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PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

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Finance

Allyse Carter, a CPA with the West Palm Beach firm of Caler, Donten, Levine, Cohen, Porter & Veil P.A. has become the new president of the Palm Beach chapter of the Florida Institute of the Certified Public Accountants.



Carter

Rehmann has expanded its leadership team by promoting several associates in South Florida. They include **Danielle Kohnke** to advisory and tax senior; **Susan Majette**, senior manager; **Christal Mims**, senior administrative assistant and **Robyn Panza**, office manager, in Stuart.

Brett Burgan has been promoted to partner of Daszkal Bolton LLP in Boca Raton.

Capital Bank has added a West Palm Beach office, headed up by senior vice president **Eddy L. Rodriguez**, who has joined Capital Bank from SunTrust. Additionally, the company's Fort Lauderdale's commercial team, is being led by **Jeni K. Chokron**, a senior vice president who came from Bank OZK.

Insurance Care Direct announced that **Frank Keating**, two-term governor of Oklahoma, has joined the company's board of advisors.

Professional Bank announced that **Lee Frankhouser** is executive vice president/private banker, based in the Palm Beach Gardens.

Community

Victor Biggs has joined United Way of Broward County as chief development officer.

SAVE has named **Damian Pardo** as interim executive director in Miami. Pardo served as founding chair of SAVE in 1993. In 2015, together with Joe Cardona, he co-founded Little Havana's Gay8 Festival. Additionally, Pardo sits on the boards of 4Ward Miami, the Stonewall National Museum and Archives, and Vizcaya Museum & Gardens, among others.

Feeding Florida, the state's network of food banks working to end hunger, recently appointed board members to new executive committee positions. **Sandra Frank** from All Faiths Food Bank as the new board chair and **Richard LeBer** from Harry Chapin Food Bank as vice-chair.

Cathy Pope, representing Feeding the Gulf Coast, and **Paco Velez** from Feeding South Florida were also appointed as treasurer and secretary, respectively.

Governmental

Darlene Malaney, the Clerk & Comptroller's chief operating officer of finance, in West Palm Beach, was recently elected as vice president for the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Women's Public Finance Network (WPFN), for a one-year term. This association of elected and appointed officials works within the GFOA to ensure women are actively involved in the organization's policy-making and programs. Malaney is in line to serve as the organization's president in two years.



Malaney

Marketing

Wizard Digital in Fort Lauderdale announced that **Missi Carmen** has joined as vice president of digital performance. Prior to joining the agency, Carmen was vice president of marketing of ScribbleLive in Boca Raton. Previously, she was senior marketing manager at Vkidz Inc. in Fort Lauderdale.



Carmen

Law

Miami attorney **Dori Foster-Morales** is president-elect of The Florida Bar, and will lead the Bar beginning in June 2020. Foster-Morales worked as an enforcement attorney for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, first in Washington, D.C., and then in New York City. Later, she returned to Florida to join the 11th Circuit State Attorney's Office. In 1998, she began practicing family law at the predecessor firm to Foster-Morales Sockel-Stone LLC, where she is the managing partner. The Florida Bar has more than 107,000 members.

Christopher M. Utrera has joined Haber Law as partner.

Nason Yeager Gerson Harris & Fumero P.A. announced that **Carlyn Kowalsky** has joined the firm's Boca Raton office as a partner. Before joining the firm, Kowalsky represented the South Florida Water Management District, where she most recently

held the position of deputy general counsel, managing 27 attorneys and support staff. She also spent 12 years as in-house counsel for Florida Water Services Corp.

Cozen O'Connor announced that **Jordan D. Chisholm** has joined the Miami office as an associate. Chisholm focuses his practice on business and corporate matters, including mergers and acquisitions, dispositions, joint ventures, and general corporate matters. Prior to joining the firm, he served as an Equal Justice Work Fellow at Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc., where he founded the Neighborhood Entrepreneurs Project.



Chisholm

Gunster announced that Traci Rollins has re-joined the firm as a shareholder in the business litigation practice in West Palm Beach. The firm also announced the addition of shareholders **Lou Nostro** and **Jennifer Jones**, and associate **Alex Nostro** in the private wealth services practice. Lou Nostro and Alex Nostro join the firm's Miami office and Jones joins the firm's Fort Lauderdale office.

Hospitality

Bernardo Neto is general manager, and **Thom Stewart** is director of sales and marketing, at The Ben, a Marriott Autograph Collection property, in West Palm Beach.

Medical

Charles A. Messa III, M.D., of Weston Cosmetic Surgery Center, was selected as a 2019 American Institute of Plastic Surgeons' 10 Best in Florida For Client Satisfaction. The American Institute of Plastic Surgeon places emphasis on selecting surgeons who have achieved significant success in the field of Plastic Surgery without sacrificing the service and support they provide.

Real estate

Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate has named **Lisa Vizzaino** as the branch manager of the company's Plantation Lakeside office, where she will lead approximately 95 independent sales associates. Vizzaino was most recently with Keller Williams and has managed local residential real estate offices in Pembroke Pines and Weston, as well as running sev-

eral businesses.

Douglas Elliman Real Estate announced that **Shelley Nesbitt** has joined the Boca Raton office. Nesbitt's career in finance and real estate has included working as a vice president for the Royal Bank of Canada and as a senior vice president at HSBC Securities.

Veterinary

The Florida Veterinary Medical Association (FVMA) recognized three Broward County veterinary professionals at its 90th FVMA Annual Conference, recently. The awards program spotlights FVMA members and members of the Florida veterinary community who go above and beyond the call of duty to show care and compassion for animals, serving as examples of dedication and advocating for the well-being of animals in Florida. Dr. **Jerry Shankm**, founder of several businesses including Shank Animal Hospital in Fort Lauderdale, received the organization's Lifetime Achievement Award. **Coral**, a Broward County therapy dog, received the 2019 Pet Hero Award. Coral is a member of the inaugural squad of therapy dogs that began attending the Broward County Judicial Circuit Pilot Therapy Dog Program in 2013. She attends court sessions involving children, helping to decrease their anxiety and provide comfort. Coral and her handler **Judy Eason** have dedicated thousands of volunteer hours in specialized training to become a certified therapy dog. Along with the work she does in the courtroom, Coral's therapy schedule includes regular visits to the local VA nursing home, with special needs children at a primary school, a private nursing home and to college students at Nova University during exam time. Additionally, **Debbie Hawkes**, a client care specialist for Animal Eye Guys of South Florida, received the 2019 Team Member of the Year Award.

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