cases, you can even mix traditional classes on campus with online classes. We believe in providing an education that can fit into your current schedule without disrupting your job, lifestyle, family and other responsibilities. Dr. Martin Negron is the President of American InterContinental University in Houston. He is also retired from the military as a Master Chief Petty Officer.

**Honors:** Senior Leadership Award 2008; 2003 National Image Award; 2002 Columbia College Community Service Award

Education: Associate Degree in Education from Liberty University; Bachelor Degree in Education from Columbia College; Master Degree from New Hampshire University; completed studies in Healthcare Administration, HR Specialization & Business Education; Doctorate Degree from Northcentral University; Ph.D. in Higher Education

### Orozco, Agustin Dorian

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firm with more than 575 attorneys and public policy advisors in thirteen offices and eleven markets. The firm is uniquely positioned at the intersection of law, business and government, representing clients in the areas of complex litigation, corporate law, energy, environment, finance, government contracts, healthcare, infrastructure, insurance, intellectual property, private client services, public policy, real estate and technology. Mr. Orozco's area of expertise is government contracts. His secret to success has been remaining confident in himself and his abilities. As a government contracts lawyer, Mr. Orozco has represented clients in all aspects of procurement law, including Civil False Claims Act (FCA) and other government contracts litigation, internal investigations, state procurement, disputes, claims, terminations and cost accounting issues. Mr. Orozco also has experience in international trade regulations, including matters involving the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), the Export Administration Regulations (EAR), and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA). Mr. Orozco has also provided counsel and litigated matters for contractors and individuals with regards to obtaining and maintaining security clearances. In these endeavors, he represents

contractors who perform federal, state and local government contracts.

Associations: Member of the Mexican American Bar Association (MABA); the California Minority Council Program (CMCP); Diversity in the Profession Committee Council of the Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA)

Honors: Honored to have been a Member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and to be on the Scott Moot Court Honors Board at Loyola Law School; Co-President of La Raza de Loyola; received Provost Honors at the University of California

**Education:** Law Degree, Loyola Law School, 2010; Undergraduate Degree, Economics, University of California, San Diego, 2005

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## Ortiz, Carlos R.

M.D. MS FCCP

Senior Vice President Medical Services Thompson Health 350 Parrish St. Canandaigua, NY 14424 thompsonhealth.org *Business Specialty:* 



Thompson Health is committed to providing an integrated health care system to promote and support the health and well-being of the community, that was established more than 100 years ago. Thompson Health delivers the highestquality, comprehensive health care in the Finger Lakes Region. It is the parent corporation of five affiliate health care organizations and a variety of campuses in Ontario and Livingston Counties, an affiliate of the University of Rochester Medical Center, and provides quality health care to more than 165.000 residents and their families in the area. Dr. Ortiz is the Senior VP of Medical Services at Thompson Health. He oversees any physician related activities within the system and interacts extensively with the medical staff that practices in the hospital. He is responsible for the services provided by employed physicians on the outpatient and inpatient areas in the hospital and adjacent long term facility. Dr. Ortiz specializes in Critical Care Medicine, Internal Medicine and Pulmonary Disease. He is also a Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, providing instruction on pulmonary and lung disease.

**Associations:** American College of Chest Physicians, Board of Greater Rochester Health Foundation, Rochester Regional Health Information Organization, Hobbies include golfing and fishing

Education: Bachelor of Science, Chemistry, University of Puerto Rico; M.D., University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine, 1973; Internship, Residency, and Fellowship in Internal Medicine/Pulmonary, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry

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### Ortiz-Schwartz, Elizabeth

M.D.

Medical Director The Child Guidance Center of Southern CT.

196 Greyrock Place Stamford, CT 06903 childguidancect.org **Business Specialty:** 

**Business Specialty:** The Child Guidance



Center's multidisciplinary team of psychiatrists, psychologists, clinical social workers, and family therapists provide a broad range of mental health assessments and treatment services tailored to meet the individual needs of children and families. Dr. Elizabeth Ortiz-Schwartz is the Medical Director with the Center, and is a bilingual Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist. She has been in her profession for twelve years, and specializes in child adolescent psychiatry. Dr. Ortiz-Schwartz is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry New York Medical College, and previously worked for the Children's Village and with the Department of Immigration with their service programs. Her secret to success has been her passion and determination.

Associations: American Academy of Child Adolescent Psychiatry; Distinguished Fellow American Psychiatric Association; Westchester Psychiatric Society Head of Child and Adolescent Committee and Past President; New York State Psychiatric Society, Member Child and Adolescent Committee Honors: Best Clinician Award from the Children's Village, 2008; Teacher of the Year for N.Y. Medical College, Department of Child Adolescent Psychiatry for 2004-2006 and 2013

Education: Academia San Jorge HS; MD,

Universidad Central del Este;
Psychiatrist/Child and Adolescent
Psychiatrist, New York Medical College;
Intern, Internal Medicine, New York
University, The Brooklyn Hospital Center;
American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology,
Certified in Adult and Child and Adolescent
Psychiatry

**Family:** Married to Dr. Clifford Schwartz with children Alexandra and Brent

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### Pedraza Goforth, Marie

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Planning Investment Firm specializing in Retirement Distribution Planning. We provide unbiased customized multidimensional strategies to help protect, to grow and to distribute your assets. We specialize in financial relationship management where your genuine care and comfort is our highest mission and where our value added services are continually reducing your costs in terms of time, effort and dollars. Our practice is targeted at establishing longterm, committed relationships with a finite number of clients to enable better service and more personal attention. Our goal is to be your Trusted Advisor who takes care of your money so you can focus your time on what's most important to you and your family. Marie Goforth, President of MG Financial Strategies, Inc. is a seasoned professional of high integrity who has earned the professional skills to provide value added stewardship of her clients' money. Marie has been an independent business professional for over 35 years. Through extensive education and adherence to a strict code of ethics. Marie has achieved professional certification as a Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU) and Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC). As a Life Member of the worldwide group of investment and insurance professionals, The

Million Dollar Round Table, she achieved " Top of the Table" status (based on total revenues) obtained by less than one percent of its over 350,000 worldwide professionals. Marie has worked diligently to improve her community and in 1988 founded the local chapter of the "I Have a Dream Foundation" for disadvantaged and at-risk students and sponsored the first class of Dreamers. Some accolades include the JC Penney Golden Rule Award, the San Antonio Life Underwriters Public Service Award and the Entrepreneur of the Year Award for Community Service. She is a member of Who's Who of American Women and Who's Who of Executives and Professionals, a Rotarian and Leadership San Antonio alumnus.

Associations: Life Member of "The Million Dollar Round Table"; Who's Who of American Women; Who's Who of Executives and Professionals; a Rotarian and Leadership San Antonio alumnus

Honors: Achieved "Top of the Table" status, The Million Dollar Round Table; JC Penney Golden Rule Award; the San Antonio Life Underwriters Public Service Award; the Entrepreneur of the Year Award for Community Service

**Education:** Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU); Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC).

Family: 4 children and 2 grandchildren

## Perry, George

#### Ph.D.

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**Business Specialty:** Dr. Perry is a neuroscientist

and Dean of the College of Sciences and Professor of Biology at the University of Texas at San Antonio. He is recognized in the field of Alzheimer's disease research particularly for his work on oxidative stress. As Dean of the College of Sciences he is responsible for a budget of over 52 million dollars per year. Dr. Perry previously worked at Case Western Reserve University.

Associations: Editor in Chief, Journal of Alzheimer's Disease, Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences, Semmes Foundation Endowment Chair, 2013, Agency for Investment and Foreign Trade of Portugal, Santa Casa da Miscordia Lisbon, Academy of Science of Spain, Mexico and Portugal

Honors: Senior Fulbright Scholar; Martin Golland Award, 2013; Panama National Honor Plaque for Excellence in Neuroscience; One of the Top Ten Most Cited Authors on the topic of Alzheimer's Research in the World Education: AA, Liberal Arts, Allan Hancock College; Bachelor's of Arts degree, Zoology from University of California, Santa Barbara. Then Scripps Institution of Oceanography and also studied at Hopkins Marine Station of Stanford University and the Marine Biological Family: Wife, Paloma Aguilar Perry

### Quesada, Mario Joseph

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Business Specialty: Dr.



Quesada came to Las Vegas in 2011 and brought with him more experience in Anterior Total hip replacement than anyone in the Las Vegas Valley. As a pioneer of this minimally invasive procedure in Albuquerque, he has since completed well over 700 hip replacements via the Anterior Approach. This unmatched experience, coupled with his expertise in joint reconstruction afforded to him by his fellowship at the Rubin Institute of Advanced Orthopaedics in Baltimore, provides unrivaled care to his patients. The Anterior approach is revolutionary for patients. Their pain is decreased significantly compared to conventional hip replacements. In fact, most patients leave the hospital by day 2. Conventional hip replacements are in the hospital until day 3 or 4. Also, there are no hip precautions. Dr. Quesada carries this minimally invasive thought into all aspects of his surgical practice. His less invasive techniques assist patients in a rapid recovery. Not only has Dr. Quesada excelled at this procedure, he travels around the country to teach other surgeons how perform this revolutionary procedure to their patients. He has also consulted with numerous companies and helped them modify their instruments and implants to allow easier insertion through the anterior approach. The only

things Dr. Quesada wanted to do growing up were be a doctor and fly a fighter jet. It turned out that medical school took most of his time, so he pursued that path. After Graduating from USC School of Medicine, Dr. Quesada did his Internship in Jacksonville, Fl. He stayed here another year to complete a trauma fellowship. He graduated residency from LSU New Orleans and was accepted to his fellowship under Drs. Michael Mont and Ron Delanois. Here, he performed many complicated joint reconstructions learning the crucial skills necessary to provide excellent care. He moved to Albuquerque, NM where he pioneered the Anterior Approach to hip replacement. While there, he performed over 1800 surgeries. He moved to Henderson in 2011 and has been with Black Mountain Orthopaedics since July 2012. He has privileges at all St. Rose Hospitals and is in the process of getting privileges at the Valley Health System and UMC.

**Associations:** American Board of Orthopaedics

**Honors:** Pioneered the Direct Anterior approach for hip replacement, allowing patients a faster recovery

Education: BS in Biology, University of California, Santa Barbara; MD from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA; Internship, University of Florida; Orthopedic Surgery Residency, Louisiana University, New Orleans, LA; Orthpedic Trauma Fellowship, University of Florida, Shands, Jacksonville, FL; Joint Reconstruction Fellowship, Rubin Institute for Advanced Orthopedics, Baltimore, MD

*Family:* Married to Ettiana with children: Mario Rudy, Aydden Jesus and Ethan James

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### Quezada, Steven Michael

Actor/Standup Comedian Breaking Bad "Gomez" 10304 Paso Fino Place SW Albuquerque, NM 87121 www.smquezada.com Business Specialty:



When it comes to show

business in the thriving entertainment community of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Steven Michael Quezada is in a class all his own. As a comedian, actor, producer, writer, teacher, and humanitarian, Steven Michael Quezada has not only set the bar for rising talent in the southwest, he IS the bar. A veteran of New Mexico's steadily rising film industry, Steven Michael Quezada currently portrays DEA Agent Steven Gomez on the Emmy Award winning television series Breaking Bad, which is currently in its fifth season on AMC. Steven has also recently appeared in television series such as Wildfire, Crash, and In Plain Sight. Quezada's film credits include the action drama Blood Brothers, Bollywood director Anurag Basu's dramatic film Kites, and a featured role in the new indie film Warrior Woman. Steven also appears in Love Ranch alongside Joe Pesci and Helen Mirren, the hit comedy Beerfest alongside the comedy team from Broken Lizard, First Snow with Guy Pierce, and the short film Milagros, which received major acclaim at film festivals worldwide and earned Steven a nomination for Best Actor at the Tenerife International Film festival in Spain. In 2010, Steven partnered with executive producer Mark Padilla to host his own late- night talk show, The After After Party with Steven Michael Quezada. Now

entering its second season, The After After Party with Steven Michael Ouezada has earned the #1 rating on The CW Network, and the #1 rating on ANY network for its time slot. The show recently signed on with Los Angeles-based worldwide distribution company Film Works Entertainment, and will soon be airing internationally. In addition to his successful career as an actor, Steven is one of the most noted comedians out of the southwest. He is a five-time recipient of the New Mexico Hispanic Entertainers Association Comedian of the Year Award, and he has been appeared on HBO, Showtime, the Latino comedy feature Que Locos, and was recently hand-selected to open for Saturday Night Live alumnus and movie actor Rob Schneider at his concert in Albuquerque.

Associations: Raised money for organizations such as Youth Development Incorporated and countless others, taught acting classes to local kids, and even taken part in educating future filmmakers such as students enrolled in the DATA School in Albuquerque; Vice-President of the Governing Council for the Public Academy for the Performing Arts charter school; enjoys playing golf

Honors: Emmy Award winning TV series, Breaking Bad; The After After Party with Steven Quezada earned #1 rating on The CW Network & #1 rating on ANY network for its time slot; 5x recipient of the NM Hispanic Entertainers Assoc. Comedian of the Year Award

**Education:** Studied at the Theatre Arts at Eastern New Mexico University

Family: Married to: Cherise Quezada with

four children

#### Ramirez, Ivan

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**Business Specialty:** Founded in 1971, JMT is an employee-owned firm that provides a full



range of multi-disciplined engineering, architectural, and related services to public agencies and private clients throughout the United States. Our staff of nearly 1,000 professionals-engineers, architects, planners, environmental scientists, surveyors, construction and program managers, inspectors, designers, CADD technicians, and GIS and information technology specialists--is dedicated to the highest-quality project performance. JMT has grown considerably during the past four decades. The company was founded primarily to perform engineering services in support of land development projects. In 1979, JMT entered the public works market by focusing on transportation engineering for Federal, state, and local public agencies. Over time, JMT extensively diversified both our service offerings and our client base. Today, JMT provides consulting services to a wide variety of public and private entities. This diversification of markets and services has resulted in considerable geographic expansion from our original office in Silver Spring, Maryland, to 19 strategically located offices, and we now provide services across the United States. Ivan is the Special Projects Manager for the company and has a lot of responsibility. He is in marketing and project

administration at JMT. He has been involved with many very important bridge, tunnel and building projects in the New York Metro Area. He worked with officials during the rescue effort at ground zero (9/11). Ivan is a truly inspirational man who represents his culture with the utmost elegance.

Associations: Professional Engineer in the States of New Jersey and New York, Certified Building Inspection Engineer; NY Chapter-National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE)-Past President and current Secretary; Member, American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE); Member, Structural Engineers Association of New York (SEAofNY)

Honors: 2002 New York Consulting

Engineers Council Diamond Award-Project Manager for the Trunnion Inspection of the Hackensack River Bridge (project received national recognition by ACEC); 2001 Service Award-search/rescue operations at the World Trade Center

**Education:** Bachelor of Engineering in Civil Engineering from New York University; Master of Science in Civil Engineering from New York University

Family: Married

### Rocha-Goldberg, Pilar

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Centro Hispano (ECH)
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organization dedicated to strengthening the Latino community and improving the quality of life of Latino residents in Durham, Carrboro, Chapel Hill and surrounding areas. Their strategic priorities are to secure the organization's current sources of income as well as bring in new sources that will both grow and diversify funding sources, and to balance ECH's 3-part model for change: service, education and community organizing. They also plan to develop the capacity of the ECH tea, including staff and board and develop the leadership skills of Latinos. Mrs. Rocha-Goldberg has been the President/CEO of the agency for the past three years and is taking it to new heights. She is very passionate about what she does and says "work hard and you will make it happen."

**Associations:** Board of Lincoln Community Health Center Foundation, Board Member of the National Council of La Rasa

**Honors:** Woman of the Year, 2011-2012 from the National Association of Professional Women; Goodman Award, 2012

**Education:** Degree, Ponpisicia Universidad

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Family: Married to Dr. Ronald Goldberg, with

five children

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### Rodriguez, Jose "Rafi"

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success is his unwavering passion for
guiding professionals and business owners
on how to develop and follow a financial
roadmap for living life on purpose. Mr.
Rodriguez is also very passionate about the
Hispanic contributions to the U.S. both
culturally and economically. Mr. Rodriguez
often lectures throughout the community
about leadership and his success as a
Hispanic in the United States.

Associations: President, Center for Hispanic Leadership-Ohio; Board Member, National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors, Dayton, OH; Board Member, United Way, Dayton, OH; Past-Chairman, Ohio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; Past-President, Dayton Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; Past-President, Puerto Rican Cultural Society of Dayton; Served as a Board Member of the Boy Scouts, Miami Valley Council; Served as Board Member, Culture Works, Dayton, OH

Honors: 2010 Ohio Military Service & Distinction Award; 2010 Supreme Award at the Ohio Leadership Summit; 2009 Business Advocate of the Year in OH; President's Volunteer Award, George Bush, 2007 Education: MS, Systems Analysis, University

of West Florida, 1987; BS, Aeronautical Engineering, Air Force Institute of Technology, 1984; BS, Chemistry, University of Puerto Rico, 1978; Securities Licenses Series 7, 6, 65, 63; Life & Health *Family:* Married to Nidy Rodriguez with two children, resides in Beavecreek, OH

#### Rodriguez, Richard (Rick)

CEO
RMI International
8125 Somerset Blvd.
Paramount, CA 90723
wwww.rimiintl.com *Business Specialty:*RMI was established in
1995, Incorporated in
1996, and currently
serves eighteen states,
offering security



services. Mr. Rodriguez, as CEO, began his career with the Vivitar Corp. in 1991 as a Project Manager. In 1993 he moved to Omega Corporate Security where he was a Branch Manager.

Associations: Board of Directors, Latin
Business Association; Vice Chairman, Prison
Ministry of America Board; Past President,
Downey Chamber; President of Emergency
Preparedness; Committee for the City of
Downey Commissioned by the City Council.
Honors: Orange County Hispanic Chamber of
Commerce Business of the Year, 2014; Latin
Business Association Award "Latin Business
of the Year" for acquiring 10 million dollars,
2013; Latin Business of the Year, 2009;
Maintained Minority Business Development
Counsel since 2003; Premier Partner Award
from Honda Motor Company, 2010; Featured
in the local newspaper

Education: Attended Kobetz School, Oatman School and the Jr. College, El Camino Family: Married to Lupe with seven children: Rachel, Rick, Jr., Roxanne, Sarah, Alfred, Daniel and Anthony and four grandchildren. Five children are active in the business

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### Saldivar, Sr., Samuel

Agent State Farm Insurance 2108 South Highway 281

Edinburg, TX 78539 www.samsaldivar.com

#### **Business Specialty:**

Sam Saldivar was born and raised in the town of Harlingen, TX. At the age of 17, he



enlisted with the United States Air Force and served in the military for four years. He took basic training in Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX. He then was stationed in Spokane, Washington and then transferred to England at the Lacken Heath Air Force Base, all this during the Korean War from 1951 to his Honorable Discharge in 1955. Sam served for several years in the civil service in Corpus Christi Naval Base and the Harlingen Air Force Base. After graduation from college, he came back to the valley and worked for Channel 5 TV Station in Weslaco, TX. He then moved to Edinburg, TX in 1961, to represent American National Life Insurance Company as an Insurances Debit Agent. Then in 1966 he started his career with State Farm Insurance Company operating his agency for the past 47 years.

Associations: 4th Degree Knights of Columbus; Eucharistic Minister at Holy Family Church and St. Joseph's Church; Volunteer as a Sponsor for Engaged Couples for the Diocese of Brownsville; Serra Club of McAllen; Alhambra of El Cid #106 of Rio Grande City; Past President of the Kiwanis Club; Past President of the Club De Amistad; Past Grand Knight for the Knights of Columbus; Past Member of the Pack #77 for the Boy Scouts of America; Past President of

the Edinburg Golf Association; Past Commissioner of the Edinburg Urban Renewal Association; Past Commissioner of the Model Cities Program; Past Volunteer for the Hospitalized Veterans in 1969 **Honors:** Feature Business of the Month Recognition from the Edinburg Chamber of Commerce; Kara Glearer Appreciation Certificate from the Edinburg Housing Authority; Citizen of the Year Award from the Edinburg Housing Authority, 2005; Award from the 3rd Annual Cito Luna Memorial Golf Tournament; Recipient of the Knight of the Year for the 3rd degree of the Knights of Columbus in 1994, 1995 and 1996; Selected "Who's Who" Membership Selection; Received following awards from State Farm Insurance Companies: Selected Honor Agent, 1995-1996, Honor Agent Award in Fire Insurance, Achievement of Excellent Award in Life Insurance and Health Insurance, 1986, Leader in Auto. Life, Fire and Health Award, 1985, Certificate for Outstanding Performance, 1981, Certificate for Health PACE Seller, 1977, Award for \$100,000.00 Life Sales, 1973-1974, Quality Service Recognition for Life Sales, 1972 and the Career Achievement Award, 1972 **Education:** Graduated with a degree in Electronic Engineering, Devry Technical Institute in Chicago; Completed University of Life Course (UL), 1966; Completed the University of Texas Public Relations Course, 1969: Received a Certificate of Personalities of the South, 1969; Completed LIFE, 1970 Family: Sam has been married to Yolanda Perez from Weslaco for 58 years. They have four children, Sam Jr., Sylvia, Salvador and Sergio, they also have six grandchildren.

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## Sanchez II, Anthony R.

*M.D.* 

Colorado Orthopaedics 10103 Ridge Gate Parkway Aspen Building, Ste. 112 Lone Tree, CO 80124 www.orthotree.com *Business Specialty:* Dr. Anthony Sanchez, an Orthopaedic Surgeon



with Colorado Orthopaedics located in Lone Tree Colorado, is dedicated to helping his patients "get back to life" and back to doing the things they love! Dr. Sanchez, an Orthopaedic Sports Medicine fellowship trained physician, specializes in comprehensive orthopaedic care for adults including joint replacement surgery, ligament and joint reconstruction, sports medicine and injuries, arthroscopic surgery of the shoulder and knee, and orthopaedic trauma. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgery and an active member of the American Orthopaedic Society of Sports Medicine. Dr. Sanchez, a Colorado native, was certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery in 2008 and received a subspecialty certification in Orthopaedic Sports Medicine in 2009. His general surgery and Orthopaedic residency were completed at The University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. He then completed a fellowship in Orthopaedic Sports Medicine at TRIA in Minneapolis, MN. While in Minnesota, he worked with the Minnesota Vikings. Timberwolves, and Twins. He remains actively involved in the athletic departments of both The Colorado College and local high schools, the Pro Rodeo Circuit Finals and National Western Stock Show and Rodeo. Dr.

Sanchez graduated with a Bachelor's of Arts from The Colorado College where he was on the Dean's list and was a recipient of the National Hispanic Scholarship from 1997-1999. While in medical school, he received the Dr. William Winter Medical Student Award and was student- instructor for the University of Colorado School of Medicine. During his medical residency, he was awarded the Outstanding Resident Clinical Teaching Award from 2001-2003 and received the Children's Day Resident Research Award in 2003. He has several publications and has given numerous presentations. He attributes his success to perseverance, motivation, family support and the quote "an education is something that can never be taken away from you". Associations: Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgery; Active Member American Orthopaedic Society of Sports Medicine; actively involved in the athletic departments of both The Colorado College and local high schools, the Pro Rodeo Circuit Finals and National Western Stock

Honors: Dean's List, Colorado College; recipient, National Hispanic Scholarship, 1997-1999; Dr. William Winter Medical Student Award; Outstanding Resident Clinical Teaching Award, 2001-2003; Children's Day Resident Research Award, 2003; several publications

Education: BA, Biology, Colorado College; Medical Degree, Univ. of Colorado School of Medicine; General Surgery
Intern./Orthopaedic Surgery Resid., Univ. of Colorado Health Sciences Center; Fellowship, Orthopaedic Sports Medicine, Orthopaedic

Cen., Eden Prairie, MN

Show

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### Sanchez, Carlos Rafael

#### D.V.M

Fort Worth Zoo 1989 Colonial Parkway Fort Worth, TX 76110



**Business Specialty:** The

oldest zoo in Texas, the Fort Worth Zoo was founded in 1909 with one lion, two bear cubs. an alligator, a coyote, a peacock and a few rabbits. From these humble beginnings, the Zoo has grown into a nationally ranked facility, housing nearly 7,000 native and exotic animals. Since 1992, the Zoo has opened 16 permanent exhibits and support facilities, virtually creating a new zoo. Ten years of improvements and Association management was celebrated with the addition of Texas Wild in 2001, which houses seven distinct exhibits within an 8-acre complex. The zoo was ranked the No. 5 zoo in the nation by USA Travel Guide and a top zoo by Family Life magazine, the Los Angeles Times and USA Today. In addition, the zoo was one of the top zoo's in the South by Southern Living Reader's Choice Awards and named the number one attraction in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex by Zagat Survey U.S. Family Travel Guide. Dr. Sanchez is fairly new with the Fort Worth Zoo, he was one of the veterinarians with the Smithsonian National Zoo in Washington, D.C for 10 years prior. His secret to success has been his perseverance.

Associations: American Association of Zoo Veterinarians; Wildlife Disease Association; Founder and Moderator of LATINVETS; Hobbies: traveling, scuba diving and exploring new restaurants

Honors: In 2000, Dr. Sanchez became the 1st

Latin-American Veterinarian accepted into a Zoological Medicine Residency in the United States; received the 1997 Overseas Development Award from the British Government to complete his Masters in Science Degree in England; In 2010, Dr. Sanchez received the American Association of Zoo Veterinarians Presidential Service Award; the zoo was ranked the No. 5 zoo in the nation by USA Travel Guide; a top zoo by Family Life magazine, the Los Angeles Times and USA Today; one of the top zoo's in the South by Southern Living Reader's Choice Awards, named the number one attraction in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex by Zagat Survey U.S. Family Travel Guide **Education:** Undergrad studies and DVM at the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM); Master Degree from the Royal Veterinary College in London,

sponsored by the British Government

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### Sánchez-Medina, Mirza

Principal Manhattan Bridges High School 525 W. 50th Street New York, NY 10019 manhattanbridges.com

Business Specialty: Mirza Sánchez-Medina founded Manhattan

Bridges High School in 2003. She has been an



educator for twenty-eight years. The school is 100% Latino and is considered a college prep school. They offer pre-engineering programs, IT programs and are part of the National Academy Foundation. The school is amongst the top 2 percentile in New York. The mission at Manhattan Bridges High School is rooted in the belief that the master of communication skills in both English and the native language is the key to realizing a student's fullest potential in a multicultural society. Their mission is to ensure that students develop the speaking, reading, writing, and listening skills needed to succeed in a rigorous academic program designed to prepare them for higher education or entrance into the work force. In addition, they are committed to assisting students in maintaining the richness of their native language and culture, celebrating their individual differences, and providing them with a sense of their place in the greater community. In the past, Mirza was an Assistant Principal and her secret to success has been her belief in giving back, making sure students have the best education to ensure she has done her job, and having strong values.

*Honors:* One of City's Top 25 Principals; U.S. News "Best High School"; School received the

"Gold Seal"

Education: Bachelor Degree, Science and Education, Puerto Rico; Masters, Education and Environmental Science, City College, New York; Certificate of Administration, Hunter College; Ordained Minister who attends the Rehoboth Christian Church and goes to New York Theological Seminary

**Family:** Married to Fermin (Bobby) Medina with children: Grizelle Medina and Jonathan Medina

### Santana, Lisgelia

#### M.D.

Director of Pediatric Anesthesiologist Nemours Children's Hospital, Pediatric Anesthesiology 13535 Nemours Parkway Orlando, FL 32827 www.nemours.org



**Business Specialty:** The Pediatric Anesthesiology Department at Nemours Children's Hospital is dedicated to using the safest methods of administering anesthesia to

a child and seeking the best, most effective medications for children. Dr. Santana is the Director of Pediatric Anesthesiology and also works with pain management. She is Board Certified in both Anesthesia and Pain

Management. Dr. Santana began her career in Puerto Rico in a private practice

Puerto Rico in a private practice concentrating on pediatric pain management, and also practiced in the Virgin Islands. She worked at the University in Puerto Rico and was offered a position to be the director of the new department at Nemours Children's Hospital in Florida. Dr. Santana has been in this position for over three months. At least twice a year she travels to Africa, Guatemala, Ecuador and Haiti on medical missions.

Associations: American Society of
Anesthesiologist; American Medical
Association; Puerto Rico Society of
Anesthesiologist; Fellow American College of
Pediatrics; Supports and is a collector of art
Education: Medical Degree received at the
School of Medicine, Puerto Rico; BA, Biology,
University of Puerto Rico, Magna Cum laude;
Attended Harvard for specialty in Pediatric
Anesthesiology and Pain Management

### Santiago, Jennifer A.

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The Law Office of
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\*\*Business Specialty: Ms.\*

Santiago has a private law practice in Philadelphia – her hometown. She focuses



her practice on criminal defense and family law – support, custody, divorce, protection from abuse, and dependency. When not in court, Ms. Santiago is giving back to the city that has given so much to her through her volunteer work with the John S. Bradway High School Mock Trial Competition. This incredibly valuable program gives high school students in Philadelphia the opportunity to meet with attorneys and compete in mock trial competitions wherein they are the witnesses and attorneys. Ms. Santiago was a member of her high school's mock trial team and has stayed connected with this program ever since. This program has grown under the leadership of Temple L.E.A.P. and the Young Lawyers' Division of the Philadelphia Bar Association. Ms. Santiago is truly a Philadelphian born and raised. Ms. Santiago went to work for the Office of the District Attorney of Bronx County, where she worked in the Domestic Violence Bureau. After leaving the District Attorney's Office, Ms. Santiago worked for the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania as a law clerk for a judge in the Court of Common Pleas in Pennsylvania. In 2012, Ms. Santiago decided that the best way to help her city would be to open up her own office and take all of her experiences to best represent her community.

**Associations:** While endeavoring to help her city to the best of her abilities, Ms. Santiago has had the distinguished honor of sitting on the Executive Committee of the Criminal Justice Section of the Philadelphia Bar Association, sitting on the Executive Committee of the Young Lawyers' Division of the Philadelphia Bar Association as a liaison to the Hispanic Bar Association, sitting on the Board of Directors of the Hispanic Bar Association of Pennsylvania, sitting on the Board of Directors of the Hispanic Bar Association of Pennsylvania's Legal Education Fund (President 2013), and sitting as a member of the National Association of Professional Women.

**Honors:** As a result of her dedication to her profession and to her community, Ms. Santiago was given the honor of being named the 2014-2015 VIP Woman of the Year by the National Association of Professional Women.

Education: Central High School of Philadelphia; B. A. in Sociology with a concentration in Deviance and the Sociology of Law, University of Pennsylvania; J.D., Temple University's James E. Beasley School of Law

*Family:* Mother, Isabel Velazquez-Jones

#### Saucedo-Campos, Juan Carlos

Entrepreneur Spa Nirvana, a Sanctuary for Face and Body 811 Court Street Clearwater, FL 33756

www.spanirvana.com **Business Specialty:**Spa industry



entrepreneur Juan
Carlos Saucedo is a licensed massage
therapist and facial specialist, and has been a
licensed esthetician for over ten years. He
graduated from Florida Metropolitan

licensed esthetician for over ten years. He graduated from Florida Metropolitan University and from the Christine Valmy International School for Esthetics in New York City. After completing Christine Valmy, Juan Carlos continued his studies at the International Dermal Institute in New York. receiving Advanced Training in European Skin Care Techniques, Effective Skin Analysis, Alpha and Beta Hydroxy Acids, Exfoliation, Speed Waxing, LaStone, Aromatherapy, Treatment of Sun Damage and Prematurely Aging Skin, Solutions for Acne & Rosacea, Mehta Facelifting Massage, Lymphatic Drainage Massage, Reflexology, Microdermabrasion, High Frequency and Galvanic Techniques. Juan Carlos' work experience includes several nationallyknown spas in New York and Florida and working for a top plastic surgeon, where he provided advanced clinical skin care treatments for preoperative and postoperative patients to maximize their results. Juan Carlos is a native of Aguascalientes, Mexico. In Mexico, Juan Carlos was a professional actor for the Televisa television network, on which he appeared in several telenovelas. He was also an accomplished stage actor and dancer. He has always been physically active since his

early training as a stage actor and a jazz dancer in Mexico City. In 1996, Juan Carlos moved to New York City to undertake formal training in skin care, in which he had a lifelong interest. Through his subsequent work experience in New York and Florida, Juan Carlos learned that men's skin care needs are not a priority of the mainstream spa/medi-spa industry. Therefore, Juan Carlos' goal became to provide the best skin care services available tailored especially for both men and women. Juan Carlos conceived Nirvana as a retreat from the daily stresses of life, where his clients could receive skin care, hair removal and bodywork from a skilled professional, privately and discretely. At Nirvana, clients can relax in the knowledge that they are receiving the highest-quality personalized service, using the latest technologies and the finest products, from a massage therapist and esthetician who understands their needs. Spa Nirvana was established in Tampa in 2007 and has subsequently grown and expanded to its current location in Clearwater, Florida.

**Associations:** Hands on Trade Association; Juan Carlos enjoys philography, and possesses one of the largest collections in the world.

**Honors:** Named Best Spa of Clearwater in 2011, 2012, and 2013 by the US Commerce Association

**Education:** Florida Metropolitan University, Clearwater, Florida; International Dermal Institute, New York City; Christine Valmy International School for Esthetics, New York City

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### Savariego, Bernardo

*M.D.* 

Bernardo Savariego, MDPA 12550 Biscayne Blvd. #209 N. Miami, FL 33181 drsavariego.com *Business Specialty:* Psychiatrist, Certified by the American Board of Psychiatry



and Neurology with added Qualifications in Addiction. Private office practice that offers individualized patient oriented care. Dr. Savariego specializes in adults with Depressive and Anxiety disorders, Bipolar disorders, Attention Deficit Disorders, Impulse Control Disorders and Addiction Treatment. Certified to prescribe Suboxone for Opioid dependence. Provider of treatment with monthly injections of Vivitrol for Alcohol and Opioid Dependence. Former Medical Director of Addiction Treatment Units at Columbia Hospitals in Miami, Florida.

Associations: American Psychiatric
Association; South Florida Psychiatric
Society; Florida Psychiatry Society; Served as
Chairman, Committee of Addiction
Psychiatry, South Florida Psychiatric Society,
1994- 2000; DCMA Delegate to the House of
Delegates of the Florida Medical Association,
1997-2000

Honors: Distinguished Life Fellow of The American Psychiatric Association; Elected & served as Pres. of The South Florida Psychiatric Society; Named among Top Psychiatrists by the Consumer Research Council of America; Top Docs, Best Physicians in S. Florida

**Education:** Psychiatry Residency at The

University of Miami School of Medicine Affiliated Hospitals; Served as Chief Resident in Psychiatry from July 77 - June 78; Doctor of Medicine, University of Valencia, Valencia, Spain; Bachelor of Science, Ohio State University

Family: Married. Has four adult children

#### Schrader, Reinhold Carlos

Managing Director, Latino Practice Group Bolton & Company 3475 E. Foothill Blvd, Ste. 100 Pasadena, CA 91107 www.boltonco.com *Business Specialty:* Established in 1931, Bolton & Company provides clients



worldwide with insurance and risk management services, employee benefits and financial products. R.C. Schrader joined Bolton & Company, one of the nation's largest employee-owned insurance brokers, headquartered in Pasadena, California, in December 2013 as Vice President, Managing Director for the Latino Practice Group. Mr. Schrader possesses vast experience in the private and public sectors dealing with international sales, marketing and public relations. With over 30 years of experience, Mr. Schrader has been responsible for progressively-successful operations work as well as spearheading key marketing projects in the United States and Latin America. As California's Trade Representative to Latin America, he created vital trade and investment opportunities of mutual benefit for California and their neighbors to the south. "I first met R.C. Schrader when he was representing the State of California in Mexico and I was U.S. Ambassador of Mexico," said James Jones, former U.S. Ambassador to Mexico. "He was imaginative and hard working and understood the culture of Mexico and he made inroads for California that many thought impossible because of the then political disagreements between the two governments. R.C. understands business and the intersection of business and government

which is so important in Latin America." With the support of Bolton & Company, Mr. Schrader has built the "Latino Practice Group" that houses a stellar team of bi-lingual and bi-cultural insurance professionals that cater to Latino businesses. "Bolton & Company understands that simply translating a business brochure into Spanish does not guarantee success in this market segment. The Latino community represents over \$1.5 trillion in purchasing power," stated Steve Brockmeyer, ARM, CIC, President and CEO of Bolton & Company. "We are very excited to have R.C. Schrader lead our Latino Practice Group."

Associations: Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; Advisory Board of the Southern California Technical Group; Los Angeles Latino Chamber of Commerce Honors: Best Place to Work, 2013, from the L.A. Business Journal; Best Practice Agency,

IIABA **Education:** Attended a UCLA program from

1981-1983

Family: Married to Michele with two

children: R.C. Schrader II and Megan Schrader

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### Shefer, Nera

Attorney Grisales-Racini, Shefer, Hershey, Gonzalez-Rabagh, Miculitzk, LLLP 20801 Biscayne Boulevard-#306 Aventura, FL 33180 www.grshlaw.com



#### **Business Specialty:**

GRSH, LLLP, provides individuals across the globe with the representation they need in all immigration matters. In addition to representing clients who are in Florida, individuals from across the country contact GRSH, LLLP, for counsel in immigration matters. GRSH, LLLP, has the legal experience and focus to provide individuals with the representation they need in immigration, naturalization and deportation matters. Attorney Nera Shefer who is head of the firm's immigration practice, is a licensed attorney in Florida, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida and also a licensed attorney in her native country, Colombia. Each of the firm's four partners is well respected in their areas of practice, and the attorneys have been recognized by others in the legal community. Attorney Nera Shefer has been the recipient of a U.S. Congressional recognition for her public policy involvement in favor of undocumented youth in 2012. Attorney Shefer has also been named the Most Effective Lawyer by the Daily Business Review in 2012, was named to Super Lawyers' Rising Stars list in 2013 and The Latino American Who's Who. Attorney Shefer, also won Daniela Pelaez's landmark immigration case, which changed the immigration laws that impact thousands of

people here in the country. The Pealez's case also became monumental for what is currently happening with immigration reform. In addition to winning the case for Daniela Pelaez, Attornev Shefer's successful outcome was extended to thousands of other people who were in her position. After her successful work on Daniela Pelaez's case (a high school valedictorian who was almost deported), Attorney Shefer has done other lobbyingwork in Washington to establish fair laws and reforms for all immigrants. Attorney Shefer has met with Senators such as Marco Rubio, Bill Nelson, Harry Reid and other members of the U.S. Congress. Among Attorney Shefer's major accomplishments during her lobby work has been her participation during the 112th Congress in the drafting of the Stars Act, a bill proposal seeking to obtain immigration status for undocumented youth. Additionally, Attorney Nera Shefer and the team of associates under her direction have represented hundreds of clients in removal and deportation proceedings sucessfully obtaining a lawful status for them, as well as numerous foreign clients in business immigration, obtaining the approval of working and investment visas for their clients. Attorney Nera Shefer is a contributor to the Huffington Post, (Huff Voces) and has been interviewed by national, international and local TV channels and radio stations in regards to immigration issues and the current proposal for immigration reform. The landmark case of Daniela Pelaez has been widely covered by the major newspapers internationally, nationally and locally and attorney Shefer appeared in CNN national with Erin Burnett, CNN international news and ABC local with Michael Putney and world news with David Muir.

Associations: American Immigration

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Lawyers Association; Florida Bar Association; Beth Tora Congregation; Admitted to practice U.S. District Court for Southern District Court

**Honors:** Recipient of a U.S. Congressional recognition for her public policy involvement in favor of undocumented youth in 2012; named the Most Effective Lawyer by the Daily Business Review in 2012; 2012 The Latino American Who's Who; won Daniela Pelaez's landmark immigration case, which changed the immigration laws that impact thousands of people here in the country; recognized as a Best Student with a "Book" Award in Law School; worked closely with the University at Law school and was in charge of the Legal Department; Dean's List in Law School **Education:** Law Degree and Undergrad,

Universidad Del Norte in Colombia Family: Married to Izhar with children: Leor

and Ilan

### Silva, Eleno

Owner
The Riverview
Restaurant
1420 SE River Rd.
Montgomery, IL 60538
riverviewdiner.com *Business Specialty:* The
Riverview Restaurant

opened in May, 2004. The Diner serves



quality, fresh, natural foods made daily with the flavors of an old-style, family-run kitchen. It is open 365 days a year. "For my team and I," said Mr. Silva, "there is only one thing we want to keep doing, and that is to serve our community. The most important thing is to treat each one of our customers with quality and respect." His secret to success is his personality, passion for what he does and great food.

Associations: Hobbies are fishing and his love

of sports cars

Honors: Voted Best American Cuisine by Readers in the Best of Global Cuisine Contest, May, 2010; "Homemade food is Riverview Restaurant's Recipe for Success", Dining Guide, October, 2010; Montgomery Patch Readers' Choice Award Winner for Best Breakfast Spot, December, 2012; 'River View Restaurant: a decade of successful ingredients', Insight Article, June, 2014 Education: Graduated High school and attended college for two years in Mexico Family: Married to Maria with two children: Edgar and Yaneli

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### Silva-Younes, Ivette

Ass. Counselor Law & International Stetson University College of Law 1401 61st South Gulfport, FL 33707 www.law.stetson.edu *Business Specialty:* Ivette Silva conducts international



cooperation development and community and education projects in the field of international legal education to outreach and foster the interaction among members of different community groups such as: NGO's, foreign governmental institutions, international organizations with a fundamental impact in national security and community building. Ivette's expertise is International Law -National Security and Education. She has worked on internationalization of her campus, communities and area, raising awareness about issues of national and global security concern and engaging the international community to the mission of education in multiculturalism as universal value. As a community builder, Ivette is proud of being Latin. She is the only Hispanic person in the Center for Excellence in International Law of Stetson University College of Law, as she has been managing the international development of the School of Law. Working for Stetson University School of Law within the legal community, and in such an important role in the advancement of international cooperation, Ivette has made a difference among many international students, community leaders and legal practitioners.

**Associations:** American Bar Association:

Salzburg Global Seminar; UN Tampa Chapter; MIRAUSA.

Honors: Human Spirit Award, 2013, Florida Center for Survivors of Torture and the Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community
Services; Merit Colombian Scholarship, 2010, Stetson University College of Law; Mark Orr Foreign Affairs Fellowship, 2010, Tampa Bay Foreign Affairs Committee; Abner B.
Rosenfield Award for Outstanding
Citizenship, 2010, B.M.C.C.; Malave
Leadership Academy Award, 2010, C.U.N.Y.;
Salzburg Global Seminar Award, 2009;
President of Students World Assembly, 2009-2010, Chapter B.M.C.C..

Education: LL.M. in International Law,
Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport,
Florida, 2011; Degree in Liberal Arts,
Borough of Manhattan-City University of New
York, New York, New York, 2010, graduating
with honors due to her project with focus on
community building, bringing
multiculturalism as a main factor to educate
and promote social cohesion at institutional
level; Certificate in International Business
and Finance, New York University, New York,
New York, 2007; LL.B., Universidad
Externado de Colombia, Bogotá, Colombia,
2004

### Soto Wiley, Lucero

Financial Advisor
Morgan Stanley
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Ste. 100
Virginia Beach, VA
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morganstanley.com
Business Specialty:
Since its founding in
1935, Morgan Stanley



and its people have helped redefine the meaning of financial services. The firm has continually broken new ground in advising their clients on strategic transactions, in pioneering the global expansion of finance and capital markets, and in providing new opportunities for individual and institutional investors. Originally from Mexico City, Lucero is fluent in English and Spanish and holds various academic degrees across a number of disciplines. She has experience in public service and corporate management and joined the financial industry in 2011, when she started her career with Merrill Lynch. She currently works with a wealth management team at Morgan Stanley, where she assists clients in every aspect of their financial lives. As a member of the board of directors of the Hampton Roads Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Vice Chair of the Democratic Latino Organization of Virginia and her recent appointment by Governor Terry McAuiliffe as member of the Virginia Latino Advisory Board, she prioritizes helping the community and the people around her. Her biggest source of personal satisfaction comes from volunteering, which was evidenced by her being awarded the Presidential Volunteer Service Award for 2013 and the Global Diversity and Inclusion Award of Bank of America Merrill Lynch, among other

recognitions. Lucero also represented the Chamber in the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Legislative Summit 2013 and 2014 where she had the opportunity to advocate for the Hispanic Community and lobby in Capitol Hill for Education and Immigration Reform.

Lucero has a Masters in Banking and Finance from University Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona, Spain, specializing in Risk Management for Financial Institutions. She also has a Masters of Business Administration from Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education (ITESM) in Mexico City, where she was nominated for the Independent MBA Student of the Year Award 2010 and represented EGADE Business School at the Mexico Business Summit 2009. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Mexico Autonomous Institute of Technology (ITAM) where she was nominated for president of the student body and became involved with the institute and the community. She also studied a Bachelor in Economics at ITAM, is certified in Strategic Planning and Project Management by University of San Diego and ITESM and holds two certificates from University of Notre Dame Mendoza College of Business: Nonprofit Lobbying and Advocacy and Media Relations and Communication Skills.

**Family:** Lucero is the daughter of Luz Enriqueta Wiley Cota and Raul Soto Betancourt

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### Suarez, Yvette Maria

#### M.D.

Bella Med Spa Cosmetic Surgery Center 1821 Bruce B. Downs Blvd., Suite 120 Wesley Chapel, FL 33544 www.bellatampa.com



Business Specialty:

Dr. Yvette Maria Suarez is a Cosmetic Surgeon and owns Bella Med Spa Cosmetic Surgery Center. She has been practicing for over 8 years at the center. Bella offers a wide variety of services such as cosmetic surgery, hormone therapy, laser hair removal, chemical peels and the safest injectables on the market. They have supervised programs for weight management with full support and guidance. Dr. Suarez has built a successful practice because each patient is treated with their own individualized plan. She offers complimentary consultations so that you have the opportunity to discuss your concerns and the ability for the two of you to plan a course of action on how to obtain "The New You". Her skills and talent have led her to be the Regional Instructor for Restylane, Perlane, and Dysport. Dr. Suarez has continued her education to include a natural approach to enhance our mind and body including Hormone Replacement Therapy and Intravenous vitamin supplements. She uses Liposculpting, a revolutionary ultrasound or laser for lipo which includes Vaser and Lipotherme. Dr. Suarez has become the Regional Instructor for other physicians to learn the skills for Lipo Body Sculpting. Her passion has led her to pursue further specialties in Lipo Body Sculpting, Hormone Replacement Therapy, Laser Specialist, and

Vein Therapy.

Associations: American Medical Association Member; Florida Medical Association Member; Hillsborough County Medical Association Member; American Academy of Pediatrics Member; American Society for Laser Medicine and Surgery

Honors: Recognized by Obagi Medical Center and the Latino American Who's Who Education: Rutgers University; Graduated from New Jersey Medical School; Residency and Internship at Arnold Palmer Hospital/Orlando Regional Healthcare; practiced Emergency Medicine for 7 years in Tampa, 3 years as a Urgent Care Physician and 5 years as a Cosmetic Physician Family: Married to: David, Children: Austin and Alyssa

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### Tabraue, Maria C.

Vice President/Director
Zoological Wildlife
Foundation
16225 SW 172 Ave.
Miami, FL 33187
www.zwfmiami.com
Business Specialty:
Zoological Wildlife
Foundation is an
organization dedicated



to educating the public about rare and endangered animal species in captivity and in the wild. The Zoological Wildlife Foundation, which was recently awarded the Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence, was founded by Mario, President, and Maria, Vice President and Director, in 2000. It is a fulfillment of their dream to help people understand how important creatures are to our planet. Accredited by the Zoological Association of America as a zoo, the facility has everything from domestic animals and primates to large predatory birds and mammals. They are best known for their group tours, educational presentations, private tours-- which they offer by appointment--and for taking animals to private events. They breed endangered species in captivity, help injured animals and rescue animals from being terminated or from being raised to be hunted. They also have a facility in Jupiter and currently between their facilities in Miami and Jupiter, the have over 40 species and 150 animals. Maria and Mario's secret to success is their passion for animals.

**Associations:** National Association of

Professional Women

Honors: Maria will soon be featured in

Distinctive Women's Magazine

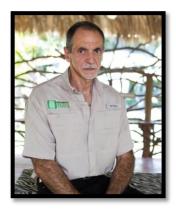
**Education:** Maria received a Bachelor of Science degree from NOVA University, and a

Legal Assistant Certificate from Florida International University.

*Family:* Married to Mario and between them they have four children and two grandchildren

### Tabraue, Mario

President/Director
Zoological Wildlife
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Business Specialty:
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*Family:* Married to Maria and between them have four children and two grandchildren

2014-2015

### Tapanes, Edward

Founder and Managing Partner Tapanes Law, PA 990 Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 0-903 Miami, FL 33132 www.tapaneslaw.com **Business Specialty:** 



Business Specialty:
Tapanes Law is a Miami
based firm with a global

reach, representing a wide array of local, national and international businesses and individuals. Edward Tapanes is the Founder and Managing Partner, specializes in state and federal cases throughout the United States and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. He has tried numerous jury and bench trials and has successfully handled several criminal appeals. Many of his cases involve high profile international narcotic traffickers, public corruption, organized fraud and money laundering. Mr. Tapanes' civil litigation experience is in commercial litigation, international business transactions, fraud, contract disputes, personal injury, insurance claims, debt collection and real estate. In addition, Mr. Tapanes served as an Assistant State Attorney in Miami-Dade County from 2002 to 2008, became Assistant Chief of the Career Criminal Robbery Unit and worked in the Gang Prosecution Unit where he handled major crimes. Mr. Tapanes is admitted to practice in all state courts in Florida and the United States District Court for the Southern and Middle Districts of Florida.

Associations: Member of the Cuban American Bar Association, American Bar Association, Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and the League of Prosecutors; Committee chairperson for the Florida Bar Grievance for three years; serves the community through pro bono work in Miami-Dade County by mentoring children in underprivileged schools; organizes and sponsors the annual St. Thomas University School of Law's Toys for Tots toy drive; Hobbies: fishing and boating

Honors: Mr. Tapanes has appeared as a guest speaker at St. Thomas University School of Law's Trial Advocacy Practice course Education: Masters of Laws (LLM) in Intercultural Human Rights at St. Thomas University School of Law; Juris Doctorate from St. Thomas University School of Law

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### Tapia, Luis Omar

On Air Soccer Host/ Personality Fox Sports Latin America & beINSport USA 7291 Northwest 74th Street Miami, FL 33166 Business Specialty: Fox Sports Latin America is a Latin American cable television network



focusing on sports-related programming including live and pre-recorded event telecasts, sports talk shows, and other original programming. Across Latin America, Fox Sports competes with the largest international sports network, ESPN. The channel broadcasts sports-related programming 24 hours a day in the Spanish language. It is based in Ciudad de Mexico and Buenos Aires, Argentina and is part of FLAC (Fox Latin American Channels). Fox Sports shows a wide variety of sports events that broadcast networks in Spanish speaking countries don't show on weekends, including Copa Libertadores, Formula 1, ATP Tennis, UFC, Mexican Football, and additional futbol competitions such as UEFA Champions League, Europa League, as well as other games. Fox Sports also airs business shows (Marketing Registrado), exercise shows and other programs including infomercials. Luis Omar Tapia is the On Air Soccer Host Personality for Fox Sports Latin America and his main responsibility is Hosting and calling the games of the prestigious UEFA Champions League and Europa League, as well as special events such as Copa America and The World Cup. He is also one of the announcers at the newly created sports

network: BeINSport (based in the United States) where he calls the games for "La Liga-Spain", Italian Seria A, South America, and Concacaf World Cup Qualifiers, and the South America Under 20 Championship. One of his most famous quotes is, "Comienzan noventa minutos del deporte mas hermoso del mundo". He implemented this phrase into his career because it is a saying that his father, Teofilo, passed down to him from his grandfather, Alamiro Torres Rios. Luis Omar Tapia is also responsible for famous nicknames pertaining to professional caliber players in the world of Futbol, examples being Zinadine Zidane known as "Harry Potter" and Ronaldinho known as "Jar Jar Binks".

Associations: President and CEO of Pachuca Fútbol Club (South Florida); President of Community Soccer Outreach-a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization; President and CEO of The Noventa Group; Original founder of the Hartford Soccer and the Manchester Parochial Soccer Leagues in the state of Connecticut, USA.

Honors: INTE Award; Telly Award "Goals of Spain Extra"; Fútbol Total Magazine (Mexico) recognized him as one of the most influential things that have changed the sport of Soccer-awarding him #3 on the list

**Education:** Bachelors Degree in Communications from Trinity

Family: Liney Tapia, Monica Tapia-Mularski,

Erika Tapia Schrieber

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#### Teran-Caldera, Cecilia

Teran and Vanessa Teran-Beltran

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Business Specialty:
Avanti Way Realty is a

premier Real Estate

President and Owner



company that services the South Florida market and specializes in Brokerage Services. The company was founded and partnered by Ms. Teran-Caldera, Andres Korda, and Enrique Teran four years ago. Avanti currently manages in excess of 300 properties in Florida for more than 200 local and international investors. Through innovative virtual office platform and on-line business transaction tools, the company has differentiated itself in the competitive market by enhancing the way the real estate market is served. Ms. Teran-Caldera's secret to success is her great passion for what she does.

**Associations:** Board of Realtors; Equal Housing Opportunity

Honors: Trafalgar Award; Sales Setter Award; Entrepreneur of the Year, 2002; Featured in Miami Agent Magazine, Hoy, Chicago Agent Magazine online, Update Magazine; Features in CW Channel: the Best of Florida

**Education:** Bachelor's Degree, from the University in Nicaragua; Studied in London and received a Lower Certificate in English at Cambridge University; Certified in Property Management

*Family:* Four children: Enrique Teran (active in the business), Guillermo Teran, Rodrigo

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### Trujillo, Rafael C.

Trujillo
900 Kearny Street, Suite
299
San Francisco, CA 94133
natomalawoffices.com *Business Specialty:* San
Francisco criminal
defense attorney Rafael

Trujillo has been

Law Offices of Rafael C.

Attorney



defending people charged with crimes for over 30 years. Rafael Trujillo is a San Francisco native, who has spent his entire 27 year legal career aggressively and successfully defending clients in the Bay Area. As a staff attorney with Legal Services for Children followed by a 25 year career at the nationally regarded Office of the Public Defender in San Francisco Rafael has represented thousands of clients in every type of criminal and Juvenile court hearing. He has conducted hundreds of court and jury trials. Rafael holds the distinction of being one of only two attorneys in San Francisco who have successfully obtained a jury verdict of not guilty in a special circumstances homicide case since the reintroduction of the death penalty in California. Rafael understands that being charged with a crime is one of the most stressful experiences clients and their families can go through. By actively communicating with his clients, Rafael is able to make an arrest and the events that follow more bearable. Because of his considerable experience he can readily explain all the legal issues a case presents to a client and their families. His secret to success has been family and community support. Associations: California Attorneys for Criminal Justice: National Association of

Criminal Defense Lawyers; State Bar of California; Part of the San Francisco Bar Association's Board of Legal Referral Information Services; San Francisco Law Raza Lawyers Association

*Honors:* Recognized numerous times in the local newspaper

**Education:** Bachelor's degree from San Francisco State; Law degree from the New College of California

Family: Married to: Marianne Bachers

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### Valenti, Blanquita B.

Freeholder
Board of Chosen
Freeholders of
Middlesex County
75 Bayard St.
N. Brunswick, NJ
08901

**Business Specialty:** The term Freeholder,

based in English common law.



originally referred to all men who owned or held property free of any debts or encumbrances. This term is now used by New Jersey's 21 counties to describe county legislators. The residents of Middlesex County's 25 municipalities elect seven (7) persons to serve as members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders. The Freeholders are elected at-large to staggered three-year terms in the November general election. Blanquita Valenti has been a Member of the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders-Chair of Committee of Human Services and Aging since 2005. She has held various positions in Government and started as a Democratic County Committee Member for the City of New Brunswick in 1981. **Associations:** She is the Founder, a Member and Vice Chairperson of the Puerto Rican

and Vice Chairperson of the Puerto Rican
Action Board since its inception in 1972, she
has sat on the Middlesex County College
Foundation Board since 1977 and she has
been the Vice Chair of the NJ Democratic
Hispanic TaskForce since 1988. Blanquita is
also a part of the Latino Arts Center Task
Force since 1995 and has been a part of the
Middlesex County College Advisory
Committee for the Hispanic Student
Program since 1997. In addition, she is a
Trustee for the New Brunswick Sister Cities

Association since 2000, a Member of the Visiting Nurses Association of Middlesex County since 2003, a Member of the Human Relations Commission of New Brunswick since 2003, the Co-Chairperson of the Middlesex County Council of Children's Services since 2005, on the Board of Directors of the New Jersey Association of Counties since 2005, a Member of the National Association of Counties Steering Committee for Human Services and Education since 2005, on the Board of Social Services of Middlesex County since 2005 and finally a Member of the Middlesex County Hispanic Affairs Commission since 2006. Honors: Award from the Puerto Rican Association for Human Development in special recognition for community service, as well as an award from the Latino Chamber of Commerce "Orgullo Latino" **Education:** Master's Degree, Rutgers University; MAT Degree in Secondary Education, Seton Hall University; Bachelor of Arts Degree, Rosemont College

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### Vargas, Fernando D.

Attorney
Law Offices of Fernando
D. Vargas
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**Business Specialty:** Fernando D. Vargas

became licensed to practice law in the state of California in 1987. Mr. Vargas earned a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Political Science from DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois in 1982; and earned his Juris Doctorate degree from McGeorge School of Law at the University of the Pacific in California in 1986. He began his career by handling litigation and trial work for a prestigious defense firm in Los Angeles where he defended clients in all types of negligence claims; and founded his law firm championing the rights of injured victims in 1995. Since establishing his firm, Mr. Vargas has collected millions of dollars in verdicts and settlements for clients who have suffered death, catastrophic and other injuries in all types of personal injury matters. In order to better serve the Hispanic communities, the Law Offices of Fernando D. Vargas is staffed with fully bilingual paralegals, litigation secretaries and pre-litigation assistants who read, write, and speak Spanish. Fernando Vargas credits his success to his faith in God; and to a disciplined work ethic supported by principles of respect and integrity. His

**Associations:** California State Bar; Hobbies:

hobbies include basketball, swimming, family outings, long distance walks and

outdoor activities.

basketball, swimming, family outings, long distance walks and outdoor activities Honors: American Lawyer Media acknowledged attorney Vargas as Top Lawyers in California for Peer Recognition for Highest in Ethical Standards and Professional Excellence

**Education**: Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Political Science from DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois in 1982; Juris Doctorate degree from McGeorge School of Law at the University of the Pacific in California in 1986

*Family:* Married to Sylvia with three children

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#### Vela, Roxanne

President and Owner Bay Area Sleep Evaluation Center 6000 South Staples, Suite 403 Corpus Christi, TX 78413 www.basectx.com **Business Specialty:** 



Bay Area Sleep

Evaluation Center is a locally owned and operated Sleep Center located at 6000 South Staples, on the South Side of Corpus Christi in the Brookhollow Office Condominiums. Our sleep specialist diagnose and treat problems ranging from inability to fall asleep to excessive daytime sleepiness. The entire clinical staff is certified and/or registered in sleep or respiratiory. Our staff is a crucial part of our business. We strive for excellence by providing high quality services and compassionate clinical care to our patients. We are committed to educating our patients, their family members and the community. We are dedicated to promoting healthier life styles. Our Sleep Center is currently a four bedroom facility with the state of the art equipment that enables our highly trained staff to closely monitor, evaluate and treat the various sleep disorders. Bay Area is also the official Sleep training facility for Del Mar College for the Respiratory Program. They are accreditated through The American Academy of Sleep Medicine. Roxanne Vela and her husband Richard Vela have owned the center for seven years. They have two children, Richard Marc Vela and Brianna Nicole Vela, both pursing to be Medical Physicians in the future. Her secret to success has been in giving all the praise and glory to God, the determination instilled in her by her mother.

and also credits a supportive husband and family for her achievements.

Associations: Member of the Corpus Christi Christian Fellowship; active in donating Education: Bachelor's degree in Theology from Corpus Christi Theology Seminary Family: Married to: Richard Vela, Children: Richard Marc Vela and Brianna Nicole Vela

### Velazquez, David

Acting Special Agent in Charge FBI 11 Centre Place Newark, NJ 07102 www.fbi.gov

#### **Business Specialty:**

Mr. Velazquez entered on duty with the FBI in August 1982 and has served in the El



Paso, San Juan, and New York field offices. His FBI career highlights include assisting in the investigation of a domestic terrorism organization on the very first Joint Terrorism Task Force and leading an investigation into a child kidnapping matter which resulted in the safe recovery of the victim and arrest of the kidnapper. In addition, Mr. Velazquez led an investigation in a foreign counterintelligence matter which resulted in the expulsion from the United States of a foreign intelligence officer. In 1997, Mr. Velazquez was promoted to the position of Supervisory Special Agent. During 1998-1999, Mr. Velazquez supervised the investigation and successful prosecutive efforts against then, the Gambino Crime Family Boss John Gotti, Jr. During 1999-2001, he co-supervised a large scale and successful investigation and prosecution of 72 members and associates of the Genovese Crime Family. During 2000-2006, Mr. Velazquez supervised a large scale successful investigation and undercover operation which led to the arrest and conviction of the new hierarchy of the Gambino Crime Family. In 2002, he was appointed to head the FBI's White Plains Resident Agency with oversight of investigative activities in Westchester, Rockland, and Putnam counties. In this capacity, he has worked to build strong

collaborative efforts with over seventy local law enforcement agencies and numerous community groups. His secret to success was his family support and history gained from his parents who struggled to make it in this country.

Associations: Former member of the Westchester Hispanic Law Enforcement Association; member of the American Society of Industrial Security

**Honors:** In the October 2005 issue, "The Journal News" highlighted Mr. Velazquez successful efforts and that of the White Plains Resident Agency to enhance the standing of the FBI in the community it serves

**Education:** Graduate of the Robert F. Kennedy incentive program, Xavier High School; graduate of Colombia University with a major in political science

*Family:* Married to: Priscilla with two sons, Christopher and Michael

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### Velez, Hector

Deputy Chief Prince George's County Police Department 7600 Barlowe Road Landover, MD

Business Specialty: Hector Velez began his law enforcement career in 1983 by entering the U.S.



Army where he served for six years as a Military Police Officer. After leaving the Army in 1989, Mr. Velez joined the Howard County Police Department in Howard County, MD. Mr. Velez served the residents of Howard County for five years as a patrol officer. In 1994, Mr. Velez joined the Prince George's County Police Department, located in Prince George's County Maryland, a suburb of Washington D.C. Currently, Mr. Velez holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and is the Deputy Chief of the Bureau of Patrol. Mr. Velez commands approximately 1,000 officers that comprise seven patrol districts, the Special Operations Division, the Professional Compliance Division, the Community Services Division and the Telephone Reporting Unit. Mr. Velez began his career with the Prince George's County Police Department as a patrol officer assigned to the District I station in Hyattsville, MD. Mr. Velez was then assigned to the District I Investigations Section as a detective and advanced to the Criminal Investigation Division investigating financial crimes. Upon his promotion to sergeant, Mr. Velez was transferred to the Internal Affairs Division and then the Special Investigative Response Team. Upon his promotion to lieutenant, Mr. Velez was selected for a fellowship with the

International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). His duties included consulting and providing research assistance for the development of national law enforcement policy. Upon his return to the Department, Mr. Velez was assigned to the Planning and Research Division. In 2007, Mr. Velez was promoted to the rank of Captain. As a captain, he served as the Assistant Commander of the District I station in Hyattsville and Executive officer to the Chief of Police. In 2010, Mr. Velez was promoted to the rank of Major and served as the Chair, Administrative Hearing Board, Commander, Police Personnel Division and returned to command the District 1 station before being promoted to his current role of Deputy Chief.

**Associations:** Active member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)

*Honors:* Numerous awards throughout his police career

Education: Associate of Arts degree in Criminal Justice; Bachelor of Arts degree in Organizational Management from Columbia Union College; Master's of Science in Management from the Johns Hopkins University; graduate of the Johns Hopkins University Police executive Leadership Program (PELP)

#### Villarreal-Padilla, Ramona

#### Hon.

Mayor
City of Lindsay
251 E. Honolulu St.
Lindsay, CA 93247

Business Specialty: Ms.
Ramona VillarrealPadilla took the office
of Mayor of the City of
Lindsay, California in



December of 2012. She is proud to be the first Hispanic Mayor of Lindsay and serves this great city, as she receives no compensation. Prior to serving as Mayor, Ms. Villarreal-Padilla served as City Council Woman of Lindsay, starting in January of 2011. She also worked at Lindsay Healthy Start, as a Case Manager, where she worked with families to strengthen the family unit by working with the fathers. Ms. Villarreal-Padilla's secret to success is having the passion of working hard and being a service to others.

Associations: Phi-Theta Kappa Member Honors: 2011 Alumni Migrant Award; 20090-2010 Employee of the Year; 2005 and 2004 Who's Who Among American Teachers/Coaches; 2003-2004 Employee of the Year

**Education:** Bachelor Degree and Masters Degree, Pacific Oaks College; Currently a Doctoral Student of the Chicago School of Professional Psychology

*Family:* Married to Lino Padilla with four children and two grandchildren

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### Wright, Ines R.

CEO W.A.D.C. Inc. 1397 N. Topsail Ave. Colton, CA 92324 **Business Specialty:** Ines R. Wright, is CEO of Wrights Adolescent Development Center, Inc., a 501 (c)(3), non-profit organization located



in Southern California professionally serving the Social Services industry. Ines has been providing residential care and treatment for, abused, neglected, abandoned and troubled teenagers, for 24 years. You can view them on the web at

betterworldwhenwesavethechildren.com Associations: National Association of Professional Women, and she is an ongoing member of AARP and the ACLU; Ines Wright's hobbies include reading, swimming and traveling.

**Honors:** Professional Woman of the Year Award, 2011, from the National Association of Professional Women; Ines Wright was selected to be included in "Inspiring the Youth of America" by Remington Registry, and was published in Covington Who's Who of Executive Professionals (2012), Covington Who's Who as Executive of the Year (2013) and was recognized for being an Exclusive Lifetime Honored Member (2013) by Covington Who's Who; Women of Distinction Magazine also recognized Ines Wright. In year 2013, Ines R. Wright was published in Remington Registries of outstanding professionals and received their Diamond Award of Humanitarian contribution. **Education:** Bachelors, in Business Administration, University within my Home

country in Ecuador; Ines Wright has her Bachelor's degree in Accounting *Family:* Married with three children