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# Guest Speakers

Speakers are listed in alphabetical order.



## Dr. Allison Adams

ChiroLife Family Wellness, Founder | Family and Sports Chiropractor  
website: [www.ChiroLifeLA.com](http://www.ChiroLifeLA.com)

Dr. Adams received her undergraduate degree in Human Biology magna cum laude from Cleveland Chiropractic College, Kansas City. She went on to obtain her Doctorate in Chiropractic from Los Angeles Chiropractic College (Southern California University of Health Sciences) where she graduated on the dean's list. Dr. Adams holds many certifications such as Webster Technique, Graston Technique, Rocktape FMT Basic and is a BirthFit Professional. She is currently pursuing her certification for Certified Chiropractic Sports Physician (CCSP) from the American Academy of Chiropractic Sports Physicians, and a hitting and fastpitch softball pitching certification through OnBaseU. Dr. Adams uses a "whole person approach" when taking care of her patients. This wellness approach is the path to looking for the underlying origin of disturbance which may be causing symptoms. Through specific chiropractic adjustments, along with the use of physiotherapy, and the newest vitamin and mineral supplements, Dr. Adams will customize care to fit the individual needs of each patient. Dr. Adams' unique approach to wellness will help you accelerate and maintain your journey to good health! In addition to running her own private practice, Dr. Adams is an active member in the Beverly Hills Community. She holds two seats on the Health and Wellness Committee and Veterans' Affairs Committee at the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce. She is currently the NEXT Night Chair for the City of Beverly Hills Next Gen Committee.



## Ethan Bazarganfard

Co-founder | The Beverly Hills Incubator  
Digital Marketing and Brand Strategy | Fliighthouse

After graduating from the University of Southern California in 2018, Ethan pursued a career in brand strategy and marketing, constructing business and cultural initiatives for global brands, talent, and causes.



## Steve Benjamin

Executive Chef | Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills

Steve Benjamin was born in Paris where his initial passion for cooking was ignited by morning visits to the farmers' market with his father. Although he was not a professional chef, Benjamin's father loved to entertain and often hosted dinner parties, using the items purchased at the farmers' market to create delicious cuisine for invited guests. Inspired by the fresh produce and his father's passion for cooking, a young Benjamin began to imagine all of the dishes he could create. At only 14-years-old, Benjamin began volunteering as an apprentice at a local restaurant near his hometown. Encouraged by his father, he went on to study French cuisine at Chambre du Commerce du Val d'Oise, where the promising chef ultimately earned two culinary degrees. While in school, he worked in the kitchens of Le Cabouillet and the Paris International Golf Club gaining experience as the master chef, which included managing the meat and fish stations as well as the pâtisserie. He later worked at Le Celadon, les Beaille, both of which are Michelin-starred restaurants.



## Naima Blasco

Founder | Boutique Concierge

Naima Blasco was born and raised in Spain and she's lived in Los Angeles since 2001. She's the Founder and CEO of Boutique Concierge, a personal concierge and errand services company based in Los Angeles. She launched her company as a result of noticing how people don't have time enough for work and home responsibilities anymore. Nowadays it seems natural to be busy 24/7! As a consequence, people live their lives with stress and fatigue and she believes that it doesn't have to be this way. Naima helps business professionals have more free time and less stress in their lives by managing their homes, taking care of their to-do lists, and any project that may show up in their lives. This way they have the time they need to do what they love the most. With over 15 years of personal concierge experience in Europe and the U.S., she has a reputation for dedicated personal attention to each client while she serves to their needs and lifestyle. The core of her work is integrity, professionalism and discretion. The only way to be happy, healthy and productive is by slowing down and "smelling the roses", and that's the message she continuously spreads through her marketing and events.

Community Involvement: Another place where Naima finds joy is by helping change the lives of others in need. Every time one of her clients pays for her services, a portion of the fees is donated to David Lynch Foundation Los Angeles, a Foundation that helps reduce stress and violence through the deep rest that is gained from the practice of the Transcendental Meditation technique. You can find more information at the bottom of her company's homepage, [boutiqueconciergeservices.com](http://boutiqueconciergeservices.com). (continued)

## Naima Blasco (continued)

In 2015 she traveled to Zambia to volunteer her time with Mothers Without Borders. This is an organization that helps orphan and street children. She helped these kids by reading, playing and supporting them in what they needed. She's been bringing awareness about this organization through events in Los Angeles and by sponsoring a child every month.

Currently, she serves as an Ambassador to the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce. Moreover, she collaborates with Fuel Them LA to feed low-income front line workers and to receive donations. She also volunteers with organizations in Los Angeles who help feed the homeless as well as with organizations that focus on preserving our Nature.

Role Model to Other Women: Through talks and monthly newsletters, Naima is able to spread tips on how to implement a lifestyle that seems to be a bit different for Los Angeles, but that everyone seems to love. At the end, we're all humans and we all want to be happy. She's inspired many women in our communities to believe in themselves and to pursue whatever their dreams may be.

Awards: Boutique Concierge has been awarded by the publication CEO Monthly with: Best Consumer Services CEO of 2019 (West Coast USA) Best Personal Concierge Service of 2019 (West Coast USA)

Purpose: Her purpose in life is to raise awareness about the necessity to have free time to play and rest, so people will feel inspired and empowered to make the indispensable changes to live a happy and fulfilling life. She strongly believes in being passionate about life and making room for fun. We only have one life — and it's our duty to enjoy it.

For information and testimonials please visit [boutiqueconciergeservices.com](http://boutiqueconciergeservices.com).



## Karla Gordy Bristol

Karla Gordy Bristol is a licensed real estate professional with Nelson Shelton ERA Powered in Beverly Hills, a 31 year firm, which is part of Realogy, an international real estate conglomerate. She's been a long time resident of the city and became a licensed agent in 1989, with career sales transactions in the multi millions. Karla started her successful career in residential sales, and a few years later, also achieved success with commercial lease and investment property transactions, which included closing fifty-two properties in one neighborhood over a short period. Karla is known for listening to the needs of clients, being detailed in her inventory search and providing professional and ethical service. She also handles nationwide referrals. With Covid-19 impacting the industry, utilizing Virtual Real Estate has become a priority on her transactions. Karla grew up in the entertainment industry, and started an entertainment production company in her early years. Many of her real estate clients include individuals in sports and music entertainment. Her other interests include her being a television talk show host on Beverly Hills View on Spectrum Channel 10, a graduate of the City of Beverly Hills program, Team Beverly Hills, and a board member of both the Ava's Heart Foundation and the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation. Karla has been a speaker at colleges, city and organization events and has received several awards and recognitions.



## Nicola Cagliata

President | Rodeo Drive Committee

Nicola Cagliata has been a community and business leader on Rodeo Drive since late 1999. He began his tenure at Tiffany & Co. as Sales Manager before moving to the position of Fine Jewelry Director for Chanel. He has served in his current position as Regional Manager for Jaeger-LeCoultre since 2012. Nicola has been an active member of The Rodeo Drive Committee since 2010, holding the positions of Treasurer, Vice President and currently President.



## Kathleen Chapman

Kathleen Chapman is Senior Director, Commercial Banking, for Torrey Pines Bank, where she directs operations for the Beverly Hills and Western Los Angeles region. She provides financial solutions for high-net-worth individuals, small- to middle-market businesses, production and post-production companies, law firms and other professional services, as well as family offices and real estate investors. Ms. Chapman specializes in offering the "white glove" service level to clients who need flexible and complex lending solutions and depository services with solid treasury management. Ms. Chapman joined Torrey Pines Bank in 2012 and has 30 years of banking industry experience. Beginning as a bank examiner for the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, she later held finance posts in the entertainment and fitness industries and also served as a private banker. Ms. Chapman is a board member for the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce. She graduated from San Diego State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, Finance.



## Sher Chaudhary

Co-founder | The Beverly Hills Incubator

Digital Marketing and Brand Strategy | Flighthouse

Sher helps build product / content strategies for global brands, talent, and causes. He holds degrees in applied mathematics and business from USC, where he presided over the University's entrepreneurship network.



## George Chavez

City Manager | City of Beverly Hills

As the City's Chief Executive, he is responsible for developing policies to present to the City Council and overseeing the nine City departments. Chavez began his career with the City of Beverly Hills in 1988 as a Building Inspector and has worked in a variety of positions including Assistant Director of Community Development/City Building Official and Director of Public Works before being named Assistant City Manager in 2016. He has devoted hundreds of hours to organizations throughout Beverly Hills and worked closely with community leaders on economic development strategy and enhancing the overall quality of life in the City. Chavez has earned Bachelor and Master's degrees and is a recent recipient of the City's Fred C. Cunningham Award for Distinguished Service.



## Christina Davis

President & CEO | LAX Coastal Chamber of Commerce

Christina Davis began her career with the LAX Coastal Chamber of Commerce in 2004 and was asked to step into the role as president/CEO in 2006. During her time as president, she has grown the Chamber budget by over \$400,000 increasing membership and developing robust programming. Today, the Chamber represents over 600 local businesses in the communities of Westchester, Marina del Rey, Playa del Rey, Playa Vista and Del Rey. During her career, she has produced innovative programs which including LAX Coworking, Workforce Improvement Trainings (WIT), and spearheaded influential events such as the State of LAX and VIP Power Hours. She also helped launch the LAX Coastal Education Foundation and the storefront for the Westchester/Playa Historical Society, Westchester's Jewel and Playa's Treasure. Christina has served on the boards of the Westside Council of Chambers (WC3), Playa Venice Sunrise Rotary Foundation, LMU Family of Schools Advisory Council, Westchester Family YMCA, Badge of Heart, St. Anastasia, Renew Visitation Capital Campaign and the EmpowerTech Program Committee. She was also the chair for Orville Wright's Governance Council and a two-term president for WC3. Christina was raised in Los Angeles, California in the community of Westchester and was a student of photography and graphic design at Otis College. She currently lives in Redondo Beach with her husband, Cory, and her daughter, Makayla.



## Colin Diaz

President & CEO | Culver City Chamber of Commerce

Colin has over 20 years of management, marketing, sales and community outreach experience. His past ventures have spanned the sports, entertainment, education, hospitality and chamber sectors. In his current role as the President/CEO of the Culver City Chamber, Colin serves as the face of business in his community, representing small and multi-national companies by providing advocacy, business resources and relationship building opportunities.

He brings an impressive educational background with an MBA from Duke University and an MFA for Chapman University. As the head of the Culver City Chamber for the past 2+ years, Colin uses a blend of his professional, personal and educational experience in his efforts to grow reach, elevate the chamber brand to others and protect the reputation of the Chamber.

During his tenure, the Chamber and City have seen significant business growth and expansion into new industries. His range of educational, professional and practical experience allow him to be in-tune with current trends and technology, while still being rooted in the sound practices that have led businesses for decades. He has been viewed as an industry influencer and currently sits on the W.A.C.E. Board of Directors, as well serving as chairs for the W.A.C.E. Emerging Leaders Advisory Council and Westside Council of Chambers of Commerce (WC3).

Locally, Colin serves as a Founding Steering Committee Member for Leadership Culver City, a member of Culver City Unified School District's Career & Technical Education Advisory Council, Culver Compact, El Rincon School Site Council, and various local and regional Economic Recovery Task Forces.

Personally, Colin values spending family time with the beautiful women in his house – his wife Alicia and daughters, 7-year old daughter Shanice and 1-year old Savannah. He's always been active and uses that energy and enthusiasm in both professional and personal endeavors.



### Jonathan Durante

Jonathan Durante is Deputy Regional Managing Director for the Greater Los Angeles Region of First Republic Bank, one of the Top-Rated Private Banks in the country. Leveraging close to twenty years of Banking experience, Jonathan focuses on the complex needs of his clients on a daily basis. He utilizes personalized, high-touch service in order to address the full scope of an individual's balance sheet. He currently underwrites residential and commercial credit facilities, oversees liquid depository accounts and partners with First Republic's award-winning Wealth Management Team. In addition to his 10 years with the Chamber of Commerce, Jonathan also volunteers his time teaching financial literacy to at-risk youth and income challenged families via organizations like Operation: HOPE and Junior Achievement.



### Ariana Escalante

Co-Founder & Creative Director | Vydeo Media

Ariana Escalante is a nationally-broadcast Media Personality located in Beverly Hills, California. She is a highly regarded on-camera host, brand spokesperson, and event emcee for an impressive portfolio of corporate clients, television networks, and social media brands. In 2018, Ariana co-founded Vydeo Media, which creates on-trend marketing video content for brands and businesses. Check out Vydeo's work at [www.meetyourvideo.com](http://www.meetyourvideo.com).



### Noah Etessami

Noah Etessami is the current Chair of the Beverly Hills Incubator. While a member of the Next Beverly Hills Committee, Noah helped form the Incubator initiative in 2018, and has been a mentor/facilitator ever since. Noah was born and raised in Beverly Hills. He is a USC Alumni, and works in venture capital.

Learn more about Beverly Hills Incubator and the Next Beverly Hills Committee [here](#).





## Josh Flagg

With over a decade's worth of high-end deals in the real estate industry, Josh Flagg has taken the Los Angeles real estate market by storm. Flagg, who has sold well over two billion dollars' worth of property, is amongst the top five real estate agents in Los Angeles. Flagg has represented the likes of many American billionaire families such as the Gettys and Debartolos. He has also sold homes to the likes of Adam Levine, Shonda Rhimes and Steve Aoki. His record-selling achievements include the sale of style icon and Los Angeles socialite Betsy Bloomingdale's Holmby Hills estate for \$40,000,000 as well as the two highest priced pieces of land in the 500 block of Beverly Hills history.

He has sold several architectural homes of masters such as John Woolf, Hal Levitt and Ed Fickett. Josh is considered to be the leading salesperson of historical homes in the most famous city in the world ... Beverly Hills. Flagg works with many exclusive clients, including A-List celebrities and high-net-worth individuals, and he represents some of the city's most notable builders, developers, business managers, and attorneys. Flagg is constantly setting new records and has been recognized by The Wall Street Journal as one of the top-ranked agents in California as well as nationally. He has also been recognized several times by Variety and The Hollywood Reporter and has been on the Forbes "30 under 30" list of the most influential people in their industries.

Flagg sits on the boards of several charities including Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Temple of the Arts, The Los Angeles Jewish Home and is involved with Friends of the Israeli Defense Force and the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust where he has been honored twice. Flagg also sits on the young trustees board of the Hearst Castle, Friends of the Virginia Robinson Gardens, Project Angel Food Los Angeles and has been honored by the Guardians for the Jewish Home as well as Gift of Life. Fans have come to know and love Flagg for his can-do attitude, stellar reputation, and his relentless commitment to his clients. Known for his vast business network and unbridled work ethic, it is no wonder why Flagg is one of the most sought-after agents in the City of Angels and the surrounding areas.

In his personal life, Flagg is officially off the market as he married his partner Bobby Boyd in September 2017. Together they run the Josh Flagg and Bobby Boyd Family Foundation. Josh's passions include art, travel, classic cars and interior design. He is noted as the largest collector of Billy Haines furniture quite possibly in the world. DRE# 01470467



### Jeff Forsythe

Jeff Forsythe has over 35 years of real estate and construction lending experience on transactions covering a wide variety of product types and sizes. At Torrey Pines Bank's Beverly Hills office, he is involved in relationship lending for construction, bridge and term real estate loans typically in the \$10 million to \$50 million range. Forsythe is known for taking on complicated construction projects that require detailed analysis and creative structuring ideas. Recent transactions include land development and vertical construction for a 200+ home subdivision on some of the last ocean view lots in Orange County. Other recent transactions involved multi-family, shopping centers, office, industrial and mixed-use. Several of his customers are private real estate lenders who improve their returns with warehouse lines provided by the bank.



### Noelle Freeman

Noelle Freeman is a digital marketing expert and the founder of The DMS Agency. After earning degrees in advertising, public relations and communication studies from Chapman University, Noelle started her social media marketing career in the film industry where she executed digital marketing campaigns for major motion pictures such as Safe Haven starring Julianne Hough, Paranoia starring Liam Hemsworth and Harrison Ford, and The Family starring Robert De Niro and Michelle Pfeiffer, among others. Noelle has also worked with major brands such as Coca-Cola, Virgin America and Zappos, building strategic online partnerships for theatrical campaigns. In 2014, Noelle founded The DMS Agency which specializes in building brands by curating their online presence. The DMS Agency has a diverse portfolio of clients ranging from beauty brands like Neutrogena to social activism causes such as Autism Awareness and The Miss California Organization. The DMS Agency is based in Beverly Hills, California with work featured in Seventeen Magazine, Yahoo, Business Insider and MSN.

Noelle plays an active role in the community and serves as the Vice-Chair for Next Beverly Hills, a committee of talented young leaders chartered by the Mayor and the City of Beverly Hills to engage millennial residents through innovative initiatives that address their lifestyle, economic and civic needs, and to inspire them to make Beverly Hills a better place for all. In 2021 she will join the Beverly Hills Human Relations Commission as their youngest commissioner.

Noelle is also the host of The Social Weekly, a podcast that provides social media insight and advice to industry professionals from around the world. Noelle enjoys staying up on the latest marketing trends and platforms and believes social media is one of the greatest gifts to our society.



## Mayor Lester Friedman

Mayor | City of Beverly Hills

Mayor Friedman was elected to the Beverly Hills City Council in 2017. Previously he served on the Beverly Hills Traffic and Parking Commission from 2011 through 2017 and served as its Chair in 2015. He was also Chair of the Beverly Hills Taxi Review Committee and served on the Blue Ribbon Commission for Santa Monica Blvd Reconstruction. He is a 2009 graduate of Team Beverly Hills.

Professionally, Mr. Friedman is an attorney. He also serves as a mediator and Judge Pro-tem. He is a past Chairperson of the State Bar of California, Board of Legal Specialization and served on that commission from 2009 through 2014. He serves as a Director and Management Chair of the California Applicant's Attorneys Association. He has been selected as a Super Lawyer from 2005 through 2020 and named a Best Lawyer from 2009 through 2020.

He is a graduate of UCLA and attended Southwestern School of Law. Mr. Friedman was a staff member of the Coach John Wooden UCLA Basketball teams from 1968 through 1973 during which time they won five straight NCAA National Basketball Championships. He has served as the Official Scorer for UCLA Men's Basketball at Pauley Pavilion since 1995.

He also is the Official Scorer for the PAC-12 Conference Basketball Tournament held each March in Las Vegas.

Mr. Friedman has lived in Beverly Hills since 1984 having grown up in the Beverly/La Cienega area of Los Angeles. He is married to Simone Friedman, who previously served as Chair and as a Commissioner of the Recreation and Parks Commission and served as chairperson and president of the Beverly Hills Education Foundation. They have four children, Joshua, Allana, Adam, and Jeremy and a daughter in law, Tanya, all of whom attended the Beverly Hills schools.



## Rana Ghadban

President & CEO | Hollywood Chamber of Commerce

Rana Ghadban stepped into her role as President/CEO of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, effective January 1, 2019. She has worked as a Chamber of Commerce President/CEO for the past ten years. Most recently, Rana served as the leader of the Five-Star Nationally Accredited Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce. During her leadership tenure of over 10 years in the Chamber industry, Rana increased the Chambers' profitability, achieved significant growth in membership numbers, and brought the Chambers closer to their respective communities through outreach and events. Now, Rana is excited to bring that same energy to the businesses of Hollywood to foster a bright, sustainable future for the region. Rana recently joined the Board for The Center at Blessed Sacrament, a 501c3 non-profit dedicated to ending isolation and homelessness in Hollywood.



## Kerri Hoffman

CEO | PRX

PRX is a nonprofit media company, specializing in audio. As the CEO, Kerri Hoffman has played a key role in the building and evolution of PRX, and led the launch of Radiotopia, The Moth Radio Hour, Reveal and recently managed all aspects of PRX's merger with Public Radio International. She was recently named Podcast Executive of the Year by Adweek. For 15 years, PRX has operated public radio's largest distribution marketplace, offering thousands of shows including This American Life, On Being and other award-winning documentaries. Named one of Fast Company's "Ten Most Innovative Companies in Media" in both 2015 and 2017, the company has pioneered new approaches to content, talent, and technology.



## Todd Johnson

President & CEO | Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce

Todd Johnson, a Pennsylvania native, attended Slippery Rock University and graduated with both a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a Bachelor of Science in Management and Finance. Johnson relocated to Southern California in 1986 to pursue a dream of playing professional football. However, this dream did not materialize and he was led to start his career in the restaurant world. After nearly 10 years of casual dining management experience, in 1998, Johnson joined Lawry's Restaurants where he learned the ins and outs of the upscale dining environment. He started his journey with the organization at the Lawry's The Prime Rib, Beverly Hills location. He was promoted to General Manager at the Tam O'Shanter Inn in 2001. One year later Johnson returned to Lawry's The Prime Rib, Beverly Hills as General Manager and served in that role until 2011. After 25 years of managing day-to-day restaurant operations, Todd Johnson used his culinary service experience and knowledge to lead The Lawry's Carvery division as the Director of Operations. As the newest concept in the more than 70-year-old company, Johnson excelled in creating systems, maximizing efficiency and developing a team of professionals who could provide a prime dining experience in a quick service setting. Having led Lawry's Restaurants in three of their four dining concepts, Johnson was ready to explore new opportunities.

In 2014, he joined Grill Concepts where he saw growth opportunity for himself and the restaurant group's multiple concepts. He spent time with The Grill on the Alley in both Beverly Hills and Westlake Village. Throughout his restaurant career, Todd Johnson played an active role with many business associations although, the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce was always a top priority. Because of his passion for the Chamber, Johnson joined the Board of Directors in 2003. He served as Chairman of the Board in 2010, and played an instrumental role in leading the organization through a staff restructuring in 2010. Johnson continued to serve on the Board in various capacities including CFO and Restaurant Committee Chair until 2015 at which time he accepted the offer to lead the Chamber as the President and CEO. In this role he is responsible for leading the day-to-day operations of the organization, the third largest standalone Chamber in Los Angeles, comprised of more than 820 members with an operating budget of nearly \$1.5M.

Johnson is a certified ski instructor and has taught snow skiing at Snow Valley for many years. He has a passion for melted snow as well, with more than 30 years of scuba diving experience. Johnson also holds a black belt in Judo and loves working with kids in all sporting areas. He has long been actively involved in Ability First, among other veteran organizations. He first joined the Atwater Village Chapter of Rotary International before finding a home at the Rotary Club of Los Angeles. Johnson served as the President of this historic LA5 Club in 2016-2017 and as the CFO of their Foundation for several years. Johnson also is the Chairman of the Board of LAKitchen and a founding member of the board for The LEO Project, both non-profits which do much good for the Greater Los Angeles community.



## Deborah Kallick

Deborah Kallick is the Vice President of Government and Industry Relations at Cedars-Sinai Health System. In this capacity, for the past 19 years Deborah has been responsible for coordinating the institution's efforts to assure that the public policy issues at the Local, State and Federal levels of government which affect the organization are being monitored, addressed and implemented.

Deborah grew up in Beverly Hills and attended Beverly Vista School and Beverly Hills High School. She received her B.A. from Pitzer College and her MBA from USC. She has served as the Assistant Director of the Anti-Defamation League and with the Council for Peace and Equality in Education. After completing her MBA, she worked in Corporate Marketing at Union Bank as well as consulting in the health care industry. From 1985-2000, Deborah was UCLA's Executive Director of Federal and Health Sciences Government Relations.

She is active in numerous civic and community organizations including the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce, the Los Angeles Business Council, the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, chairs the Board of Directors of USC Hillel, and sits on the Board of Hillel 818, the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, the California Biomedical Research Association, Pitzer College, the Maple Counseling Center, and the International Board of Hillel. Deborah received the West Hollywood Women's Leadership Award in 2006, the Thomas Crail Lifetime Achievement Award from the Chamber in 2008, and the Ray Reynolds Visionary award for leadership in 2015. She also received the 2006 American Hospital Association's Grass Roots Champion Award and The Maple Counseling Center's Community Spirit Award in 2012.



## Sheree Anne Kelly

President & CEO | Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE)

Sheree Anne is the chief executive of the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE) representing more than 10,000 industry professionals. She's responsible for leading the team which serves the community via professional development, innovative problem solving, best practices, and industry thought leadership.

Previously, Sheree Anne was senior vice president of the Public Affairs Council and executive director of their foundation. During her 16 years at the global association, she served as chief public affairs expert, and oversaw thought leadership, consulting and benchmarking services. During her tenure, she opened the Council's first international office in Brussels. Prior roles include positions in the government affairs department of the National Association of Home Builders, and serving on the corporate development and corporate relations teams at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Sheree Anne holds an MBA from Georgetown, a Master of Arts in Government from Johns Hopkins and a Bachelor of Arts from Bucknell University.

Current industry leadership roles include serving on the executive committee of the World Chambers Federation and as a member of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Chamber Committee of 100. She's also a board member of the Engalitcheff Institute on Comparative Political and Economic Systems and immediate past-chair of the Bucknell Institute for Public Policy.



## Dave Kilby

President & CEO | Western Association of Chamber Executives (WACE)

Executive Vice President, Corporate Affairs for California Chamber

Author of "Chamber Champions: Wisdom for the Ages" which was released in April 2019. Prior to joining California Chamber, he had a successful career in local chamber management as CEO of the Modesto (CA) Chamber. He is a former Chair of US Chamber's Western Institute and a member of the US Chamber's Committee of 100 and their Public Affairs Committee.

He is a self-described movie, Disney & trivia nut and is a poli-holic (Yes - he actually likes politics). Dave and his wife Kim are on a never-ending search for the perfect India Pale Ale (IPA).



### Robert J. Krenn

CFA, Chief Investment Officer at Galvin, Gaustad & Stein, LLC. | Wealth Management

As head of the investment team, Robert is responsible for setting final investment strategies and overseeing investment selection and portfolio management at GGS. Prior to GGS, Robert worked as an Equity Analyst at Spot Trading, LLC, a proprietary equity options trading firm in Chicago, focused on analyzing securities and improving forecasting models. He also worked as a Senior Financial Analyst at US Airways, Inc., analyzing aircraft purchase decisions and working on the merger with American Airlines. Robert joined GGS in 2013 as Director of Portfolio Management and became Chief Investment Officer in July 2016. He graduated summa cum laude from Northwestern University in 2009 with degrees in Economics and Mathematical Methods in the Social Sciences.



### Belinda Macauley

Executive Director | Beverly Hills Bar Association

Belinda Macauley joined the Beverly Hills Bar Association and Beverly Hills Bar Foundation as Executive Director in 2020 after more than two decades practicing law and serving in the senior management of national nonprofit organizations. Belinda is tasked with building on BHBA's long history of providing its members with networking, business development, education, advocacy, and community service opportunities. She is also expanding the Bar's services to meet the changing needs of the legal profession, including by providing technology and workspace solutions to its members. Macauley began her career as a deputy district attorney in northern California and continued practicing law in Washington, DC, including as deputy legal director of a national advocacy organization. She later served as vice president of a litigation consulting firm and spent the last five years as vice president of development and senior counsel at a leading legal nonprofit. Macauley grew up in California before receiving her B.A. from the University of Washington and J.D. from The George Washington University Law School. The Beverly Hills Bar Association, California's fifth largest, is entering the tenth decade serving more than 16,000 lawyers who live or work on the Westside of Los Angeles, as well as throughout southern California and the world. BHBA serves its members, leads the profession, and advocates for justice by offering continuing legal education, networking events, publications, a personnel referral service, leadership and professional growth opportunities, pro bono programs, and legislative advocacy activities. BHBA also offers virtual office services, conference room rentals, and day-use offices. The Beverly Hills Bar Foundation is the charitable affiliate of the Beverly Hills Bar Association. Its mission is to promote equal access to Justice through support of law-related education and community service projects, designed to educate and assist youth, adults, and seniors.





## Houman Mahboubi

Executive Vice President, Retail | JLL, Inc.

**Current responsibilities:** Houman is celebrated among colleagues and clients for his integrity, loyalty and expertise in the Los Angeles commercial real estate market. With over 15 years of experience, Houman is a leading authority on sales, purchases, management and leasing. He has closed multimillion-dollar transactions with some of the world's most prestigious commercial real estate clients. Houman's focus is on transactions, acquisitions, administration and leasing of commercial real estate. With his experience, local market knowledge, and outstanding network of business partners, Houman is an advisor leading a dedicated group of over 20 leasing agents and brokers.

**Experience:** Houman has developed his business portfolio with a characteristic personal touch to every deal, meeting and transaction. Houman's professional trademark is illustrated by the principles he advocates in his business practice: Integrity, Diligence, Commitment and Collaboration. Houman has received media features for his accomplishments - including press outlets such as Bloomberg TV, LA Business Weekly TV, Blog Talk Radio, Realty Times and Entrepreneur's Network. Based in Beverly Hills, Houman has a keen understanding of the local and commercial real estate trends and development. With local geographic specialization, he has attained and sold topnotch income properties to some of Southern California's most prestigious clients. As a client-loyal specialist, Houman has tracked top trends and guided with assurance certain forecasts about sales, purchase management and leasing of commercial real estate. His personable approach, marketing savvy, intimate community knowledge and perception have expedited deals and endeared him to his peers and clients alike.

**Education and Affiliations:** Houman is a member of the Beverly Hills Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Committee, Rodeo Drive Committee and The Maple Counseling Center.

A proud husband and father, Houman is based in Beverly Hills; an area that is home to his community and business alike. Houman holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Southern California.

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### Marc Maretsky

Marc Maretsky Personal Insurance Services has been helping his clients with a personal touch since 1980. He creates and protects income and assets using life, disability, long-term care and critical illness insured solutions one client at-a-time. His website [www.personalinsuranceservices.com](http://www.personalinsuranceservices.com) was launched September 2019 as a valuable source of knowledge acquired over his long career.



### Dete Meserve

Dete Meserve is an accomplished creator and producer of independent movies and award-winning television shows as well as a best-selling and award-winning novelist. As a key member of the executive team at Wind Dancer Films, Meserve has been one of the industry's major players in independent film and television production. She currently oversees worldwide business and creative properties for the film development, finance and production company whose properties include hit television series Roseanne and Home Improvement and feature films including What Women Want (Mel Gibson), Where The Heart Is (Natalie Portman), Bernie (Jack Black), What Men Want (Taraji P. Henson) and Good Sam (Netflix). Meserve is also the author of the best-selling and multi-award-winning novel, Good Sam, as well as its sequel Perfectly Good Crime which won the Living Now Book Awards for "books that change the world," and the international bestseller The Space Between (July 2018). Her first novel, Good Sam, based on the screenplay written by Meserve, launched in May as an original film for Netflix. Her next novel, Random Acts of Kindness, co-written with award-winning journalist Rachel Greco was published in March 2019. Meserve is at work on a fifth book entitled The Good City for Amazon Publishing/Lake Union.



### Jade Mills

In the luxury real estate market, Beverly Hills real estate agent Jade Mills is renowned among colleagues and clients alike for her integrity, loyalty and professionalism. Jade is currently ranked the #1 Agent Worldwide for Coldwell Banker and the #6 Agent Worldwide for all Brokerages. Jade has achieved the highest sales volume on record of any agent in Coldwell Banker history, surpassing an astounding \$5 Billion in career sales. In the last three years, Jade represented three of the top record-setting sales in Los Angeles for over \$100 Million each: The Chartwell Estate for \$150,000,000, The Manor (aka The Spelling Manor) for \$119,750,000, and The Playboy Mansion for \$100,000,000. (continued)

## Jade Mills (continued)

An expert in luxury properties, Jade is devoted to serving the needs of real estate buyers and sellers throughout Los Angeles including Beverly Hills, Bel Air, Holmby Hills, Brentwood, Pacific Palisades, and the Hollywood Hills. She was named the International Ambassador for Coldwell Banker in recognition of her established alliances and global relationships with International markets and her development of Jade Mills Worldwide. Jade also holds the title of Co-Chairman of the International Luxury Alliance, which is an elite network of professionals focused on the highest level of client service and business integrity. Jade Mills Worldwide is the culmination of many years spent developing relationships with leading luxury brokers around the world. Through this exclusive international partnership, Jade's listings reach an unparalleled audience of buyers worldwide. Her global influence is further complemented by her state-of-the-art website, which vibrantly showcases her client's properties through full-screen, high-resolution imagery. With over thirty years of real estate experience, Jade is both nationally and internationally recognized for her sales achievements and has a reputation as one of the most trusted and admired agents in the Los Angeles real estate market. When working with her, you can count on nothing less than an executive staff of seasoned professionals with an intimate knowledge of Los Angeles real estate who are devoted to serving your needs around the clock.

Jade has four children, Tiffany, Zach, Alexis, and Austin; and seven grandchildren, Charli, Boden, Konah, Scarlett, Sam, Stevie, and Lucy. Her three older children also have their real estate licenses and her youngest son Austin develops social media branding and travels for the NBA interviewing athletes and owners. She is very proud of her children for their continued success. Jade also works very closely with her husband Adam, who builds and designs luxury homes, from Beverly Hills to Malibu. Adam also designs and develops Jade's business and marketing plans. She is extremely close with her entire family and is very grateful to them for their tremendous love and support. As a mother of four, Jade has been an active participant in the Beverly Hills School System for many years and she is also a strong advocate of several charitable organizations in her community.

Additionally, Jade is currently a board member on the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce and is on the Board of Governors at Cedars-Sinai. She has been honored by The Aviva Foundation for her support, charitable work, and continuous effort to better the foundation. Jade's personality and style blend exceptionally well with the perseverance and stamina that have earned her a reputation as one of the most honorable and respected real estate professionals in her area. Having earned the esteem and admiration of her associates, she has built an incredible network of fellow agents. She receives calls on a daily basis from other agents asking for her advice and recommendations on listings for their Buyers. Furthermore, she is continuously invited to speak at real estate and corporate functions, giving her listings exposure to thousands of agents across the country. Also, with experience as an interior designer, she is able to assist her clients in realizing the full potential of each property she represents. Jade possesses a natural repertoire of dynamic qualities that set her apart and enable her to successfully procure the goals of the discriminating buyers and sellers she represents. Whether you are interested in a sumptuous yet discreet Bel Air estate, a property in Beverly Hills, a condominium, or a pied-a-terre, Jade is ready to show you the finest, most exclusive listings, with an eye to your own particular taste and needs. You can rely on Jade to help you realize the full potential of your luxury real estate investment while maintaining your privacy in the strictest fashion.

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## Genevieve Morrill

President & CEO | West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce

West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce President and Ceo Morrill assumed the role of President and CEO for the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce in 2010. Under her leadership, the Chamber has tripled its budget and elevated its influence in the community and its value for members. Morrill restructured the organization and its dues structure increasing membership by 20%, strengthening financial stability, developing new programs and promotions that drive traffic, and increasing its social media engagement. The WHCC's award-winning website receives over 12,000 referrals per day for its Members. Morrill's tenacious approach to political action and advocating the businesses' interests to government agencies, as well as her stellar reputation, has turned many a naysayer into a supporter. Genevieve Morrill came to West Hollywood in 1999 to work with the new owner of the Pacific Design Center and revitalize the 1.4 million square foot complex, housing 200 showrooms and creative offices. As PDC's Vice President, Morrill was instrumental in bringing the tenancy to 90% occupancy, developing operational partnerships to establish a MOCA ancillary gallery and two Wolfgang Puck venues, developing exhibition space with utilization of common areas, as well as hosting over 500 meetings and events per year. Morrill worked with Charles Cohen and his team on the development of the Red Building and the PDC Specific Plan. Morrill was appointed by Supervisor Kuehl in 2015 as an LA County Business License Commissioner and serves as past-President for WC3 (Westside Council of Chambers of Commerce) encompassing 13 Westside Chambers. She serves as ex-officio on West Hollywood Travel + Tourism, Sunset Strip Business Improvement and West Hollywood Design District Boards and has received numerous commendations. In 2012 she was honored by the West Hollywood Housing Corporation as Advocate of the Year, and received the Phyllis Morris Award for Women in Leadership from the West Hollywood Women's Advisory Board in 2002.



## Aska Naito ACC, CPC, ELI-MP

Owner / Leadership & Mindset Coach, Cross-Cultural Consultant

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Aska is a multi-cultural ICF certified leadership mindset coach and Energy Leadership Index™ Master Practitioner who integrates authentic leadership development through mindset coaching. She combines her 20+ years of education and training expertise, along with her vast international business experiences to transform global leaders, executives and managers through powerful mindset alignment to define their intrinsic mode of Self-Leadership. Aska focuses on mindset shifts, energetic presence, relationship dynamics and promotes holistic whole-person integration through her Eastern heritage and philosophy in mindfulness and 'easy-to-do' daily practices. Currently, sitting on the Board of Governors of the Japan America Society of Southern California, she also co-chairs their Global Leadership Initiative, Women's Leadership Counts Committee. Additionally, Aska continues to contribute to the US-Japan relation as she works closely with the Consulate-General of Japan Los Angeles for delegations from Japan. She is also Ambassador for California and Japan for Female Wave of Change, and an active member of the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce, supporting their Health & Wellness and Young Professionals Network Committees.



## Derrick Ontiveros

Derrick Ontiveros is a software engineer based in Beverly Hills. With over 20 years of software development experience, Derrick has created social networks, software systems, and mobile applications used every day by millions of people. His work and businesses have been featured in The New York Times, Forbes, Variety, and TechCrunch. Derrick currently serves as CTO of Mia Share, an innovative startup providing alternative financing via income share agreements (ISAs) for people pursuing higher education. He is also a partner at JobStats, a software company producing unique software solutions to help managers and business owners track and foster positive employee performance.

Derrick is the current Chairman of Next Beverly Hills, a City committee chartered by the Mayor and the City of Beverly Hills to engage residents between the ages of 25 and 45 through innovative initiatives that address their lifestyle, economic, and civic needs.



## Thomas M. Priselac

President & CEO | Cedars-Sinai

Thomas M. Priselac has served as President and CEO of Cedars-Sinai since 1994 and was also named President and CEO of the Cedars-Sinai Health System when it was formed in 2017. The Cedars-Sinai Health System includes the nationally-recognized Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and its affiliated physician network, major programs in physician and health professions education and the highly-regarded Burnes and Allen Medical Research Institute; the 470-bed Torrance Memorial Medical Center and its affiliated physician network, the market leader serving Torrance and the beach cities of Los Angeles; and Cedars-Sinai Marina Del Rey Hospital, a 133-bed community hospital.

Through the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, the Health System also has joint venture partnerships with the California Rehabilitation Institute, a 138-bed Rehabilitation Hospital in Los Angeles and the Providence Cedars-Sinai Tarzana Medical Center, a 249-bed community hospital in Tarzana, California.

An author and invited speaker on policy issues regarding the delivery and financing of healthcare, Mr. Priselac has served the health care field in various roles during his career at Cedars-Sinai. He is a past Chair of the American Hospital Association Board of Trustees and past Chair of the Association of American Medical Colleges. The holder of the Warschaw/Law Endowed Chair in Healthcare Leadership at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Mr. Priselac also serves as an adjunct professor at the UCLA School of Public Health. A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Priselac obtained a bachelor's degree in Biology from Washington and Jefferson College in Pennsylvania, and a master's in Public Health, Health Services Administration and Planning, from the University of Pittsburgh.



## Aaron Raimi

My name is Aaron Raimi and I'm the founder and CEO of MeetJew. I'm 24 years old, I live in San Diego, and I go to UCSD. I founded MeetJew when the Quarantine began to create long-term relationships, community, and unity amongst Jews in a fun, positive, and inclusive environment. Visit the MeetJew Facebook Group.



## Laurel Rosen

President & CEO | Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce

Laurel Rosen has been President/CEO of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce since 2008. With a background in hospitality management for more than 25 years, Laurel has brought strong leadership and fresh ideas to the Chamber, and strives to continually improve and invigorate membership benefits. In an economy where most other Chambers are declining in memberships, the Santa Monica Chamber continues to grow under Laurel's leadership, representing almost 1000 businesses and thousands of employees. In 2010, Laurel created an organization in partnership with the City of Santa Monica under the umbrella of the Chamber called the Santa Monica Alliance whose mission is to attract, retain and grow business in Santa Monica. She also created the Organization of Women leaders (OWL) and partnered with the Commission on the Status of Women to produce the International Women's Day breakfast to celebrate women all over the world.

In addition to her work with the Chamber, Laurel has been actively engaged in the Santa Monica community for many years. She currently is liaison for the Santa Monica Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Downtown Santa Monica board. She is also a member of the Buy Local Executive Committee, is Vice President of the Westside Council of Chambers, co-producing the State of the Westside for 11 local chambers, served on the 2012-2013 Santa Monica Rotary Board and is a Paul Harris Fellow.

She has also has been very active through her career with local non-profit organizations, including serving on the board of the Red Cross Prepare Santa Monica, serving as Chair of the Ocean Park Community Center's Turning Point and supporting the Police Activities League, among many others.

Laurel has been recognized for her excellent work in the community, receiving awards for her commitment to the community from the Los Angeles Business Journal, Downtown Santa Monica, The Santa Monica History Museum and the Santa Monica Junior Chamber to name a few.



## Ryan Ross

CEO-Founder | Play TopDog Inc.

Ryan Ross is a go-getter with the interpersonal skills to motivate a team and the drive to turn a vision into reality. He has a proven background in leadership and entrepreneurship. With Phillip Oh, Ryan founded TopDog, a platform that enables video game players (gamers) of all skill-levels to turn their hobby into earnings. Ross has a B.S., University of Oregon. Visit [PlayTopDog.com](http://PlayTopDog.com).



## Maria Salinas

President & CEO | Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce

Maria S. Salinas is the President & CEO of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, the largest business association in Los Angeles County representing member companies and serving the interests of more than 235,000 businesses across the Los Angeles region. Ms. Salinas took the helm of the organization in August of 2018 and became the first woman and Latina to lead the Chamber in its 130-year history. An accomplished business woman, entrepreneur and a determined community leader, Ms. Salinas' business acumen and financial expertise provides her with the right experience to lead the L.A. Area Chamber. Ms. Salinas, a steward of the Chamber's new mission, "A Thriving Region for All" is redefining the Chamber's focus through three pillars; Advocacy; Global Engagement; and Community Collaboration for Economic Growth & Mobility, in order to amplify the voice of business while ensuring an inclusive economy. Ms. Salinas represents the Los Angeles business community in state-wide policy initiatives with the Coalition of Regional Economic Association Leaders (R.E.A.L.), she is a member of the Board of Directors of Mobility 21, a regional transportation effort, and was appointed by Mayor Garcetti to the MEXLA Commission, a foreign policy initiative between Mexico and Los Angeles. She also serves on the Board of Directors of Pacific Council, Southern California Leadership Network, UNITE-LA, Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation, Los Angeles County Business Federation and the Los Angeles Sports Council. Ms. Salinas lives in Pasadena, California, with her husband Raul, a prominent Los Angeles attorney, and their four sons.



## Kelly Scott

Kelly O. Scott, Esq., head of ECJ's Employment Law Department, has practiced law for more than 30 years. His experience includes representation of employers in all types of employment matters, including class actions, wrongful termination, discrimination and harassment, retaliation, wage and hour claims and advice and/or training for compliance with various employment laws. A distinguished thought leader, Mr. Scott has been quoted by a wide variety of news organizations, including CNN Entertainment, the Associated Press, Thomson Reuters, and E! News. He is also a published author and frequent speaker on employment law matters. Southern California Super Lawyers® has recognized Mr. Scott every year since 2005, and he maintains a Martindale-Hubbell peer review rating of AV Preeminent. He is an adjunct professor at Azusa Pacific University and has served as Chairman of the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.





## Ann Shatilla

Emmy-award Winning TV News Producer, Anchorwoman, Strategic Communications & Crisis Management Expert for Luxury Businesses

Emmy-award winning national and international TV news producer, former news anchorwoman, veteran luxury lifestyles business media expert and Strategic Communications and Crisis Management consulting expert for luxury businesses, Ann Shatilla reports on the latest news, business trends, and tips seen in luxury retail, hospitality and lifestyle topics daily at the world news level. Her business PR & Marketing consulting is through her L.A. Media & Business Boot Camp.

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## Michael R. Sohigian

Attorney at Law

Michael R. Sohigian is an attorney in sole practice in Los Angeles, specializing in the litigation of business disputes, with particular emphasis in the areas of insurance coverage, employment, and real estate. He is a member of the Beverly Hills Bar Association’s Executive Committee, and served on the Executive Committees of the State Bar’s Solo and Small Firm and Litigation Sections. He and Mr. Raucher are the authors of the Insurance Law chapter of the State Bar Litigation Section’s annual California Litigation Review.



## Anna Stavaridis, CCWS

CEO and Founder of Meraki Fitness, LLC.

Certified Corporate Wellness Specialist Concierge, Fitness Consultant & Trainer

A lifelong fitness enthusiast, I changed careers from years in Wealth Management to fulfilling a dream in the fitness industry. I truly believe you can do anything you put your mind to and anything worth doing, is worth doing right. As I saw myself in my prior career become more sedentary and my physical health deteriorate from lack of movement and stress, I decided to make powerful changes in myself. Losing 26 pounds, living a clean lifestyle and having more positive energy, people started asking me what I was doing and if I could help them as well. After careful research, I decided to become an ACE® Certified Personal Trainer, Certified Group Fitness Instructor, and Nutritional Specialist, focused on client's goals with a result driven enthusiasm. I gained powerful functional and corrective exercise knowledge in an expert, hands-on environment and then founded Meraki Fitness, LLC. Using my prior Wealth Management experience, a BS in Management, and my Life & Health Insurance Producer License, I could now follow my vision of wellness for others. I believe learning is a lifelong commitment, brings a continued vigor, and newfound interest to life.

I earned the CHWA Certified Corporate Wellness Specialist® designation, which gives me valued human resource, legal, and application skills to enhance my client's corporate wellness experience as an invaluable partner. In addition, Meraki Fitness is a WBENC approved diversity supplier for Fortune 500 companies' and SBA certified for state and federal programs as a woman owned business. At Meraki Fitness, we have elite trainers, advisors, and professionals that are able to deliver a full range of physical, mental, and financial health services to our individual and corporate clients in customized plans. I enjoy speaking to corporations, local businesses, and schools about my journey to inspire others to embrace a life full of aspirations and wellness. Being of service is part of Meraki Fitness' core beliefs as we help others achieve better lives and their goals.

Along with being a Beverly Hills local, I am deeply involved with the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce as one of their dedicated Ambassadors, a member of their Young Professional, Health & Wellness, and Technology Committees.

Meraki Fitness holds many free fitness classes for all ages and continues to make our community a better place.

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## Mark P. Stein

Principal, Galvin, Gaustad & Stein, LLC. | Wealth Management

Mark P. Stein is a long time Chartered Life Underwriter®, CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER®, professional and Registered Investment Advisor. Named one of Barron's Top Advisors for 2019, 2020, prior to the formation of Galvin, Gaustad & Stein, LLC, Mr. Stein was President of AeGIS Financial Group, Inc. for 18 years. He has been on the national front for more than 40 years. He is a public speaker for accounting and consumer groups, is on the Arizona Family College Savings Program Oversight Committee (Arizona's 529 Plan) and past President of the Greater Phoenix Financial Planning Association. He has written articles on various financial topics and was a host of a financial planning radio program for 10 years.

View Mr. Stein's Barron's Directory Listing [here](#).

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## Dan Theodorescu MD PhD

Dan Theodorescu MD PhD is the Director of the Samuel Oschin Comprehensive Cancer Institute and overall leader of the Cedars-Sinai Cancer enterprise in California named Cedars-Sinai CANCER. Cedars-Sinai is the #8 ranked hospital in the United States according to US News and World Report. From 2010 until 2018, he was Director of the University of Colorado Cancer Center and a Distinguished University Professor. Dr. Theodorescu is internationally known for his work on the molecular mechanisms driving bladder cancer and tools that determine drug response as well as discovery of new drugs for bladder and other cancer types. Examples include discovery of genes that regulate tumor growth and metastasis and novel biomarkers and concepts for precision therapeutic approaches such as the COXEN principle, that are currently being tested in national (SWOG 1314) clinical trials. He also conceptualized the approach and then led the discovery and development of a "first in class" RalGTPase inhibitor as a new therapeutic in cancer. This drug was awarded a US patent and is in commercial development. Most recently he identified approaches that define effective combination immunotherapy with checkpoint inhibitors. Theodorescu is the founding co-editor in chief of Bladder Cancer, the first journal focused on this disease and an elected member of the American Society for Clinical Investigation (ASCI), Association of American Physicians (AAP), the American Association of Genitourinary Surgeons (AAGUS), the American Surgical Association (ASA) and the National Academy of Medicine (NAM). He is an Honorary Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).



## Julie Wagner

CEO | Beverly Hills Conference & Visitors Bureau

As CEO, Julie Wagner leads the Beverly Hills Conference & Visitors Bureau (BHCVB) and guides the strategy, development, and implementation of the office's efforts in positioning Beverly Hills as a modern, glamorous, and world-class destination for those seeking the pinnacle of luxury. Calling on more than 25 years of experience in hospitality marketing, Wagner, along with BHCVB's Board of Directors which consists of some of the leading business owners and managers in the city, directs a global marketing strategy with a focus on the United States, China, UK, Australia, India and the Middle East, with BHCVB participating in the full International Luxury Travel Market global portfolio. Her efforts encourage tourism and commerce, providing unparalleled opulent experiences while supporting local businesses and encouraging the brand innovations and concept evolutions that entice visitors to return. With the help of her dedicated staff, Wagner established BHCVB's contemporary brand identity and launched an all-new visitor-friendly website, which continues to provide up-to-date information on Beverly Hills events, shopping, dining, nightlife, and hotels. In addition, Wagner's efforts resulted in the City of Beverly Hills' first independent visitor center and retail space, featuring knowledgeable staff on hand to guide visitors towards unforgettably posh experiences.

Wagner earned her Bachelor's degree from the University of California, Los Angeles and dove into hospitality marketing with Princess Cruises, where she developed the company's direct marketing program for its past passenger organization. She then went on to an 18-year run with Hilton Worldwide, holding a variety of positions, including director of international marketing and, most recently, senior director of brand marketing for Hilton's luxury brands. Wagner took on the challenges of positioning the company's premium properties, overseeing intrepid marketing strategies to grow awareness and encourage guest engagement in the brand's upscale concepts.

In 2010, Wagner joined the BHCVB as marketing director, and rapidly rose through the ranks to take the helm as CEO. Wagner's leadership helped the Bureau usher in the Future of Luxury, an in-depth look at the cutting edge of the upscale lifestyle, which identifies the contemporary Definition of Luxury, focusing on old-school concepts, farm-to-table cuisine, traditional craftsmanship, and tailored exclusivity aligned with positive societal impacts. Additionally, Wagner has overseen numerous initiatives including most recently, a health and wellness campaign utilizing Christie Brinkley as its ambassador and B.O.L.D. – Beverly Hills Open Later Days, which energizes the city's culture after-hours.



### Gabe Wintner

Gabriel Wintner is the founder and principal of Wintner Family Law, P.C. Gabriel began practicing law in 2010 and has experience both as a law firm associate and as the general counsel for an international corporation. In 2017 he began his own law practice and focuses on serving men and women in the areas of Family Law, Estate Planning, and Mediation.

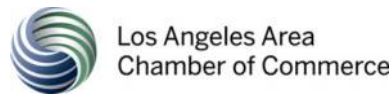


### Dr. Tamara ZumMallen

Tamara ZumMallen, Licensed Acupuncturist, has spent the past two decades helping people of Beverly Hills and beyond manage pain, sleep better, relieve stress, and achieve healthy pregnancies and gorgeous babies. Tamara has a Doctor of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine degree and a doctoral dissertation titled "The Effect of Acupuncture on In Vitro Fertilization Outcomes."

She graduated Magna Cum Laude from Dongguk University Los Angeles in 2001 with a Master of Science in Oriental Medicine degree. A Chicago native, she also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications from DePaul University. She regularly serves as a Subject Matter Expert for the California Acupuncture Board. In 2012, Tamara established Fertile Moon®, an acupuncture and holistic counseling practice for women and couples trying to conceive. With highly-individualized treatments conducted in a very comfortable setting, she will put you on the path to achieving your health and wellness goals. With feedback from her global clientele, she founded her own line of fertility support products appropriately called Fertile Moon® Women's Wellness. Products are available for purchase at her Beverly Hills office, a globally-accessible online site: [www.fertilemoon.com](http://www.fertilemoon.com), and of course, Amazon.com.

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