

SPEAKERS



Patricia M. Hernandez A founding partner of Avila Rodriguez Hernandez Mena & Ferri LLP, Patricia M. Hernandez focuses on corporate and financial services, particularly in counseling businesses, including banks and financial services companies, in varied legal issues. Ms. Hernandez has extensive experience in representing domestic and international financial institutions and other financial businesses in all aspects of regulatory, compliance, lending, mergers and acquisitions, and other transactional matters. Ms. Hernandez has particular knowledge in the areas of AML-BSA and OFAC Compliance. She has successfully represented numerous banks and other financial institutions in enforcement matters with Federal and state regulators, as well as in remediation efforts to comply with enforcement actions. For three years, Ms. Hernandez served as General Counsel to the Florida International Bankers Association, as well as on FIBA's Board of Directors. She has also served on the Banking Law Advisory Panel for the ALI-CLE of the American Law Institute and is a Board Member of the South Florida Banking Institute. From 2018 through 2020, Ms. Hernandez served on the Board of Directors of a local community bank. Ms. Hernandez has exceptional experience in other general corporate matters, including acquisitions, formation of entities and review and preparation of contracts for all types of transactions. She regularly counsels foreign businesses who wish to launch their products and services in the U.S. She has also been recognized by Best Lawyers Business Edition Women in Law for Banking & Finance Law and was a Finalist for Regulatory Lawyer of the Year by the Women in Law publication of Chambers USA.



Symeria T. Hudson, MBA, is Chapman Partnership's president and chief executive officer (CEO). Hudson is responsible for overseeing the strategic, programmatic, financial, and managerial operations of the organization, in support of the organization's mission and vision. Her duties include collaborating with the board of trustees to develop fundraising and revenue generation strategy and goals; securing and allocating sufficient resources to sustain the mission and operational requirements; and creating and implementing innovative marketing and brand initiatives to raise awareness of Chapman Partnership's work in the community, among other duties. With more than 20 years of experience, Hudson is a seasoned corporate executive with international experience in leading large-scale franchises, product portfolios, and driving product innovations for top medical technology/health care companies across the U.S. and Europe. Hudson received her MBA from Harvard Business School and a Bachelor of Science from Alabama A&M University School of Business



Debra Sinkle Kolsky is the Owner / President of the Redevo. Mrs. Sinkle Kolsky has over 34 years of corporate real estate experience and founded the residential and property management affiliates. Mrs. Sinkle Kolsky oversees the development, governmental approval, and financing of the various assets. Redevo is a woman owned full service real estate development organization that has been operating in South Florida since 1976. The company specializes in development and management of retail centers, workforce housing and mixed use projects. It has several public private joint ventures with local community development corporations throughout Miami Dade County creating job opportunities and cash flows for their partners. In addition to its own assets the company provides third party owners of commercial and residential properties consulting services; Property/Asset management services; fee development services; brokerage and leasing services; governmental grant consulting; construction coordination services.



Debra Vasilopoulos is the Market President of IBERIABANK. She is responsible for directing the Private Client and Commercial Banking segments within the South Florida region. A recognized leader with over 30 years of experience in private wealth management; Vasilopoulos is known for her exceptional business acumen and passion for building high performing teams that deliver profitable results. Prior to joining IBERIABANK, she was the Regional President of Sabadell Bank & Trust where she led Private and Commercial Banking segments for South Florida. A strong advocate for supporting organizations that bring meaningful change, Vasilopoulos maintains active involvement in several community service organizations. Currently, she serves as a Vice Chairman of the Town of Palm Beach United Way. She is also a co-chair of the Johns Hopkins Women's Journey.



Alina Villasante - Peace Love World is a luxury lifestyle brand brought to life by Founder and Designer, Alina Villasante, through the commitment to spreading peace, love and happiness wherever she goes. Born to a family of immigrants in Havana, Cuba Alina moved from Cuba, to New York, to Atlanta. At the age of 18, Miami became home where Peace Love World was born. In 1999, Alina began an annual tradition of gathering her favorite ladies for a night of camaraderie called the Love Party. She designed T-shirts, jewelry and pajamas incorporating her symbols of peace, love and happiness. Her friends' obsession with the designs inspired Alina to take her love of fashion to the next level, and after 17 years in the aviation industry, Alina sold the company. In 2009, she combined her commitment to spreading positivity and her passion for design and fabrics to officially launch Peace Love World. In just five years, the brand had a strong celebrity following including a-list names like Oprah Winfrey, Jennifer Lopez, Sofia Vergara, Ellen DeGeneres, Jennifer Garner and the entire Kardashian family as well as featured across all media outlets. Peace Love World is a movement. Every garment is branded with positive affirmations and infused with love in the form of eight embroidered red dash-marks, one dash for every letter in the word's "love" and "amor." Peace Love World's purpose is to encourage, inspire and incite appreciation for women.