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Eduardo Aguirre

Eduardo Aguirre is former U.S. Ambassador to Spain and Andorra (2005 – 2009). His over 50-year professional career spans government service, banking, and international business consulting. As ambassador to Spain and Andorra, he oversaw a multitude of bilateral issues, including national security; foreign investment; intelligence development, sharing, analysis and cooperation; defense cooperation; and commercial, trade and economic interests.

Ambassador Aguirre offers strategic, geopolitical, and business advice to clients seeking to maximize their domestic and transatlantic business opportunities. He served on the corporate boards of the US subsidiaries of Spanish multinationals BBVA and IBERDROLA; he is a Senior Advisor to the law firm of Haynes and Boone LLP.

Ambassador Aguirre served during 8 years in three executive positions in President George W. Bush's Administration, including Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), an Under-Secretary rank position in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Earlier, Aguirre was the Acting Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank).

Prior to his U.S. Government service, Ambassador Aguirre had a 34-year banking career; retiring as President of Bank of America's International Private Bank.

His extensive community service includes having served as Chairman of the Board of Regents of the University of Houston System, and on the board of the George Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A & M University. Currently, he serves on the not-for-profit boards of the Greater Houston Partnership, Texas Children Hospital, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Spain conferred upon Ambassador Aguirre the Order of Isabella the Catholic - Grand Cross. He also has been awarded the highest civilian decorations by The Holy See, Andorra, the Royal House of Rwanda, Pakistan, El Salvador, and the Dominican Republic. He is a recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, and the Americanism Award by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Ambassador Aguirre earned a Bachelor of Science from Louisiana State University and was named to LSU's Hall of Distinction. He is a Certified Commercial Lender and has received honoris causa doctorates from the University of Connecticut, the University of Houston, and the Universidad Tecnológica de Santiago, Dominican Republic.

Eduardo Aguirre fue Embajador de EEUU en España y Andorra (2005 – 2009). Su carrera profesional abarca más de 50 años de

servicio al gobierno, la banca comercial y consultoría internacional.

Como embajador a España y Andorra, el supervisó una multitud de asuntos bilaterales, incluyendo a seguridad nacional; inversiones multinacionales; colaboración y análisis de inteligencia nacional; cooperación en defensa militar; más intereses multinacionales en asuntos comerciales y económicos.

El Embajador Aguirre ofrece servicios de consultoría estratégica geopolítica y comercial, asistiendo a sus clientes a maximizar sus oportunidades de negocios transatlánticos. Aguirre fue miembro de los consejos corporativos de las subsidiarias en EE. UU. de las multinacionales españolas BBVA y IBERDROLA; es asesor para el bufete jurídico de Haynes and Boone LLP.

El embajador Aguirre sirvió a su país durante 8 años, desempeñando tres cargos ejecutivos en la administración del presidente George W. Bush. Previo de ser nombrado embajador, fue Secretario de Estado del Departamento de Seguridad Nacional, como Director de servicios de inmigración (USCIS). También presidió el Banco de Exportación e Importación de EE. UU. (Ex-Im Bank).

Previo a su servicio gubernamental, por más de 34 años, el embajador Aguirre ejerció una carrera bancaria, jubilándose del Bank of América como presidente de su Banco Privado Internacional.

Su extensa cartera al servicio cívico incluye haber presidido la Junta de Regentes del Sistema de Universidades de Houston, y la junta directiva de la escuela de graduados George Bush para Servicio Público y Gubernamental en la universidad de Texas A & M. El participa en las juntas directivas del Greater Houston Partnership, el Texas Children's Hospital, y el Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

España le confirió la Orden de Isabel la Católica – Gran Cruz; también recibió las más altas condecoraciones civiles de la Santa Sede, Andorra, la Casa Real de Ruanda, Pakistán, El Salvador, y la República Dominicana. Ha sido honrado con la Medalla de Honor de Ellis Island, y la Medalla al Americanismo por Las Hijas de La Revolución Americana.

Es titulado por la Louisiana State University, y fue seleccionado por ella a su Galería de Alumnos Distinguidos; también es diplomado como Certified Commercial Lender. Ha sido conferido títulos de Doctor Honoris Causa, por la Universidad de Connecticut, la Universidad de Houston, y la Universidad Tecnológica de Santiago de los Caballeros, República Dominicana.



Sandra Alcalá

Dr. Sandra Alcalá is a Senior Vice President at Avoq where she works with a range of clients in the health care, pharmaceutical, biotechnology, technology and renewable energy space. Sandra assists clients in long term legislative planning and in advancing their issues to policymakers. She has nearly 20 years of experience both as a senior Congressional staffer on Capitol Hill and working in the scientific, academic and health care community.

Sandra worked in the U.S. House of Representatives for nearly a decade in various senior roles including as Chief of Staff for Congressman Filemon Vela, where she managed a team of 16 staff in the Washington D.C. and district offices. Before that she was the Director of Member Services for the House Democratic Caucus and then-Chairman Hakeem Jeffries, where she supported the 239 House Democratic Members. She also previously served as the Policy Director for the Congressional Hispanic Caucus under the Chairmanship of then-Representative Michelle Lujan Grisham, and got her start in Congress working as a Legislative Assistant for her hometown Congressman Joaquin Castro.

Born and raised in San Antonio, Texas, she graduated from Our Lady of the Lake University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and a double minor in Biology and Chemistry. She went on to complete her Doctorate in Neuroscience at the University of Minnesota where she investigated a novel drug delivery method to treat neurodegenerative diseases of the retina.

She got her start in Washington, D.C., as a Science and Technology Policy Graduate Fellow for the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute and completed her fellowship at the National Science Foundation.

In her free time, Sandra enjoys traveling, visiting her family in San Antonio, and reading science fiction literature.



Fernando C. Alonso

Fernando, recognized as one of the best corporate and finance lawyers by peers and professional publications, has practiced in the corporate and securities, banking and finance fields for more than 25 years. His clients include a broad range of publicly owned and privately held US and foreign companies and financial institutions. Fernando has been involved in numerous significant mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and other business transactions, including those involving cross-border complexities. He regularly represents foreign clients in connection with US acquisitions, as

well as domestic companies in connection with their international expansion.

Fernando's practice involves representation of both financial institutions and companies in connection with equity and debt financing. He has structured and directed numerous private equity deals. Fernando represents private investment funds in the US and abroad in connection with their structuring and joint ventures, as well as portfolio acquisitions and dispositions.

Fernando has been involved in the structuring of several public/private partnerships, privatizations and government contracts and concessions. He has represented sponsors in numerous significant infrastructure projects, both in their development and finance.

Before commencing his practice, he served as a judicial clerk for the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. Fernando is chairman of the firm's Latin American and Iberian practice group.



Natalie Armijo

Natalie has spent more than fifteen years working in and around government at both the state and federal levels, and now brings that experience to the government relations industry.

Now a Strategist at Federal Street Strategies, a full-service multi-client government relations firm in Washington, D.C., Natalie works with clients in tech, financial services, health care, food and nutrition, transportation and infrastructure, media and telecommunications, and the education and non-profit fields. With her extensive knowledge and high-level relationships, Natalie has a proven track record of helping clients work with Members in the House and Senate.

Natalie began her career on Capitol Hill working with former Congresswoman and Chairwoman of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, U.S. Rep. Michelle Lujan Grisham (D-NM), serving as Deputy Chief of Staff and then Chief of Staff. Most recently, she served as a Special Projects Lead for now Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham of New Mexico.

Prior to her professional experiences on Capitol Hill, Natalie worked for Sandia National Laboratories as a Program Communications Lead, managing multi-million-dollar projects and small business contracts. She also worked with the Executive Office and Government Relations team in leading all communications efforts for high-profile visits by Members of Congress and Cabinet Secretaries.

A native of New Mexico, Natalie earned a dual degree in Spanish and Mass Communications & Journalism from the University of New Mexico (UNM). She went on to earn her MBA from the Anderson School of Business at UNM, as well.

In her spare time, Natalie enjoys the outdoors, yoga, thrifting, and spending time with her Bernedoodles, Chewie and Mama. Sandra worked in the U.S. House of Representatives for nearly a decade in various senior roles including as Chief of Staff for Congressman Filemon Vela, where she managed a team of 16 staff in the Washington D.C. and district offices. Before that she was the Director of Member Services for the House Democratic Caucus and then-Chairman Hakeem Jeffries, where she supported the 239 House Democratic Members. She also previously served as the Policy Director for the Congressional Hispanic Caucus under the Chairmanship of then-Representative Michelle Lujan Grisham, and got her start in Congress working as a Legislative Assistant for her hometown Congressman Joaquin Castro.

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Pedro Azagra

Pedro Azagra, Chief Executive Officer of Avangrid, assumed his role in May 2022. His longstanding service on the Avangrid Board of Directors and Executive Committee dates back to 2019, with a previous tenure on the Board from 2014 to 2018. Mr. Azagra's influence extends to Brazil, where he also serves on the board of directors of the Neoenergia Group.

Mr. Azagra's board memberships also include Siemens Gamesa, Iberdrola Mexico, Energy East, Rochester Gas and Electric, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, Iberdrola Portugal, and Rokas.

Before his journey with Avangrid, Mr. Azagra demonstrated his leadership expertise as Chief Development Officer and member of the Operating Committee of Iberdrola since 2008. His executive tenure is marked by the accelerated growth he led for Iberdrola in Europe, Latin America, and the U.S.

As Chief Development Officer, Mr. Azagra played a pivotal role in expanding the Iberdrola Group's business in the U.S. His responsibilities

encompassed obtaining regulatory approvals for merger cases in New York, Maine, New Hampshire, and Connecticut; and managing relations with federal agencies such as the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

He also served as Iberdrola's Director of Strategy from 1997 to 2001. From 2001 to 2008, he spearheaded the Group's corporate development activities, shaping Iberdrola's 2001-2006 Strategic Plan.

Mr. Azagra's strategic vision and execution have facilitated more than 120 transactions worldwide, exceeding \$120 billion and paving the way for Iberdrola's entry into new markets such as the U.S., U.K., Brazil, Greece, France, Japan, Australia, Sweden, Poland, and the Philippines.

His significant contributions in a key global executive capacity have been instrumental to the success of the Iberdrola Group in the U.S. These include leading the \$4.7 billion acquisition and integration of Energy East Corporation in 2008 and the \$17.9 billion merger and integration of Avangrid (formerly known as Iberdrola USA) and UIL Holdings in 2015.

He also led Avangrid's entry into the U.S. offshore industry, which has become a significant part of the company's Renewables strategic business. Avangrid's Renewables business owns and operates nearly 9 gigawatts of electricity capacity, primarily through wind and solar power, and has a presence in 24 states across the U.S.

Prior to joining the Iberdrola Group, Mr. Azagra honed his skills at Morgan Stanley in London and New York in the investment banking division, advising on equity and debt transactions.

Mr. Azagra is a proud alumnus of Universidad Pontificia de Comillas, where he earned a business degree and a law degree, and the University of Chicago, where he completed his M.B.A. He has been imparting his knowledge as Professor of Corporate Finance and Mergers and Acquisitions at Universidad Pontificia de Comillas, in Madrid, Spain since 1998.



Antonio Baena Bardina

Antonio Baena is an expert in corporate and capital markets matters (M&A transactions, joint ventures, takeover bids and public offerings).

He advises Spanish and international companies—mainly private equity, investment funds, and listed companies—on crossborder transactions, particularly in Spain and Latin America. He has participated in wide-

ranging transactions, including, amongst others, in the energy, industrial, finance, consumer, real estate and telecommunications sectors.

From 2013 to 2017, he managed the Cuatrecasas London office. Since 2018, he manages the firm's New York office and, currently, he does this while co-managing the London office.

Before joining Cuatrecasas, he worked as an investment banker at Salomon Brothers in London and New York.

He has lectured on corporate and securities law in master and bachelor programs at several universities, including Universidad de Navarra, Universidad CEU San Pablo, Universidad de Alcalá, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, and ESADE Business & Law School. He has Series 7 and Series 66 FINRA licenses.

He has written and co-written articles in specialized journals and in collective works.

Antonio has a Master of Laws from each of Harvard Law School (2000), Collège d'Europe in Bruges (1999) and The London School of Economics (1998). He has a Bachelor of Laws (with special distinction as top student in his graduating class) from Universidad de Navarra (1995).

Antonio Baena es experto en asuntos corporativos y de mercado de valores (fusiones y adquisiciones, joint ventures, ofertas públicas de adquisición y ofertas públicas de venta).

Asesora a empresas españolas e internacionales —principalmente fondos de capital riesgo y de inversión, y a sociedades cotizadas— en operaciones transfronterizas, particularmente en España y en Latinoamérica. Ha participado en operaciones en numerosos ámbitos, incluyendo los sectores energético, industrial, financiero, inmobiliario, de consumo y de las telecomunicaciones.

Desde el 2013 hasta el 2017, dirigió la oficina de Cuatrecasas en Londres. En el 2018, pasó a dirigir la oficina de Nueva York y, actualmente, también codirige la oficina de Londres.

Antes de incorporarse a Cuatrecasas, trabajó como banquero de inversiones en Salomon Brothers en Londres y Nueva York. Ha sido profesor de derecho societario y de valores en másteres y licenciaturas de varias universidades, incluyendo la Universidad de Navarra, la Universidad CEU San Pablo, la Universidad de Alcalá, la Universidad Autónoma de Madrid y ESADE Business & Law School. Es titular de las licencias Series 7 y Series 66 de la FINRA.

Es autor y coautor de artículos en revistas especializadas y obras colectivas.

Antonio posee másters en derecho (LLMs) por la Universidad de Harvard (2000), el Colegio de Europa en Brujas (1999) y la London School of Economics (1998). Es licenciado en derecho por la Universidad de Navarra (1995) con premio extraordinario fin de carrera.



**Angel Luis
Bautista Fernandez**

Mr. Bautista holds a Degree in Economics and Business

Administration from San Pablo CEU University (Madrid) and a Master on Tax Consultancy Degree from the Center for Financial Studies (CEF) Business School. He also holds a Directors Development Program Degree (PDD) from IESE Business School

He joined the Repsol Group in 1995 in the Corporate Audit Division. During this period Mr. Bautista was in charge of performing internal business control reviews and conducting audits of financial statements of companies belonging to the Repsol Group, with special focus on upstream activities at international level. Over this time, he maintained a direct contact with major global oil & gas companies.

In 2008 Mr. Bautista was appointed Director of Financial Planning, being responsible, among other duties, for the international coordination of the finance function, the cash management and financial structure of the different companies of the Group worldwide, the global financial planning and the impact analysis of strategic decisions in the credit rating of Repsol. At the end of this stage the expropriation of YPF took place, and during this unexpected and adverse episode, he was involved in the decision-making operations and divestment processes, with the aim of minimizing impacts and risks for the Group due to this matter.

In 2013 he was designated Head (Director) of Investor Relations, reporting directly to the CFO. His responsibilities in this position included establishing performance and coordination criteria for proper management of external communications of the Group's activities, with respect to the relationship with holders of securities issued by Repsol Group companies, the investor community in general and financial analysts. During this stage he was a member of the team in charge of recovering the value of YPF, working closely with the international finance community.

He was the promoter of the establishment of an ESG investor's management system, with special focus on responsible investment to incorporate Environmental, Social and Governance factors into investment decisions, engaging shareholders interest in matters such as responsible business conduct, human rights, climate change and corporate responsibility among other topics. He also led the creation of minority shareholder relations and engagement programs.

He was ranked as Best Oil & Gas Director of Investor Relations at European level and Best Director of Investor Relations (all categories) at National level in the 2015 edition of the prestigious international Extel Survey, considered as a benchmark of excellence by investors as well as consultants. During his

years in office, Repsol's Investor Relations Division was also ranked as best Oil & Gas team at European level and the ESG investor's management program of the company was ranked in the top 10 of all categories at European level too.

In 2015 and 2016 he was recognized for the Best Investor Relations Professional within the oil and gas sector by Institutional Investor, the leading business publisher for the European financial sector.

In November 2016 he was appointed Vice-Chair of the Committee on International Investment and Responsible Business Conduct at the Business and Industry Advisory Committee to the OECD (BIAC).

At this moment Mr. Bautista is Repsol's Director of Institutional Relations and Regulatory Coordination, representing the Company in numerous fora, including Spanish and international energy-related organizations, with the purpose of promoting both Repsol's and its stakeholders' interests before these institutions.

Licenciado en Economía y Administración de Empresas por la Universidad San Pablo CEU de Madrid, habiendo cursado diversos estudios de posgrado en distintas escuelas de negocio como IESE y ESADE.

Se incorporó a Repsol en 1995, ocupando diversas posiciones en la Dirección Corporativa de Auditoría, Control y Riesgos. En 2008 fue nombrado director de Planificación y Gestión Financiera de Repsol, y cinco años más tarde, fue designado director de Relación con Inversores. Durante su gestión, Repsol fue reconocida como una de las empresas europeas con el mejor programa de Inversión Socialmente Responsable (ESG). También ha sido reconocido con varios premios, tanto de Extel Survey, como de la prestigiosa publicación Institutional Investor.

Desde marzo de 2016 se ha hecho cargo de la Dirección de Relaciones Institucionales, liderando la relación de la compañía con las autoridades e instituciones españolas, europeas y norteamericanas. También representa a Repsol y coordina las relaciones de la compañía en organizaciones internacionales de especial relevancia como la Agencia Internacional de la Energía (IEA), el Atlantic Council, el National Petroleum Council o el Foro Económico Mundial (WEF), asistiendo anualmente al Foro de Davos. Además, representa a Repsol en numerosos foros españoles e internacionales, entre los que destacan el Club Español de la Energía, el Real Instituto Elcano, CEOE, el proceso empresarial B20, el BIAC, brazo empresarial de la OCDE donde ha sido vicepresidente del Comité de Inversión Internacional y Conducta Empresarial Responsable, y el Comité Español del World Petroleum Council (WPC), que actualmente preside.

En 2020 la Dirección de Relaciones Institucionales incorpora formalmente responsabilidades en materia de Coordinación Regulatoria con visión global de compañía, teniendo como foco prioritario expedientes transversales core en materia de transición energética, garantía de suministro y costes energéticos con ámbito Unión Europea y España. En el ejercicio de esta función, Ángel Bautista preside el Comité de Coordinación Regulatoria de la compañía y ha promovido la reapertura de la Oficina de Repsol en Bruselas desde enero de 2022.



Phoebe Benich

Phoebe Benich is a Senior Advisor for Strategy and Research at the Office of the National Cyber Director (ONCD). Prior to ONCD, she was a Senior Program Manager at In-Q-Tel, the venture capital arm of the U.S. intelligence community, where she worked with In-Q-Tel's portfolio companies and government customers to develop technology solutions in the cyber, AI, biotech, and microelectronics fields. She served on the staff of the U.S. Cyberspace Solarium Commission where she developed policy recommendations regarding international norms for cyberspace and on the staff of the Defense Innovation Board where she managed projects exploring emerging technology opportunities for the Department of Defense. She has experience researching and pursuing Asia-Pacific national security policy at the State Department, Booz Allen Hamilton, and the Center for a New American Security. She also completed a Fulbright Fellowship in Taiwan. Phoebe holds an MA with honors from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) with concentrations in Strategic Studies and International Economics as well as a BA in International Relations and Chinese from the College of William & Mary.



Maria Luisa Benítez-Donoso Tarascón

Diplomática de carrera, desde 2006 ha desempeñado varios puestos en el Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores, Unión Europea y Cooperación. Ha ejercido como Segunda Jefatura de la Embajada de España en Honduras y en la Embajada de España en Croacia. En el 2015 entró a formar parte del Servicio Europeo de Acción Exterior, como Jefa Adjunta de la Sección Política, Prensa e Información en la Delegación de la UE en Brasil, y posteriormente fue destinada como Segunda Jefatura en la Delegación de la UE en Santo Domingo.

Maria Luisa tiene una doble licenciatura en Derecho y Ciencias Políticas por la Universidad Pontificia de Comillas, en Madrid, y la Universidad Nacional a Distancia, respectivamente; y una maestría en Relaciones Internacionales por la Universidad de

Georgetown, Washington DC. Está casada, tiene tres hijas. Habla inglés, francés, portugués, y alemán.



Jonathan Beutler

Jonathan Beutler, a California-based entrepreneur and local elected official, currently serves as Trustee of the Palos Verdes Library District, a public agency that serves over 70,000 constituents. He has previously worked in the fields of diplomacy, government affairs, as well as the humanities.

Jonathan's ties to Spain are strong, multifaceted, and lifelong: he first arrived in Spain as a teenager where he studied in Cervantes' hometown of Alcalá de Henares during the 1999-2000 academic year, immersing himself in the language and culture. Subsequently, Jonathan pursued advanced studies at the University of Barcelona, earning a master's degree in Hispanic Literature. Jonathan was chosen to serve as a Judge for the 2024 Spain-USA Foundation Literary Translation Award. His commitment to Spanish letters and culture is further evidenced by his memberships in relevant cultural institutions such as the Hispanic Society of America, the Fundación Amigos del Museo del Prado, and the Fundación Amigos del Museo Reina Sofía, and the Meadows Museum in Dallas. In 2018 he was selected to participate in the U.S. Spain Council's Young Leaders program in Madrid and Salamanca.

Jonathan's global perspective is deeply rooted in his years of working and studying on four continents, including as a former Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State and in the private sector as a public affairs advisor. A committed public servant and community volunteer, he has previously served as a Library Commissioner for the County of Los Angeles, as well as a Beach Commissioner, and has been recognized as an emerging leader by the Empowerment Congress. His leadership extends to economic development and community empowerment, as demonstrated by his past chairmanship of two local chambers of commerce as well as membership on numerous non-profit boards. Jonathan has had fellowships with the Royal Society of Arts, Anti-Defamation League, and the German Marshall Fund of the United States, and has been affiliated with the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London, the Aspen Institute's Society of Fellows, the RAND Corporation's Policy Circle, and the Pacific Council on International Policy. Additionally, he has served on advisory boards at Claremont Graduate University and Chapman University.

Through his work as a literary translator and corporate interpreter, Jonathan has demonstrated a passion for languages and intercultural cooperation. He is an active member of the American Literary Translators

Association and the American Translators Association. He is currently working on two significant literary translation projects, one from Castilian and another from Portuguese.

An alumnus of UCLA, Jonathan resides in the scenic South Bay region of Los Angeles with his wife Sunny Chen and their four children.



Raül Blanco Díaz

Mr. Blanco holds a bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Barcelona. He also holds a postgraduate degree in Local and Regional Development, also from the University of Barcelona, and a postgraduate degree in Financial English at Pompeu Fabra University – British Council.

Currently, he is Chairman & CEO of Renfe. Previously, he was the General Director of the Escuela de Organización Industrial (EOI). From June 2018 until December 2022, Mr. Blanco held the position of Secretary General of Industry and Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in the Spanish Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism.

He also held the positions of Director of Economic Development and Employment in the City Council of L'Hospitalet de Llobregat (Barcelona); Manager of Industrial Strategy in the General Directorate of Industry of the Generalitat of Catalonia; and Head of Studies and Publications Service of CIDEM, Department of Labour and Industry of the Generalitat of Catalonia.

In the teaching field, he has taught classes at the Centre for International Studies -University of Barcelona- and at the schools of Economics and Business of Rovira i Virgili University and the University of Barcelona. Likewise, he has collaborated in courses and seminars in other national and international centres.



Lisa Bombin

Lisa Bombin believes in the power of purpose. The simple idea that human beings are at their best when they discover and embrace a sense of contribution to the world that leaves it better than when they entered it. Lisa's purpose is honoring the impactful missions of non-profits with a strategic and innovative approach to telling their stories.

And she's arrived at that calling via a path she can truly call uniquely her own. As the daughter of immigrants living in San Antonio, TX, she was taught the value of hard work and entrepreneurialism. As a young student of the theater and creative writing, she learned how to reach people's emotions via a flair for performance and honest communication. Through the study of architecture, she mastered

the skill of maximizing physical spaces to deliver world-class event planning.

Ms. Bombin's life path has cultivated in her a unique set of skills that has made her one of the most sought-after professionals in her field. As the founder, President, and CEO of Unico Communications, she provides public relations, communications, and special event services to nonprofits across the nation. For 20 years Lisa has been the 'go to' person for cutting edge solutions for today's ever-changing marketplace and increasingly savvy audience.

As an industry leader in corporate and non-profit communications, Lisa is sought out for her national focused experience in the Hispanic market.

She has served as the producer of San Antonio's Tricentennial Celebrations with events exceeding 30,000 people. She has served on the board of the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber, the steering committee responsible for establishing the first Latino Fund in the state of Texas. Has served on the board of the South Texas Hispanic Fund; and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Alamo Public Telecommunications Council.

Named as one of the "100 Most Influential Latina Leaders" in the US, by Latino Leaders magazine, and one of only five to be named "2023 Latina Entrepreneurs of the Year" by Latino Magazine, she is often invited to speak at industry conferences which have placed her on both national and international stages.

Unico Communications has contributed to such prestigious clients as the American Council on Renewable Energy, The Aspen Institute, the US Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, LatinoJustice, Hispanic Association on Corporate Responsibility, San Antonio Tricentennial Celebrations, UnidosUS (formerly National Council of La Raza), and the US Spain Council.

She is proud graduate of the University of Texas at San Antonio with a degree in Communications and resides in San Antonio with her husband, Damon. Lisa's most important role is that of mother to her eleven-year-old son, Giancarlo.



Anais Carmona

Anais Carmona is a Director of Congressional Affairs at Microsoft. In this capacity, Anais is responsible for leading Microsoft's public policy engagement with Democratic Members of Congress in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Anais advocates for and manages policy issues and helps lead the company's external engagement in the U.S. House with senior internal stakeholders on priority issues, such as Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Anais Carmona previously served as a Director of Federal Legislative Affairs for T-Mobile, where she represented T-Mobile's federal legislative interest before House and Senate Members of Congress on issues related to telecommunications and technology for over seven years.

She has experience in corporate M&A and mergers, particularly having focused on the T-Mobile/Sprint merger, where she amassed support for and facilitated the success of merger. Anais also has experience in developing strategic partnerships with key third-party stakeholders and key constituencies, negotiating corporate memorandums of understanding (MOU) and building third party external affairs teams. She also has experience keynoting, delivering remarks and sitting on panels at large conferences, primarily focused on connectivity, 5G deployment, broadband accessibility and affordability, and programs focused on closing the digital divide.

Anais has served as the President, Vice President and Board Member of the Hispanic Lobbyists Association for seven consecutive years, where she brings programming, mentorship and networking opportunities tailored to serving the Hispanic professional community in Washington DC. She is on the founding board of the ReNew Democracy Foundation, which is dedicated to bringing diverse people with diverse perspectives to Washington to contribute to the democratic process.

Anais was recognized as part of the Hill's Top Lobbyists List in 2023 and 2024, as well as Alumni Society's Mission-Driven Class of 2019, City Year's '2018 Idealist of the Year Award' and Prospanica's 2018 '40 Under 40' for her exemplary leadership, service, and commitment to the growth of the Latino community. She participated in the Fundación Carolina Hispanic Leaders Program in Spain in 2017 and participated in Center for American Progress (CAPs) sixth class of the U.S.-Mexico Leaders Initiative.

Prior to her time at Microsoft, Anais was an Associate at D&P Creative Strategies, where she represented clients in the telecommunications, tech, and energy space. Anais has experience in the U.S. House of Representatives in the office of Congressman Beto O'Rourke, who represents her hometown of El Paso, Texas. Anais has also worked on homeland security issues at Obsidian Analysis and interned at the Pew Research Center.

Anais graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University and is a published author in the fields of Bitcoin and religious freedom. She is proudly from the El Paso – Ciudad Juarez border region.



Joaquin Castillo

Joaquin Castillo is the Acciona Energy's Chief Executive Officer for North America since March 2021. Located in Chicago, he has an extensive experience of 25+ years in the renewable energy sector. Joaquin joined Acciona Energy in 2012 as Development Director – Wind Energy, and from 2015 served as Global Head of Business Development, where he has delivered more than 2GW exceeding the company's target form 2020. Since his arrival to the US the company as nearly tripled its installed capacity reaching 3.4 GW across wind, solar and battery storage projects.

Prior to joining Acciona, he served in different managerial positions, at First Solar, Enel Union Fenosa Renovables and Union Fenosa in Spain. Joaquin holds an Industrial Engineer Degree by the Polytechnic University of Valencia (UPV), and a PDG (Advanced Management Program or AMP) by IESE Business School in Madrid, Spain.

Javier Francisco Canalejo

Javier Canalejo is Head of International Relations at Repsol, reporting to the Institutional Relations and Regulatory Coordination Division of this Company.

With more than 20 years of professional experience in the Energy sector, before his current position, he has held various positions of responsibility at Repsol in the field of Risk Management, Compliance, Audit, Sustainability and Procurement, both at corporate and international level (USA).

Previously, he was a financial auditor at the consulting firm KPMG.

Javier Canalejo has a degree in Business Administration from the University of Córdoba, having completed international studies at the University of the West of England (Bristol, UK). He has a master degree in management from the Universidad Austral (IAE).



José María de Areilza Carvajal

José M. de Areilza is the Vice President of the US-Spain Council Foundation and Professor & Jean Monnet Chair at ESADE Business School. He is also Secretary General at Aspen Institute Spain and has been Visiting Professor at INSEAD Business School and London Business School.

He has published extensively about European integration and foreign affairs. He writes a Sunday column at the national newspaper ABC. He is the Editor-in-Chief of the journal Política

Exterior, Academy Adjunct Faculty in Chatham House, London, Trustee of the Spanish Navy Museum, Ministry of Defense and member of the European Council on Foreign Relations. Between 2017-22 he was co-Chair of the UK-Spain Tertulias. He has been an Advisor on European and North American affairs at the Spanish Prime Minister's Office (1996-2000) and a Member of the Board of Directors of the national newspaper ABC.

Areliza holds a LL.B. degree with High Honors from Universidad Complutense de Madrid, LL.M. and S.J.D. degrees from Harvard University and a M.A. degree from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. In 1991 he was admitted to the New York Bar.

José M. de Areliza es Vicepresidente de la Fundación Consejo España-Estados Unidos y profesor ordinario en el Departamento de Derecho y en el Departamento de Dirección General y Estrategia de ESADE Business School. Desde 2013 es titular de la Cátedra Jean Monnet en ESADE, otorgada por la Comisión Europea. Profesor Visitante en INSEAD Business School (2018-21) y Guest Lecturer en London Business School (2022-23). Asimismo es Secretario General de Aspen Institute España.

Ha publicado extensamente sobre integración europea y política internacional. Escribe una columna semanal sobre asuntos internacionales en el diario ABC. Es Director de la revista Política Exterior, Academy Adjunct Faculty en Chatham House, Londres, Miembro del Consejo Europeo de Relaciones Exteriores y Patrono del Museo Naval, Ministerio e Defensa. De 2017 a 2022 fue Presidente de las Tertulias Hispano-Británicas. Ha trabajado como Vocal Asesor para asuntos europeos y norteamericanos en el Gabinete del Presidente del Gobierno de España (1996-2000). Entre 2008 y 2020 fue miembro del Consejo de Administración del diario ABC.

Areliza es Licenciado en Derecho con Premio Extraordinario de Licenciatura, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Master en Derecho por la Universidad de Harvard, Master en Relaciones Internacionales por The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy y Doctor en Derecho por la Universidad de Harvard. En 1991 fue admitido en el New York Bar.



C. LeRoy Cavazos-Reyna

C. LeRoy Cavazos-Reyna is a Texas native of the United States (U.S.) border city of Mission.

Throughout his academic and professional careers, he has been strongly committed to service, community development, diplomacy, entrepreneurship, and political activism by working with organizations and government entities dedicated to those very endeavors.

In August 2022, he founded Localism, Inc. a premiere consulting firm to help minority businesses, corporations, and nonprofits to achieve their government affairs, international relations, procurement, and diversity, equity and inclusion, goals. Localism, Inc. is a proudly certified Hispanic, LGBTQ+, and Disabled-owned business headquartered in San Antonio, Texas.

In addition to strategically leading and growing Localism, Inc., C. LeRoy serves as Senior Advisor for Public Private Strategies focusing on national and global work to develop innovative strategies to support minority-owned businesses and impact the conversation around equitable economic growth.

Most recently, C. LeRoy served as the Vice President of Government and International Affairs for the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (USHCC). In that capacity, he helped revitalize the USHCC during the global pandemic, advocated in Congress for the interests of more than five million Hispanic-owned businesses across the U.S., managed relationships with a network of 260 local Hispanic Chambers of Commerce across the country, and cultivated fundraising and programming initiatives with numerous Fortune 500 companies domestically and internationally.

Previously, he worked for Coca-Cola Southwest Beverages, a company of Arca Continental headquartered in Dallas, Texas/Monterrey, Nuevo León, Mexico as their Senior Manager of Public Affairs and Communications. There he managed public engagement, was a binational bridge for the company in both countries and developed a wide array of new community relationships for the company who was new to the U.S. market as of 2017. Formally, he served as the Vice President of Government Affairs for the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (SAHCC), America's first Hispanic business organization founded in 1929. In that role, he developed public policy and reviewed legislation that would enhance the evolution of Hispanic business in San Antonio and abroad. Furthermore, he worked on diplomatic affairs on behalf of the organization in Spain and Mexico, and managed activities related to the official capacity of Ramiro A. Cavazos as Consul of Spain in South Texas. During his time in San Antonio, he was key to the city's tricentennial celebration in 2018 by facilitating the royal visit of Spain's Royal Household and other dignitaries from the Canary Islands, the original ancestral founders of the City of San Antonio. Moreover, he organized local business leaders on more than ten economic development trade missions over a four-year period in collaboration with the City to Mexico, Spain, Cuba, Germany, and Israel. As the Senior Managing Director of Policy and Contracts for MHP Salud, he worked closely with diverse communities nationally to develop long-term community solutions in the areas of healthcare access under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the promotion of active lifestyles to decrease obesity and diabetes.

Passionate about communication, business, political activism, diplomacy, public administration, entrepreneurship, and policy C. LeRoy has been key in developing the vision for the role that these sectors will play in comprehensive community and economic development. Complementing this vision, C. LeRoy has distinguished public service in the aforementioned fields.

C. LeRoy served for six years on the Texas State Democratic Executive Committee (SDEC) where he represented democrats with disabilities statewide. He served as a member of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) where he chaired the executive boards for the sections on Professional and Organizational Development and Health and Human Services. C. LeRoy is a proud alumnus of the University of Texas Pan-American where he served on the Alumni Association's Board of Directors until its dissolution in 2015 under its new merger as the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. Furthermore, he served on the boards for the San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired, the Humana San Antonio Health Advisory Board, the Health Collaborative of Bexar County, San Antonio Mobility Coalition, the New Leaders Council San Antonio Chapter, and the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

C. LeRoy is currently a member of the distinguished Texas Lyceum's Class of 2018, he is one of the youngest directors to be accepted in the Lyceum's 40-year history and the first with a disability. He is a sustaining member of the U.S. Spain Council/Fundación Consejo España-EE.UU. Furthermore, he is extensively involved in U.S. Mexico binational relations advocating for border infrastructure, comprehensive immigration reform, the safety of border law enforcement, border business/commerce, and serves as the Vice-Chairman of the Texas Border Coalition who advocates for more than 1,250 miles of Texas/Mexico international boundary and border communities. C. LeRoy is also on the boards of Every Texan formally the Center for Public Policy Priorities (CPPP) in Texas, the Small Business Roundtable in Washington D.C., the San Antonio Mexico Friendship Council, and is a sustaining member of the American Israel Political Affairs Committee (AIPAC).

C. LeRoy was named San Antonio Business Journal's 40 Under 40 in 2018 for his community impact. He was also awarded the Tech Innovador Advocacy Award by Hispanic Technology and Telecommunications Partnership (HTTP) in 2021 for his extensive advocacy work in evolving federal legislation to expand broadband infrastructure and access to technology in vulnerable constituencies across the United States.

A graduate of the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) formally UT Pan-American, he holds a Master's in Public Administration, a Bachelor of Arts in Communication with an emphasis in Journalism,

Advertising, and Public Relations, and a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish with an emphasis in Castilian Spanish and the History of Spain. He is currently seeking an Advanced Leadership Certification from Texas Christian University (TCU) Neeley School of Business.

C. LeRoy is the youngest of three sons to the authors of his success, his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. Jorge and Irma Estela Cavazos who are still civically involved residents of Mission, Texas.



Ramiro A. Cavazos

Ramiro A. Cavazos, President & CEO of the United States

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, is a champion for bipartisan solutions that generate wealth to advance economic opportunity for the Hispanic community. With a steadfast commitment to promoting prosperity, Mr. Cavazos has emerged as a prominent advocate for equitable growth for Hispanics in business.

Prior to his position at the USHCC, he served as the President & CEO of the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, where he played a pivotal role in fostering entrepreneurship and innovation in the region for more than 10 years. Under his leadership, the organization experienced remarkable growth and was recognized for its impactful work in empowering Hispanic-owned businesses.

His career has spanned a variety of industries, including large corporations, government service and higher education, as well as worked at the City of San Antonio, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, Levi Strauss Company and Levi Strauss Foundation, InterContinental Bank Shares Corporation. He also taught at University of Texas at San Antonio.

A native of Weslaco, TX, Cavazos is chairman of the board for the Hispanic Association on Corporate Responsibility, based in Washington, D.C., that advocates for Fortune 500 companies to invest in more equitable and fair representation for Hispanics on corporate boards and publicly traded companies. He also serves on the board of Sister Cities International, LiftFund, and is a member of Council on Foreign Relations and Bank of America's National Community Advisory Council.

Cavazos has been featured in Fortune, Forbes, Time, Newsweek, CNN, the Associated Press, The Economist, The Washington Post, El País, El Heraldo and many other media outlets. He has also been recognized by Latino Leaders Magazine as one of America's "101 Most Influential Latinos" for the last six years. In recognition of his work, in 2015 Spain bestowed on him the Order of Isabel the Catholic, its highest award granted to foreigners.

With his innovative approach, Cavazos is shaping the future of the Hispanic business community and contributing to the overall economic vitality of the nation. His vision for USHCC centers on strengthening the bridge between Hispanic businesses and the broader American economic landscape. He continues to be a powerful advocate for policies and initiatives that create a level playing field for Hispanic-owned enterprises, advocating for the interests of more than 5 million Hispanic-owned businesses throughout the U.S.

Cavazos earned his Master's Degree in Public Administration from St. Mary's University, where he received the honor of Distinguished Alumnus, and his Bachelor's Degree in Government from the University of Texas at Austin. A 7th generation Texan, he and his wife Christa are the proud parents of two boys.



Hazel Diez Castaño

Hazel is the global Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) of Santander since June 2023, responsible for managing the cybersecurity teams and services throughout the Group. She has more than 20 years of experience in working in multicultural environments, leading different security departments globally. Previously, she was the leader of the global GRC Cyber function, being responsible for cybersecurity governance, risk management and compliance processes and additionally coordinating the CISO activity for Central Services and SOX IT control framework. Prior to joining Santander, she has held various senior cybersecurity roles in first, second and third line of defense in various industries, including the European function for IT and Cyber Risks, as well as global Security Architecture and Design at Aviva, UK's largest insurance company.

Adela Duran

Ms. Duran began her career in the 1980's working in U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman's Washington, D.C. office. After six years on Capitol Hill, she returned to New Mexico where she received a B.A. in International Business from the College of Santa Fe and a Juris Doctorate from the University of New Mexico School of Law. She was then hired by the late Governor Bill Richardson as a Senior Policy Advisor in the Mexican Affairs Division of the New Mexico Economic Development Department to work on NAFTA issues and government to government initiatives between New Mexico and Mexican border states, including the New Mexico-Chihuahua Commission and the XXII U.S.-Mexico Border Governor's Conference.

Ms. Duran is an attorney, currently managing a government relations and legal practice under her own business, Duran Resources, LLC, in

Santa Fe, New Mexico. Prior to starting her own business, Ms. Duran worked for 14 years with a Santa Fe law firm focusing on government and regulatory affairs. She has over 20 years of experience assisting clients in fostering relationships within executive and legislative branches of federal, state, tribal and local governments.

Ms. Durán's affiliation with the U.S. Spain Council is through her role with the Chamber of the Americas.

La Sra. Durán comenzó su carrera en la década de 1980 trabajando en la oficina del senador estadounidense Jeff Bingaman en Washington, D.C. Después de seis años en el Capitolio, regresó al estado de Nuevo México, donde recibió una licenciatura en Negocios Internacionales del College of Santa Fe y un Doctorado en Jurisprudencia de la Facultad de Derecho de la Universidad de Nuevo México. Luego fue contratada por el fallecido gobernador Bill Richardson como Asesora Principal de Políticas en la División de Asuntos Mexicanos del Departamento de Desarrollo Económico del estado de Nuevo México, para trabajar en asuntos de NAFTA e iniciativas de gobierno entre el estado de Nuevo México y los estados fronterizos mexicanos, incluyendo la Comisión Nuevo México-Chihuahua y la XXII Conferencia de Gobernadores de la Frontera México-Estados Unidos.

La Sra. Durán es abogada, actualmente administra Durán Resources, LLC, su propia práctica legal y relaciones gubernamentales, en Santa Fe, estado de Nuevo México. Antes de iniciar su propia firma, la Sra. Durán trabajó durante 14 años con un bufete de abogados de Santa Fe que se especializaba en asuntos gubernamentales y regulatorios. Tiene más de 20 años de experiencia ayudando a clientes a fomentar relaciones dentro de las ramas ejecutivas y legislativas de los gobiernos federales, estatales, tribales y locales.

La afiliación de la Sra. Durán con el Consejo de Estados Unidos y España es a través del papel que desempeña en la Cámara de las Américas.



Ingrid Duran

A former Marine, forever Chicana, and loyal Boyle Heights native, Ingrid Duran appreciates the importance of representation and having a seat at the table. As CEO & Co-founder of D&P Creative Strategies, Ingrid puts her passions into action, fighting on behalf of clients and causes that make a difference for communities of color. Ingrid curates the firm's leadership and strategy with poise and precision, aligning D&P's compassionate mission with meaningful political impact. A skilled advocate for both the public and private sectors, she builds on her experience to yield solutions that move the needle in modern and innovative ways. Through

the Familia es Familia advocacy campaign, Ingrid played a significant role in changing the narrative around gay marriage, building broad coalition support, and ultimately contributing to the landmark Supreme Court case granting equal marriage rights for all.

She's no novice to change-making. Before co-founding D&P, Ingrid was President & CEO of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute and Director of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials' D.C. office. After serving our country in the Marine Corps, Ingrid further dedicated her career to public service in Congress. She worked under the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, on the House Banking Committee under the leadership of then-Chairman Henry B. Gonzalez, and as Legislative Assistant for former Representative Gene Green.

Her efforts as a dynamic, steadfast leader and advocate for the LGBTQ+ and Latino communities have garnered her national accolades and numerous honors, including: The Premio Dignidad Award from LLEGO; Recognition as the Nation's 100 most influential and powerful Hispanics for HISPANIC and PODER magazines; Latina of Excellence acknowledgement by HISPANIC magazine; Hispanic Women's Corporation and The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force 2012 Leadership Award; Latino Magazine 2013 Power Players recognition; Working Mother Magazine's Legacy Award; and Hispanic VIP's Premio a la Excelencia for her work in the Hispanic community.

In 2014, Latino Magazine recognized her as one of the Top 10 leaders in the Latino community, and People en Español named her one of the 25 Most Powerful Latinas in the country. Ingrid has also been named one of The Hill's top lobbyists in Washington, DC each year since 2018.

Ingrid serves on the boards of PODER PAC and Voto Latino. She holds a Bachelor of Science from Park University and a certificate from Harvard Business School's Executive Program and Harvard JFK School of Government's Executive Program. Ingrid spends her spare time Producing films, together with her wife, Catherine they produced six films on identity for HBO and PBS American Masters. She also loves boating, painting, and spending time with her wife and partner, Catherine, and their dog-children Milo & Theo at their home in Maryland.



Karla Duran

Dr. Karla Duran is an educator, professor and servant leader in San Antonio for over 23 years. She was raised in North Texas and moved to San Antonio to attend college.

She is a first-generation immigrant, bilingual educator, Latina with a Ph.D., and a National Diversity Council Certified

Diversity Professional. Dr. Duran reflects on the intersectionality of being proud to be a Mexicana & Americana which combines the values that her "abuelitos" have taught her that guide her work. She will continue their legacy of empowering others and sharing her story in order to connect with others through mutually shared experiences. Juntos Podemos Mas!



Rodrigo Echenique Gordillo

He is currently the Chairman of Fundación Banco Santander, Board member of Banco Santander Chile and non-Executive Board Member of Inditex Law degree from the Universidad Complutense in Madrid; Government lawyer on leave of absence.

Mr. Echenique began his professional career in 1973 and held several positions in public administration. In 1976 he joined the Banco Exterior de España as Assistant General Manager and Head of Legal Services. Later he was appointed Deputy General Manager and member of the Executive Commission.

Since 1984 he has held several positions within Santander Group. Between October 1988 and September 1994, he joined the Board of Directors as CEO. He has also been Vice-president, member of Banco Santander's Board of Directors and the Executive Commissions until 2019. He has also held the position of Chairman of Banco Santander Spain and Banco Popular, Chair of the Board of Directors of Merlin Properties, Vice-Chairman of Banco Banif and Chairman of Allfunds Banks.

He has also played multiple roles as Chairman or Member in the Board of Directors of several industrial and financial companies: NH Hotel Group, Vocento, Vallehermoso, Ebro Azúcares y Alcoholes, Industrias Agrícolas, SABA, Lar, Accenture, Lucent Technologies, Quercus and Agrolimen and other non-profit organisations.

He is a trustee and member of the board of several foundations (United States Spain Council, Teatro Real, the Reina Sofia Superior School of Music and ProCNIC).

Lastly, he has spoken in countless seminars and conferences about financial and legal topics and written several publications on these themes.

Presidente de Fundación Banco Santander. Actualmente también es miembro del Consejo de Administración de Banco Santander Chile y Consejero no ejecutivo de Inditex. Es licenciado en Derecho por la Universidad Complutense de Madrid y Abogado del Estado en excedencia.

Comenzó su carrera profesional en 1973, ocupando diversos cargos en la Administración del Estado. En 1976 se incorpora al Banco Exterior de España como subdirector general y jefe de los Servicios Jurídicos, para más tarde ser nombrado director general adjunto y miembro de la Comisión de Dirección.

Desde 1984 ha desempeñado diferentes responsabilidades dentro del Grupo Santander. En octubre de 1988 accedió al Consejo de Administración en calidad de Consejero Delegado, permaneciendo en el cargo hasta septiembre de 1994. Desde entonces, también ha sido Vicepresidente, miembro del Consejo de Administración y de la Comisión Ejecutiva de Banco Santander hasta 2019. Ha sido también presidente de Santander España, presidente de Banco Popular, presidente de Allfunds Bank, Vallehermoso, NH Hotel Group, Vocento y Merlin Properties; y Vicepresidente de Banco Banif.

Igualmente, ha tenido múltiples responsabilidades en el Consejo de Administración de diversas sociedades industriales y financieras: Ebro Azúcares y Alcoholes, Industrias Agrícolas, SABA, Lar, Accenture, Lucent Technologies, Quercus y Agrolimen y otros organismos pro bono.

Es patrono y miembro de los Consejos de diferentes Fundaciones. Forma parte del Patronato de la Fundación Consejo España-EEUU, Vicepresidente del Patronato del Teatro Real, miembro del Patronato de la Escuela Superior de Música Reina Sofia, de la Fundación Empresa y Crecimiento y CNIC.

Por último, ha sido ponente en numerosos seminarios y conferencias sobre temas financieros y legales, así como autor de diversas publicaciones sobre las mismas materias.



Angel Javier Estades Saenz

Javier Estades Saez, President and CEO of TABACALERA USA Inc., is responsible for leading Imperial Brands PLC's premium cigar operations in the United States, which include Altadis U.S.A. Inc., 800-JR Cigar, Inc. and Casa de Montecristo.

Altadis U.S.A. is a leading premium cigar manufacturer, offering such prestigious brands as Montecristo, Romeo y Julieta and Vega Fina. Its handmade cigar operations are located in La Romana in the Dominican Republic, the largest premium cigar factory in the world, and in Honduras. The JR Cigar business includes one of the largest online cigar companies in the U.S. Casa de Montecristo has 24 retail cigar stores, some property of the company and others franchises.

Imperial Brands is the number one manufacturer and marketer of premium handmade cigars worldwide through TABACALERA S.A. based in Spain.

In addition, Javier serves as Chairman of the Cigar Association of America (CAA), the premier national trade organization for the cigar industry. He is the first non-American who holds this position. He is also serving as president of the Board of Directors of the Spain US Chamber of Commerce in Miami.

Prior to joining Imperial Brands, Javier accumulated many years of experience in large, fast-moving consumer goods companies, including HJ Heinz and Bristol Myers-Squibb and its Clairol Personal Care Division. He joined Altadis S.A., a Spanish subsidiary of Imperial Brands, more than 15 years ago as marketing manager for machine made cigars, and after earning several promotions became responsible for premium cigar operations in Spain, which included some international responsibilities for machine made Cuban cigars.

Javier earned his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration at George Washington University, and an MBA degree from IE Business School in Madrid, Spain.



Roberto Fierro

Roberto Fierro is a seasoned government affairs professional with a background in tech, telecom, energy, and consumer issues. He currently serves as Live Nation Entertainment's Senior Director of Government Relations and Public Policy, overseeing the company's U.S. federal outreach.



Lidia Fonseca

Lidia Fonseca is the Chief Digital and Technology Officer at Pfizer, responsible for enterprise-wide digital, data and technology strategy and solutions to support the purpose of delivering Breakthroughs that Change Patients' Lives. She also leads Learning and Development and Business Process Excellence. In her prior role, Lidia was CIO at Quest Diagnostics, the world's leading provider of diagnostic information services.

Throughout her career, Ms. Fonseca has received numerous awards and accolades, including the 2023 National CIO of the Year ORBIE Award and the 2022 New York CIO of the Year ORBIE Award. She was named on the 2022 Forbes CEO Next List recognizing top 50 executives who are likely to lead some of America's top companies and the 2022 Forbes CIO Next List recognizing the top 50 tech leaders who are redefining the CIO role and driving game-changing innovation. She was named on the list of the 50 Most Powerful Latinas in 2020, 2021, and 2022 by the Association of Latino Professionals for America. In 2022, Pfizer won multiple awards in digital manufacturing including Gartner's Supply Chain Breakthrough of the Year Award.

She earned a BA from the University of California, Berkeley and an MBA and Master Business Informatics from Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus Graduate School of Business.

Lidia is a member of the Board of Directors of Medtronic (NYSE: MDT) and the U.S.-Japan

Business Council. She was previously a member of the Board of Directors at Tegna, Inc. (NYSE: TGNA) from 2014 – August 2023, Gannet, Inc. (NYSE: GCI) from 2014-2017 and Q2 Solutions, a joint venture between Quest Diagnostics and IQVIA, from 2016 to 2018.



Cynthia Garcia

Cynthia (Cyndy) Garcia is currently the Honorary Consul Designee to Spain in Albuquerque. She fell in love with Spain as a junior in college when she was an exchange student at the Universidad de Granada. After another year in Granada after graduation, Cyndy started a career at the City of Albuquerque where she has spent the majority of her tenure at the Department of Arts & Culture. She spent 10 years as the fiscal manager for the department and the last 13 years working on Museum initiatives, first as the Assistant Director at the Albuquerque Museum and more recently as the Museums Liaison for the department. Highlights of her career at the Albuquerque Museum were having an instrumental role in bringing the exhibitions, "Visions of the Hispanic World: Treasures from the Hispanic Society Museum & Library," which featured works from the Spanish masters Diego Velázquez and Francisco Goya, and "Frida Kahlo, Diego Rivera, and Mexican Modernism" to the museum. She consulted with both the Prado Museum in Madrid, Spain and the Palacio de Bellas Artes in Mexico City, Mexico in preparation for these blockbuster exhibits. The most recent special accomplishment Cyndy is proud of is the negotiation of a gift to the Albuquerque Museum that consisted of a Galician hórreo from the 1800 century from the from the Loewe Foundation in Madrid, Spain that now adorns the Museum's sculpture garden. Ms. Garcia earned her MBA from Anderson School of Management as well as her BA in Economics and Spanish (double major) from the University of New Mexico. In addition to her time in Spain, she spent a year as a Free Market Development Advisor in Panama City, Panama. She is a proud native New Mexican with ties to the rural Northern New Mexican villages of Medanales and Dixon.

Cynthia (Cyndy) Garcia es la cónsul honoraria designada de España en Albuquerque. Se enamoró de España cuando era estudiante de intercambio en la Universidad de Granada. Tras pasar otro año en Granada después de obtener su licenciatura, empezó su carrera en el ayuntamiento de Albuquerque, donde pasó la mayor parte de su tiempo en el Departamento de Arte y Cultura. Durante 10 años desempeñó el cargo de gerente fiscal del departamento y, los últimos 13 años, trabajando en iniciativas de museos, primero como directora adjunta y más recientemente como persona de enlace con los museos del ayuntamiento. Entre sus logros en el Museo de Albuquerque destacan el haber tenido un papel instrumental en traer al Museo

de Albuquerque las exposiciones "Visiones del mundo hispano: Tesoros de la biblioteca y el museo de la Sociedad Hispánica", que presentaba trabajos de los maestros españoles Diego Velázquez y Francisco de Goya, y la exposición "Frida Kahlo, Diego Rivera y el modernismo mexicano". Garcia ejerció de consultora con el Museo del Prado en Madrid y el Palacio de Bellas Artes de la Ciudad de México en preparación de estas monumentales exposiciones. El éxito más reciente del que se siente particularmente orgullosa fue la negociación que permitió traer un hórreo gallego del siglo XVIII, obsequiado por la Fundación Loewe de Madrid, que actualmente adorna el jardín de esculturas del Museo de Albuquerque. Cynthia obtuvo su maestría en Administración de Empresas y su licenciatura en Economía y Español, ambos títulos por la Universidad de Nuevo México. Además de pasar tiempo en España, ejerció un año como asesora de desarrollo de libre mercado en la Ciudad de Panamá. Cynthia se enorgullece de ser natural de Nuevo México y tiene vínculos con los pueblos rurales de Medanales y Dixon, al norte de Nuevo México.



Ambassador Eduardo Garrigues

Ambassador of Spain, Diplomat and writer. Honorary Trustee of the Fundación Consejo España – EE.UU.

Counselor of Spanish Delegation to the United Nations and Advisor to the U.N Security Council (1978-1983)

Ambassador of Spain to Namibia/Botswana (1998-2000) and Norway/Iceland (2000-2004), Consul General of Spain in Los Angeles (1989) and Puerto Rico (2010).

Designated as "Ambassador of Spain" (R.D. 28-12-2014)

Cultural assignments:

Director of the Institute of Spain in London (1985)

Director General of Casa de América in Madrid (1994)

Director of seminars:

"The Spanish Enlightenment in the Independence of the United States: Benjamin Franklin," Royal Academy of History, Madrid, 2006; "Legacy,"

"The Spanish Contribution to the Independence of the United States, 1763-1848" (2007), at the National Portrait Gallery, Washington, in collaboration with the Smithsonian Institution. "International Conference on the impact of the Cortes of Cadiz in North America," Congress of Deputies, Madrid, 2009

Contributions to exhibitions/catalogues:

"Legacy. Spain and the US in the age of Independence" NPG Washington (2007)



Juan Luis Gimeno

Mr. Gimeno is a Spanish civil servant (Economist of the state)

currently posted as Trade Commissioner for Spain in the West Coast, based in Los Angeles. He helps Spanish companies in the US and assists American businesses in Spain. His current position focuses on digital sectors, audiovisual sector (cinema, animation, videogames), energy and aerospace among other areas. He has held executive positions in the Spanish Administration in the Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Labor and social affairs and in the Antitrust and regulated sectors National institution, the Comision Nacional de Mercados y Competencia (CNMC). His career has focused on economic policy design and economic diplomacy in different fora: European Union, OECD, G20, IMF, etc. He holds a Laws degree and a Business degree in ICADE.



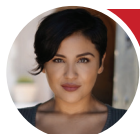
Oskar Goitia

In May 2015, Oskar Goitia was appointed by the Standing Committee of MONDRAGON as Chairman of MONDRAGON International. Mr. Goitia retains his position as Vice Chairman of the MONDRAGON Automotive Division, appointed in May 2013.

For the past twenty-five years, Mr. Goitia has helped to lead Mondragon's growing international business development presence in the most important global automotive markets (USA, Mexico, Brazil, South Africa, Europe, Russia, India, Korea, Japan, and China) where he has coordinated multicultural teams and the establishment of manufacturing, assembly plants and local sales offices. He has served on several local and European automotive industry boards and associations with the goal of furthering strong customer and institutional relationships.

Mr. Goitia holds a degree in Mechanical Engineering from MONDRAGON University and began his professional career in 1990 as a technician in Wohlfahrt GmbH, a German manufacturer of engine moulds and dies based in Stuttgart. Along these 20 years, has served in key management positions in several MONDRAGON companies. Mr. Goitia led the transformation of Loramendi into a cooperative and integration into MONDRAGON before becoming Vice President of MONDRAGON Automotive.

During the last years, he has played a key role in the success of MONDRAGON International based in the deployment of Business and Institutional Corporate Diplomacy together with the Intercooperation in all those countries and main markets where MONDRAGON companies are present.



Annie Gonzalez

Annie Gonzalez is a producer, activist, and performer,

who works to support immigration rights, educational equity, and the arts. She is a Chicana Artivista who uses multiple cultural and creative platforms to build mutual empowerment, class consciousness, autonomy and dignity. Annie is a sixth-generation Los Angeles native and has been acting, dancing and singing, on stage and screen since the age of 10. She spent much of her career performing a version of Mexican-American that was legible for the few roles that were available. The scope of Latinx stories has widened and the word is beginning to spread. Gonzalez has landed roles in popular television series such as Netflix's *Gentefied*, Showtime's *Shameless*, FX's *American Horror Story*, Amazon's *Good Girls*, and Starz's *Vida*. She also can be seen in *East of the Mountains*, alongside Mira Sorvino and Tom Skerritt and on the big screen in the highly-viewed Hulu Original Film, Eva Longoria-directed feature film, *Flamin' Hot*, from Searchlight Pictures and Franklin Entertainment. Gonzalez plays a lead role as Judy Montañez, wife to Richard Montañez. She also can be seen in the upcoming Ethan Cohen film *Drive Away Dolls*. Her next endeavor is serving as Executive Producer for Vix+ Jenni Rivera biopic titled *Jenni*. Gonzalez currently resides in Los Angeles, CA.



Ernesto Gonzalez

Ernesto joined Macquarie in 2016 and is currently Head

of Real Assets in Mexico and Colombia for Macquarie Asset Management where he is responsible for MAM's infrastructure investments across a wide range of sectors including renewables.

He currently serves on the board of directors for several portfolio companies across various infrastructure sectors including digital, transport, energy, and renewables. Ernesto is also Investment Committee Member of Macquarie Mexico Infrastructure Fund and China Mexico Fund.

Ernesto has over 23 years of experience investing in and developing energy and infrastructure projects globally. Prior to joining Macquarie, he was Co-Founder and Executive Vice President of Development at ContourGlobal leading a rapid global expansion across conventional power generation and renewable assets in three continents. Previously, he also held positions at The AES Corporation and Credit Suisse.

Ernesto is Chair of the Board of Trustees at The American School Foundation, A.C. a non-profit organization delivering American independent education in Mexico City and is Member of the

Advisory Committee of Antes de Partir, a non-profit organization offering palliative services to underprivileged children.

He has a Bachelor of Business Administration from Texas A&M University.

Ernesto se unió a Macquarie en 2016 y actualmente es Director de Infraestructura en México y Colombia en Macquarie Asset Management en donde es responsable de sus inversiones en una amplia gama de sectores incluyendo renovables.

Actualmente es miembro del consejo de administración de diversas empresas de infraestructura en los sectores de digital, transporte, energía, y renovables. Ernesto también es miembro del comité de inversión del Fondo de Infraestructura de Macquarie en México y de China Mexico Fund.

Ernesto cuenta con más de 23 años de experiencia invirtiendo y desarrollando proyectos de energía e infraestructura mundialmente. Anteriormente fue Socio Fundador y Vicepresidente Ejecutivo de Desarrollo en ContourGlobal donde lideró una rápida expansión global en generación eléctrica convencional y renovable en tres continentes. Previamente, también ocupó cargos en The AES Corporation y Credit Suisse.

Ernesto is Presidente del Patronato de The American School Foundation, A.C. una organización sin fines de lucro la cual imparte educación independiente estadounidense en la Ciudad de México, también es miembro activo del Comité Asesor de Antes de Partir, una organización sin fines de lucro que ofrece servicios paliativos a niños de escasos recursos.

Ernesto es Licenciado en Administración de Empresas por la Universidad de Texas A&M.



Kemp Goulding

Kemp Gouldin is President and [Founder of Because Baseball](#),

a non-profit that is bringing youth baseball to the greater Middle East region. Starting with Egypt, where thousands of young people have begun playing under its auspices since 2017, the organization is building bridges of understanding with the Middle East across families, communities, and cultures - building connectivity across society.

Back on this side of the Atlantic, Kemp spearheaded Because Baseball's partnership with the Washington Nationals to create Major League Baseball's first ever Arab Heritage Night in 2019, building bridges of understanding through baseball in our own backyard.

With more than 15 years of experience at the crossroads of business, policy, and diplomacy in the region, he is a consensus builder who regularly advises key U.S. and world officials working on international issues.

Prior to his work in the region, he was a fellow at the United States Small Business Administration. He is a US Spain Council Young Leader, a Gabr Fellow, an American Council on Germany Young Leader and was a delegate in the Atlantic Council's Young Turkey Young America program. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he was a Morehead-Cain Scholar.



Alfonso Goyeneche

Alfonso Goyeneche is the President and Managing Partner of XTINT and Managing Director of Transearch International. From 2012 to 2018 he was a Partner at Amrop Seeliger & Conde US and served as the Head of the Financial Services Practice for the Americas.

He was previously the Managing Director of the investment Bank Ahorro Corporación Financiera Internacional., Executive Director for the US-Spain Council as well as Executive Director for the Spain United States Chamber of Commerce. Alfonso has served on the board of a number of companies including Indra USA, Eurocofin and ACF Intl. Alfonso currently serves as President of the US - Spain Council. He also serves on the Board for many non-for-profit organizations including the Florida 500 Years Foundation and has served on the Art Basel Miami Beach Jr. Host Committee since its inception. Alfonso has a degree in Economics from the University of Cambridge.



Kari Hatcher

Kari Hatcher joined General Motors' International Relations team in September 2021 and is based in the Global Public Policy office in Washington, D.C. where she engages the U.S. and foreign governments to help GM achieve its vision of Zero Crashes, Zero Emissions, and Zero Congestion. She leads corporate engagement around GM's operations in the Americas, Uzbekistan, and China. She regularly represents the company in front of high-level officials and supports executive engagement with foreign ministers, heads of state, and administration officials.

Kari joined GM from the U.S. Department of State, where she was a Foreign Service Officer for eight years. During her career, Kari was assigned to U.S. Embassy Berlin where she was staff assistant to the Ambassador and promoted environmental cooperation in the economic section. She also worked at U.S. Embassy Tokyo, U.S. Embassy Santo Domingo, and in the Bureau of Energy Resources. Kari uses her strong international background and global policy experience to support GM's industry leadership and electric future.

A native of Detroit, Kari attended Spelman College in Atlanta where she earned a B.A. in

International Studies. She later attended The Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies in Washington D.C., earning a M.A. in International Relations and Economics, with a focus in energy, resources, and the environment.



Lena Hernandez

Originally from Albuquerque, New Mexico, Lena Hernandez has spent the last twenty years dedicated to empowering and giving back to the communities that made her who she is today.

As Senior Director of External Affairs & Administration, Lena leads the team in long-term relationship building and project management. Lena is an important liaison between corporate actors and non-profits, facilitating sponsorship and partnership opportunities. After sixteen years with D&P, she is an expert negotiator and advocate with experience managing over \$1 million in partnerships.

She currently serves on the Board of the Latin American Youth Center and was recently appointed to Governor Wes Moore's Commission on Hispanic Affairs for the state of Maryland.

Originaria de Albuquerque, Nuevo México, Lena Hernández ha pasado los últimos veinte años dedicada a empoderar y retribuir a las comunidades que la convirtieron en lo que es hoy.

Como Directora Senior de Asuntos Externos y Administración, Lena dirige el equipo en la creación de relaciones a largo plazo y la gestión de proyectos. Lena es un importante enlace entre los actores corporativos y las organizaciones sin ánimo de lucro, facilitando oportunidades de patrocinio y asociación. Tras dieciséis años en D&P, es una experta negociadora y defensora con experiencia en la gestión de más de un millón de dólares en asociaciones.

Actualmente forma parte del Consejo del Centro Juvenil Latinoamericano y recientemente ha sido nombrada miembro de la Comisión de Asuntos Hispanos del Gobernador Wes Moore para el estado de Maryland.



Jose Francisco Herrera Antonaya

- General Director for International Relations.

- General Coordination of the Mayor's Office. Madrid City Council.
- Head of international action strategy for the Mayor's Office and government departments.
- Coordinator of the City Council's bilateral and multilateral international relations and

agreements, both with countries, cities, networks and international organisations, and Madrid institutions and organisations focusing on international affairs.

CURRENTLY

General Manager for Cooperation with National Government and the EU. Department of the Presidency, Justice and the Interior. Madrid Regional Government. Head of the departments for external action, cooperation with national government, emigration and return, directly managed European projects, state aid reports, relations with Spain's Permanent Representation to the EU (REPER), the European Documentation Centre and the Madrid Regional Government's representation office in Brussels. June 2021 to July 2023.



Walter R. Hufford, P.G.

Mr. Hufford is an industry leader with 40 years of experience

in both the energy and environmental practices, including upstream - exploration & production, midstream- pipeline compliance and downstream - refining & marketing. In his current position as Director - North America Government and Regulatory Affairs for REPSOL, he reports directly to Madrid executive leadership providing functional government and regulatory consistency across the organization. While he is not a registered lobbyist, he is actively working to advance REPSOL's climate change efforts, being the first major oil and gas company to commit to "net zero" emissions by 2050. Mr. Hufford was an early leader for the industry advancing disclosure of chemicals used during the hydraulic fracturing process and a strong advocate for safe and responsible energy development.

Mr. Hufford was nominated and appointed under President Obama to serve on USEPA's Science Advisory Board Panel (SAB) evaluating the agency's national assessment on the potential impact to groundwater from hydraulic fracturing activities. As the only energy industry representative to secure an appointment to this panel, he served as a subject matter expert in drafting responses to the USEPA's 2012 progress and 2015 final draft report. In 2015, Mr. Hufford was appointed by Governor Tom Wolf's Administration to serve on Pennsylvania's Pipeline Infrastructure task force evaluating development within the Commonwealth. In 2014, he was recognized as a "top geoscientist" in Texas.

Mr. Hufford has represented his firm at various functions including: the 2004 G-8 Summit held in Sea Island, Georgia, elected official events at foreign embassies, and numerous state functions. He also served on the Board of Directors for several non-governmental organizations, including the Pennsylvania Resource Council and the Pennsylvania

Environmental Council, both focused on environmental stewardship and protection. He served as an industry Board member for STRONGER (State Review of Oil, Natural Gas and Environmental Regulations) which provides consultations to state agencies on oil and gas regulatory programs. Mr. Hufford supported the graduate faculty at Texas A&M University as a Professor of Practice in the Geosciences Department through 2022 where he volunteered his time teaching graduate seminar classes on responsible energy development.

Internally, Mr. Hufford provides internal technical and regulatory support to the organization in the firm's North American & global operations. He represents REPSOL as the North American contact for the Oil and Gas Climate Initiative (OGCI) which is focused on reducing emissions by the sector. From an international perspective, Mr. Hufford works with the US State Department and other federal agencies on US energy policy issues. He has served on committees with regulatory agencies, trade organizations, and state regulatory programs dealing with federal and state legislation and rulemaking initiatives. He consistently delivers positive results with his strong organizational leadership, strategic planning, team building, tactical execution, and communication skills.

Mr. Hufford has a strong background in environmental issues, having managed legacy environmental liabilities in over 20 states. He has had direct responsibilities for multi-million-dollar environmental liabilities including: nuclear fabrication and disposal sites, chemical plants, petrochemical facilities, manufacturing locations and refinery projects. He also managed environmental remediation issues for operating facilities. He served in a leadership role during the 2010 Macondo Deep Water Horizon incident working with the US Coast Guard, USEPA, Homeland Security, Interior, US Fish and Wildlife as well as multiple state regulatory agencies. During the incident, he also was a spokesperson for BP's Community outreach effort conducting "town hall meetings" for residents in Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. Additionally, as a key member of the Incident Command team, Mr. Hufford hosted senior federal and state elected/regulatory officials providing technical updates to the White House and others regarding the response efforts.



J. Jon Imaz

Josu Jon Imaz has been chief executive officer since April 2014.

Ever since, he has led Repsol's transformation process, which has established itself today as a global multi-energy company, a major player in the Spanish electricity and gas market, and a leader in the development of sustainable mobility solutions that boasts one of the most efficient refining systems in Europe. Under his leadership, Repsol has accelerated its assets'

decarbonization process with the aim of leading the energy transition. In 2019, it became the world's first company in its sector to commit to reaching net zero emissions by 2050. In 2008, Josu Jon Imaz joined Repsol as chairman of its subsidiary Petronor, a company where he successfully managed the challenges of modernization, sustainability, and community relations.

In 2012, he joined the Executive Committee as executive managing director of the Industrial Area and New Energies, where he was responsible for coordinating the activities at all the industrial complexes, among other functions. He was also vice chairman of Gas Natural SDG, S.A. from September 2016 to February 2018.

Josu Jon Imaz is a Doctor of Chemical Sciences from the University of the Basque Country. He graduated from the School of Chemical Sciences in San Sebastián and received the award of excellence upon completion of his degree. He was also a research visitor fellow at Harvard Kennedy School in the United States. He began his career in the field of research upon being sent to the French Technological Center (CETIM) in Nantes, as well as in the field of industrial (Grupo Mondragón) and business project promotion in connection with the world of energy.

Josu Jon Imaz also held a number of political roles, including notable ones within the Ministry of Industry, Trade, and Tourism of the Basque Regional Government from 1999 to 2004. He is currently CEO of Repsol, trustee of the Repsol Foundation, and chairman of Fundación Consejo España-EE.UU.

Josu Jon Imaz es consejero delegado de Repsol desde abril de 2014. Desde entonces ha liderado el proceso de transformación de Repsol, consolidada hoy como una compañía global de multienergía, un actor relevante del mercado de luz y gas en España, a la cabeza del desarrollo de soluciones sostenibles para la movilidad y con uno de los sistemas de refino más eficientes de Europa. Bajo su gestión, Repsol ha acelerado el proceso de descarbonización de sus activos, con el objetivo de liderar la transición energética. En diciembre de 2019 se convirtió en la primera compañía de su sector en el mundo en comprometerse a ser cero emisiones netas en 2050. En el año 2008, Josu Jon Imaz entró a formar parte de Repsol como presidente de su filial Petronor, en la que gestionó con éxito los retos de modernización, sostenibilidad y relaciones con el entorno.

En 2012 se incorporó al Comité de Dirección de Repsol y fue nombrado director general del Área Industrial y Nuevas Energías, encargado, entre otras funciones, de coordinar las actividades de todos los complejos industriales. También fue vicepresidente de Gas Natural SDG, S.A desde septiembre de 2016 a febrero de 2018.

Josu Jon Imaz es doctor en Ciencias Químicas por la Universidad del País Vasco. Se licenció en la Facultad de Ciencias Químicas de San Sebastián con Premio Extraordinario Fin de Carrera. También fue investigador visitante en la Harvard Kennedy School, en Estados Unidos.

Inició su carrera profesional en los ámbitos de la investigación –fue enviado por el Centro de Investigación INASMET al Centro tecnológico francés CETIM, en Nantes– y de la promoción de proyectos industriales (Grupo Mondragón) y empresariales vinculados al mundo de la energía.

Josu Jon Imaz desempeñó también diversas responsabilidades políticas, entre las que destaca la Consejería de Industria, Comercio y Turismo del Gobierno Vasco en 1999 y la Presidencia de la Ejecutiva de EAJ-PNV. Actualmente es consejero delegado de Repsol, patrono de la Fundación Repsol y presidente de la Fundación Consejo España-EE.UU



Eduardo Iniguez

Eduardo Iniguez serves as Chief Executive Officer and member of

the board of directors for Getaround, a global peer-to-peer marketplace that has pioneered digital-first carsharing with its proprietary cloud and in-car Connect® technology. He has had a distinguished career leading profitable, high-growth companies across various industries including biotechnology, transportation, aerospace and defense. Previously, he was CEO and CFO of HyreCar before successfully leading its sale of assets to Getaround in May 2023. He has held executive roles at various private-equity backed aerospace and technology companies including Silvus Technologies, AllClear Aerospace & Defense and RxSight. He holds a Master of Business Administration in Finance and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Southern California Marshall School of Business.



Synthia R. Jaramillo

Synthia is dedicated to serving Hispanic Business

Enterprises in the United States and across the globe. She currently serves as the Senior Vice President of Corporate Relations for the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (USHCC), America's largest business advocacy organization for Hispanic Business Enterprises. Prior to her role with the USHCC, Synthia was the first woman to hold the position of Director of the Economic Development Department (EDD) at the City of Albuquerque. Appointed by Mayor Tim Keller in 2017, she oversaw the recruitment and retention of companies, the International Trade Office, Small Business Office, Film Office, the local tourism industry, and the Albuquerque Minority Business Development Center.

During her tenure with the City of Albuquerque, she led several initiatives to sustain and grow existing local businesses, create jobs, and recruit outside companies. Under her leadership, numerous nationally recognized companies, including film giants Netflix Studios and NBCUniversal, chose to invest in Albuquerque. Most notable, Synthia led a collaborative effort among local and state entities to secure Albuquerque as California-based Netflix's city of choice for an expanded production hub. The \$2 billion project solidified Albuquerque as one of the largest high-tech and sustainable film production facilities in North America.

Synthia has prioritized initiatives to sustain and grow existing local businesses as well. She has led innovative programs to support small businesses and their employees during Covid-19; she guided and implemented a holistic plan for their sustainable recovery. Pre-pandemic, Synthia created the City of Albuquerque's first Small Business Advocacy Office, which is solely focused on connecting businesses with the resources they need to launch or scale. She also spearheaded the creation of an innovative \$1 million workforce training program called Job Training Albuquerque.

Synthia has a history of championing a culture of diversity and inclusivity. She was intentional about recruiting a staff that was reflective of Albuquerque's majority-minority population, and under her leadership, the department funded business development and workforce development programs in Albuquerque communities that have historically been left behind. During her tenure, EDD won a grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce Minority Business Development Agency to establish the Albuquerque Minority Business Development Center. In a short amount of time, it has created a more equitable economy through strategic support of minority-owned enterprises and by ensuring the City actively seeks contract procurement with local businesses owned by women and people of color.

Before taking the helm of EDD, Synthia spent nearly two decades at the Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce. Under her leadership, the organization grew into the largest Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in the country. She also introduced the country's first bilingual entrepreneurship accelerator, which focused on helping immigrants start companies and gain basic business skills.

Synthia is an accomplished fundraiser, having raised millions of dollars throughout her career to benefit causes that support the local business community. She is a nationally recognized thought leader on fundraising, small business growth, community empowerment, and entrepreneurship, with particular emphasis on supporting innovative and hard-working women of color.

Synthia is a trusted and skilled economic developer and an advocate for bipartisan solutions for the Hispanic business community, and most importantly, Synthia is the proud mother of two beautiful daughters, Jasmine, and Genesis



Luis Jiménez Muñoz

Subdirector General del Centro Criptológico Nacional (Centro Nacional de Inteligencia).

Teniente Coronel en situación de servicios especiales (43 promoción de la Academia General Militar). Especialista Criptólogo y Especialista en Descripción por el Centro Superior de Información de la Defensa (CESID). Máster en Dirección de Sistemas de Tecnologías de la Información y las Comunicaciones (TIC) por la Universidad Politécnica de Madrid y el Instituto Nacional de Administración Pública. Diplomado del XL Curso de Defensa Nacional. Ha sido Auditor Certificado de Sistemas de Información (CISA) y dispone de diversas certificaciones de especialización en seguridad de las TIC. Es vocal del Consejo Nacional de Ciberseguridad de España, representante nacional en los Comités de seguridad de la información y ciberseguridad del Consejo de la Unión Europea y de la OTAN, y miembro del Comité Ejecutivo de la Comisión de Estrategia TIC de la Administración General del Estado. Entre los principales cometidos de su actual puesto de trabajo se encuentran el impulso y desarrollo de la Estrategia Nacional de Ciberseguridad, el apoyo a la implementación del Esquema Nacional de Seguridad en las administraciones públicas, la mejora de las capacidades de Respuesta ante Incidentes de Seguridad y la mejora de las capacidades de Evaluación y Certificación de la Seguridad de las TIC.



Justin Krawczyk

Justin Krawczyk is a Senior Federal Affairs Representative for FedEx Corporation, where he represents the company's interests on Capitol Hill in critical areas, including postal policy, customs enforcement, labor and restricted commodities. In his 16-year career with FedEx, he has held a variety of finance and management roles. Originally from Milwaukee, he holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and studied strategy and performance management at Georgetown University. In 2019, Justin was nominated for and completed FedEx's Global Leadership Corps program in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. While there, he and his fellow teammates worked directly with socially minded enterprises utilizing FedEx quality principles to help them streamline their businesses. He currently resides in Washington, DC.



María Teresa (Mayte) Ledo Turiel

She graduated in Economics from the University of Valladolid in 1992 and in 1994 completed her master's degree at the Centre for Financial and Monetary Studies (CEMFI) of the Bank of Spain. He completed his PhD in Economic Analysis at the Complutense University of Madrid. In 1994 she joined the Argentaria banking corporation as a financial markets analyst in the Treasury and Capital Markets room and in 1997 as a specialist in international economics and financial markets. In 1999 she was appointed Chief Economist of Economic and Financial Scenarios at the BBVA Group and in 2010 she added responsibility for financial regulation, being responsible for BBVA's Financial Regulation Committee. In 2011, she joined the BBVA Group's Chief Financial Officer, and has been a member of the management committee of the global financial area since then, first as head of financial trends and relations with regulators and supervisors until 2013. From 2014 onwards, she also assumed responsibility for the preparation of the BBVA group's recovery plan. Between 2016 and 2018 he was in charge of the financial strategy. In 2018 she became Global Head of Group Operations and in 2019, she was appointed Global Head of Cost, Purchasing and Investments. Since then, he has been in charge of managing the Single Development Agenda (SDA). In 2021 she joined the Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security and Migration as director of the minister's cabinet, actively participating in the substantive reforms that were carried out. She was appointed as Secretary of State for Digitisation and Intelligence in January 2024.

Se licenció en Ciencias Económicas por la Universidad de Valladolid en 1992, y en 1994 completó el master en el Centro de Estudios Financieros y Monetarios (CEMFI) del Banco de España. Además, realizó los cursos de doctorado en Análisis Económico en la Universidad Complutense de Madrid. En 1994 se incorporó a la corporación bancaria Argentaria como analista de mercados financieros en la sala de Tesorería y Mercados de Capitales y en 1997 se incorporó al Servicio de Estudios de BBV como especialista en economía internacional y mercados financieros. En 1999 fue nombrada economista jefe de escenarios económicos y financieros en el grupo BBVA y en 2010 añadió la responsabilidad de regulación financiera, responsabilizándose del Comité de Regulación Financiera de BBVA, clave para analizar la respuesta a los cambios normativos derivados de la crisis financiera. En 2011, se incorporó a la Dirección Financiera del grupo BBVA, formando parte del comité de dirección del área financiera global desde entonces, primero como responsable de tendencias financieras y de las relaciones con reguladores y supervisores hasta 2013. A partir de 2014 asumió además

la responsabilidad de elaboración del plan de recuperación del grupo BBVA. Entre 2016 y 2018 se encargó además de la estrategia financiera. En 2018 pasó a ser responsable global de operaciones del grupo financiero y en 2019, fue nombrada responsable global de costes, compras e inversiones. Desde entonces se encargó de la gestión de la Single Development Agenda (SDA), el modelo de gestión integrada y dinámica de inversiones del grupo BBVA, un modelo basado en evidencia, datos y priorización para la gestión integral de toda la cartera de inversiones, principalmente en tecnología, realizadas por el grupo financiero. En 2021 se incorporó al Ministerio de Inclusión, Seguridad Social y Migraciones como directora de gabinete del ministro, participando activamente en las reformas sustantivas que se llevaron a cabo. En 2023, fue nombrada directora de gabinete del ministro en el Ministerio de Transformación Digital.



Laurie Locascio

Dr. Laurie Locascio is currently the Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology and the director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). Locascio most recently served as vice president for research at the University of Maryland College Park and University of Maryland Baltimore. She also served as a professor in the Fischell Department of Bioengineering at the A. James Clark School of Engineering with a secondary appointment in the Department of Pharmacology in the School of Medicine.

Before joining the University of Maryland, Locascio worked at NIST for 31 years, rising from a research biomedical engineer to eventually leading the agency's Material Measurement Laboratory. She also served as the acting associate director for laboratory programs, the No. 2 position at NIST, providing direction and operational guidance for NIST's lab research programs. As a researcher, she has published 115 scientific papers and has received 12 patents in the fields of bioengineering and analytical chemistry. She is a fellow of the National Academy of Inventors, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Chemical Society, and the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering. Dr. Locascio was recently elected to the National Academy of Engineering.



Alberto López San Miguel

Alberto López is the Executive Director of the Commission for Cultural, Educational and Scientific Exchange between the United States of America and Spain (Fulbright Commission). He is also President of the "Fletcher Club of Spain".

Industrial Engineer, he was a Fulbright student from 1995 to 1996 at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, where he earned an MA in International Relations. He also has a Master's in International Marketing, awarded by ESDEN Business School in Madrid. He began his career in the Spanish Institute for Foreign Trade (ICEX) where he achieved managerial responsibilities as Chief of Staff of the Vice President and Director of Information Services. His most recent position was as Trade Promotion Director in Promomadrid, heading the support that Madrid Regional Government bestows on companies for their global expansion.

Alberto has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Sociedad Estatal para el Desarrollo del Diseño y la Innovación (DDI) and of the Public Company Mercasa. He has also worked in the private sector as Quality Manager, and led his own distribution Company.



Tara Lujan

Tara was first appointed by Santa Fe's County Commissioners to serve as state representative for House District 48 in July 2020. She was then elected to the office in November 2020. During the 2023 legislative session, she was appointed to the House Appropriation and Finance Committee (HAFIC). In addition to her position on HAFIC she serves as a member of House Rural Development, Land Grants and Cultural Affairs. Tara's priority has always been safeguarding New Mexico for future generations. Her policy focuses are on ensuring affordable access to healthcare, reproductive healthcare and behavioral health for all of our families, diversifying New Mexico's economy, and protecting quality and accessible education for every New Mexican.

Born and raised in Santa Fe, Tara is a mother of two. Tara has been an advocate who continues to work on policies that demonstrate values of collaboration and transparency in decision-making, fierce advocacy for our most vulnerable, and protections for equitable and inclusive diversity.

Tara has served in several community leadership roles and now as a legislator prioritizes working with others through shared values and vision to uplift New Mexico to its fullest potential. Through these challenging times, tough decisions have been required and Tara continues to ensure that policies for the state continue to invest in the long-term environmental and economic health of all New Mexicans.



María Luque Larena

María holds a degree in Hispanic Philology from the University of Barcelona, with an MBA in Cultural Management from the University of Salamanca and a Master's in North American Studies from the University of Alcalá. She actively participates in conferences and academic proposals related to cultural diplomacy and its impact on global societies, with a special focus on the relationship between Spain and the United States.

In 2014, she began her career at the Spain-USA Council Foundation as a project assistant. In 2017, after a period of leave to take care of her twins, she rejoined the team and currently holds the position of Head of Cultural Affairs. Over the years, she has directed two major exhibition projects: "Designing America. Spain's Imprint in the US," where she led the itinerary to its fourth venue in the U.S., and, since 2019, took charge of directing "Invisible Immigrants. Spaniards in the U.S. (1868-1945)," inaugurating three venues in Spain (Madrid, Gijón, and Almería) to date. She is currently working on the next phase of the project that will take the exhibition to various locations in the U.S. starting in 2025. Previously, she worked in the university and legislative fields, in addition to collaborating in the third sector.

A convinced European, she has had a special fondness for the United States since childhood, admiring, especially, the power of its civil society and philanthropic figures. Her passion for culture, international relations, and politics forms the basis of her academic training and subsequent professional specialization. She deeply believes in the power of culture and its transformative impact on relationships between countries and individuals. She is committed to channeling all her knowledge into work and life projects that can draw from and enrich themselves with that enthusiasm and certainty.



Jaime Malet

Jaime Malet (1964) is the Chairman of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Spain.

- CEO of TELAM Partners, a strategic consulting firm specializing in energy, infrastructure, and technology.
- Chairman of the Advisory Board of Zurich Insurance Group in Spain.
- Trustee of the Royal Board of Trustees of the Prado Museum.
- Member of the network of experts of the World Economic Forum (WEF).
- Law degree from the University of Barcelona (1982-1987); master's degree (LLM) in International Law and Economics from the University of Houston (1987-1989); and Advanced Management Program (PADE) from IESE (2001-2002).

Jaime Malet (1964) es presidente de la Cámara de Comercio de EE. UU. en España (AmChamSpain –www.amchamspain.com).
 - CEO de TELAM Partners, una consultora estratégica especializada en energía, infraestructura y tecnología (www.telampartners.com).
 - Presidente del Consejo Asesor de Zurich Insurance Group en España.
 Patrono del Real Patronato del Museo Nacional de El Prado.
 - Miembro de la red de expertos del Foro Económico Mundial (WEF).
 - Licenciado en Derecho por la Universidad de Barcelona (1982-1987); Máster (LLM) en Derecho Internacional y Economía por la Universidad de Houston (1987-1989); y Programa Avanzado de Dirección de Empresas (PADE) por el IESE (2001-2002).



Nick Maniatis

Nick Maniatis joined Netflix in 2019 and serves as the director of Studio and Production Policy. Prior to joining Netflix he served as the director of the New Mexico Film Office from 2011 until 2018. He began his career in the film and television industry in Los Angeles, working in different capacities on such shows as Candid Camera, A Different World and Grace Under Fire. He is a former member of the Directors Guild of America and served on the board of the Association of Film Commissioners International.



Valero Marín Sastrón

Valero Marín Sastrón (Santa Cruz de Tenerife, 1976) is executive managing director of Client and member of the Repsol Executive Committee. His responsibilities include designing Repsol's comprehensive multienergy product and service offering for all home and mobility energy needs. He is also involved in managing the areas of Mobility, LPG, Electric Mobility, Electricity and Gas Retail, Energy Solutions, and Lubricants. He was previously corporate director of Digitalization and Global Services, where he led a team of over 1,000 people in undertaking an extensive transformation of the organization. With a clear focus on serving in-house customers, he used digitalization to evolve business processes through the deployment of over 370 key enablers and digital initiatives such as the ARiA platform, the multicloud strategy, and automation platforms. Repsol's Digital Program attained a positive impact of €600 million in 2021 and has become a leading international player (BloombergNEF) with the support of strategic agreements with benchmark partners that include Microsoft, Salesforce, and Celonis.

At the same time, he has advanced initiatives such as IndesIA, an association for the development of a new growth-generating economy in Spain, by accelerating the use of data and artificial intelligence by industrial companies and SMEs. Valero Marín is currently chairman of IndesIA. Valero Marín Sastrón joined the Repsol Group in 2001. After more than a decade in various positions of responsibility in different CFO areas (Tax Policy, Treasury, Economic Administration), in 2015 he was tapped to lead Repsol's Transformation Program. Over the next two years he developed synergies and rolled out an ambitious program of efficiencies. Following this, he was named director of Global Services and Resources, which involved the creation of a services unit for the entire Company that was focused on efficiency and digitalization. In December of 2018 he became Repsol's chief information officer (CIO) and chief data officer (CDO). Valero Marín Sastrón earned a degree in Economics at the Universidad Carlos III in Madrid and has completed Repsol's Executive Development Program.

Valero Marín Sastrón (Santa Cruz de Tenerife, 1976) es Director General de Cliente y miembro del Comité Ejecutivo de Repsol. Es responsable del diseño de la oferta multienergía con la que Repsol busca satisfacer, de forma integral, todas las necesidades de energía para el hogar y la movilidad, con competencias en las áreas de Movilidad, GLP, Movilidad Eléctrica, Comercialización de Electricidad y Gas, Soluciones Energéticas y Lubricantes. Hasta agosto de 2022, fue director corporativo de Digitalización y Servicios Globales, donde lideró una profunda transformación de la organización. Con una clara orientación de servicio al cliente interno, ha evolucionado los procesos de negocio a través de la digitalización, con el despliegue de más 370 iniciativas digitales y habilitadores claves.

En paralelo, promovió iniciativas como IndesIA, asociación para el desarrollo de una nueva economía que genere crecimiento económico para España, a través de la aceleración del uso de los datos y la Inteligencia Artificial por parte de las empresas y PYMES industriales, de la que Valero Marín es presidente. Se incorporó al grupo Repsol en 2001. Tras más de una década de trabajo en diferentes responsabilidades vinculadas a áreas integradas en CFO (Fiscal, Tesorería, Económico Administrativa), en 2015 pasó a dirigir el Programa de Transformación de Repsol, en el que se materializaron sinergias y se desplegó un ambicioso programa de eficiencias. Tras ello fue nombrado director de Medios y Servicios Globales, lo que supuso la creación de una unidad global de servicios para la Compañía con foco en la eficiencia y la digitalización. en diciembre de 2018 fue nombrado chief information officer (CIO) y chief data officer (CDO) de Repsol. Valero Marín Sastrón es licenciado en Economía por la Universidad Carlos III de Madrid y ha cursado el Programa de Desarrollo Directivo de Repsol.



Leopoldo Martínez Nucete

Leopoldo Martínez Nucete (1964) is a Venezuelan-American international lawyer, writer, social entrepreneur, and a former Congressman in Venezuela. Leopoldo Martínez was nominated by President Joe Biden's to become the U.S. Executive Director of the Inter American Development Bank (IDB).

Martínez Nucete graduated from Universidad Católica Andrés Bello UCAB (JD 87), Harvard Law School (LLM 89), Princeton University School of International Affairs (MCF 96) and the University of Miami Law School (LLM-Tax 2006). He was also a Professor of Law in UCAB and a Visiting Scholar at Harvard Law. Leopoldo Martínez is the Founder of the Center for Democracy and Development in the Americas, IQLatino and the Principal of LMN Consulting, LLC. Leopoldo Martínez was a member of the Democratic National Committee (DNC), as well as one of its Deputy Finance Chairs; and a founding Board Chair of Latino Victory Project.

He served on the Board of the Small Business Commission of the Commonwealth of Virginia and on the Board of Visitors of the University Mary Washington in Virginia, where he Chaired the Administration, Advancement, Finance and Facilities Committee, and was a member of the Executive Committee. He is now a Board member of the Sorensen Institute at the University of Virginia. Leopoldo served in the Government Transition Committee for the 73rd Governor of Virginia Ralph Northam.

Martínez is a columnist and commentator for El Nacional, Univision, Wall Street Journal, Fox News, CNN and NTN24. He authored the books Democracia Económica (Princeton Academic Press, 1996) and 94 Paradoxes to think about the XXI Century (Editorial Dahbar, 2020).



Jaime Martorell Suárez

Jaime Martorell Suárez is an executive/CEO with over 40 years of experience in launching and managing technology companies internationally, specializing in Microelectronics and Telecommunications.

He began his professional career in Silicon Valley in 1978 at Fairchild, a pioneering microelectronics company. In 1983, he founded Logic Devices, the first company to design and manufacture DSP (Digital Signal Processor) components in CMOS technology. He returned to Spain in 1987 as CEO of ATT Microelectronics.

He later ventured into telecommunications as CEO of Telcel, leading the deployment of Spain's first mobile phone network for

Telefónica. He served as president of Motorola in Spain and as corporate vice president worldwide. In California, he held the position of Corporate Vice President at Rockwell, where he led the IPO of the semiconductor business unit (Conexant) and the segmentation of business units such as Industrial Automation and Avionics.

In 1998, he returned to Spain as CEO of Amper and later as Managing Director of ONO. He was also vice president of Asimelec, precursor of Ametic, the ICT industry association. Martorell has also founded several startups in Silicon Valley and Spain. Born in Barcelona in 1953, he holds a French Baccalaureate in Mathematics and Physics, a BS in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and an MBA from Santa Clara University, California. He has also served as a Professor of International Marketing at Santa Clara University. Jaime is fluent in Spanish, Catalan, French, and English.

Ejecutivo con más de 40 años de experiencia en el lanzamiento y gestión de empresas tecnológicas a nivel internacional, con especialización en Microelectrónica y Telecomunicaciones.

Comenzó su carrera en Silicon Valley en 1978 en Fairchild, empresa líder en microelectrónica. En 1983, fundó Logic Devices, la primera compañía en diseñar y fabricar componentes DSP en tecnología CMOS. Regresó a España en 1987 como director general de ATT Microelectrónica. Posteriormente incursionó en las telecomunicaciones como CEO de Telcel, liderando el despliegue de la primera red de telefonía móvil en España para Telefónica. Fue presidente de Motorola en España y vicepresidente corporativo a nivel mundial. En California, asumió el cargo de vicepresidente corporativo de Rockwell, donde lideró la salida a bolsa de la unidad de semiconductores (Conexant) y la segmentación de unidades de negocio como Automatización Industrial y Aviónica.

En 1998, retornó a España como CEO de Amper y luego como Director General de ONO. Además, fue vicepresidente de Asimelec, precursora de Ametic, la patronal de las TIC. Martorell también ha sido fundador de varias startups en Silicon Valley y España. Posee una sólida formación académica, incluyendo un Bachillerato Francés en Matemáticas y Física, BS en Ingeniería Eléctrica e Informática y un MBA de la Universidad de Santa Clara, California. También tiene experiencia docente como Profesor de Marketing Internacional en la misma universidad. Domina español, catalán, francés e inglés.



Rafael Mateo

Rafael Mateo, with nearly 40 years of experience in the electricity sector, is one of the most experienced professionals in the renewable-energy sector, having played an active role in the global shift from fossil fuels to renewable energies. His professional career began in 1982. He held different positions during his long trajectory in Endesa, including Production Director of Endesa Generación, Managing Director of Endesa Generación Latam, and CEO of Endesa Chile (NYSE: EOC). He has wide-ranging knowledge of Spanish and Latin-American markets, having managed a broad generation portfolio in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Peru. In 2010, he joined ACCIONA ENERGÍA as General Manager, becoming CEO in 2013, the position he currently holds. He has been essential for consolidating the excellent track record of the Company over that period, guaranteeing solvency, reliability and growth through diverse regulatory cycles and geographies. Mr Mateo Alcalá is the Chairman of the Supervisory Board of ACCIONA Energía International, S.A. and a member of various administrative bodies of other Acciona Group subsidiaries and he is also advisory board member of OMEL (Spanish Market Operator). Mr Mateo Alcalá is a leading public figure in renewable energy and participates in an array of international organizations that promote a decarbonized economy and renewable Development. He acted as president of Unipede-Eurelectric's production group in the past, is currently a member of the CEO's Electricity Group of the World Economic Forum, and actively participates in different forums and renewable-energy organizations. Mr Mateo Alcalá holds a bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering from the Higher Technical School of the University of Zaragoza (receiving the Extraordinary Honors Award). He has also completed a General Management Program at IESE Business School and a Business Management Program at INSEAD.



Jose Antonio Miranda

Jose Antonio Miranda was appointed Avangrid Renewables President and CEO in September 2022. He leads the operations, growth, and pipeline development of the company's renewable business in the United States. Jose Antonio has extensive renewables leadership experience. Prior to joining Avangrid Renewables in 2021, he worked as CEO of the Onshore Renewable Business in the Americas region for Siemens Gamesa and served as Chairman of its boards in the U.S., Mexico and Brazil. He also served as Secretary of the Board and Executive Committee member of the American Wind Energy Association (AWEA) and later in ACP (American Clean Power). Prior to

his 14-year tenure at Siemens Gamesa where he held roles in Europe, Asia and the Americas, he held a variety of roles over a ten-year period at the multinational engineering firm ABB. He is a global citizen who has lived in Europe, Asia and America and has a master's degree in business administration from ICADE (Universidad Pontificia de Comillas, Madrid, Spain) and a PhD degree in Industrial Engineering from the Superior Technical Institute of Industrial Engineers of Gijón (Oviedo University, Spain).



Joaquín Mollinedo

Joaquín Mollinedo Chocano joined Acciona in 2008 and was appointed Chief of Institutional Relations Officer of Acciona, in April 2011, responsible for the regulation, institutional relations and media at a corporate level. In October 2016, Mr. Mollinedo took, in addition to his previous functions, branding issues at the corporate level. The career of Mr. Mollinedo has covered both the public and the private sector. Lawyer by training, served in the Public Administration as General Legal and General Secretary of the regional parliaments of La Rioja and La Comunidad de Madrid, as well as Head of Studies of the Consejo General del Poder Judicial. In the private sector, Mr. Mollinedo was Director of Institutional Relations and Regulation of Amena, Spanish telecommunications company and was subsequently appointed Secretary General of the company, once it was acquired by France Telecom/Orange. After his period in France Telecom/Orange, Mr. Mollinedo, became the General Secretary of Vocento, a Spanish group of communication and media, prior to joining Acciona.

Jaime se incorporó a la oficina de Madrid de Uría Menéndez en 1998 y es socio del despacho desde 2008. De 2012 a 2016, dirigió la oficina de Uría Menéndez en Nueva York. Entre 2001 y 2002, trabajó en la oficina de Nueva York de Sullivan & Cromwell. Sus áreas de práctica profesional cubren un amplio abanico de asuntos societarios y bancarios. Se ha especializado en fusiones y adquisiciones, tanto de compañías privadas como de sociedades cotizadas, en ofertas públicas de adquisición y en operaciones de mercado de capitales (emisiones de renta fija y variable, liability management, etc.). También actúa habitualmente en operaciones de financiación y asesora a entidades de crédito en cuestiones regulatorias. Jaime ha sido considerado como abogado destacado en los ámbitos de mercado de capitales y de fusiones y adquisiciones por los principales directorios jurídicos (PLC Which Lawyer?, Best Lawyers, Chambers Global, etc.).



Ángeles Moreno Bau

Ambassador Moreno was born in Madrid in 1968 and holds a Law Degree from the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid. She joined the Spanish Foreign Service in 1994. Until her appointment, she was Secretary of State for Foreign and Global Affairs since 2021. Previously, she held positions in the Presidency of the Government as Director of the Cabinet of the Secretary General, in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union, and Cooperation as Undersecretary and Secretary of State for International Cooperation, in the Ministry of the Interior as Director General of International Relations and Foreign Affairs, and in the Ministry of Defense as Director of Cabinet of the Secretary of State for Defense.

In her career as a diplomat abroad, the Ambassador has been posted in Russia, Panama, Egypt, Mexico, and the United Kingdom.

La embajadora Moreno nació en Madrid en 1968 y se licenció en Derecho por la Universidad Autónoma de Madrid. Ingresó en la Carrera Diplomática en 1994. La embajadora ejercía, hasta su nombramiento, como secretaria de Estado de Asuntos Exteriores y Globales desde 2021. Anteriormente, desempeñó cargos en la Presidencia del Gobierno como Directora del Gabinete del Secretario General, en el Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores, Unión Europea y Cooperación como Subsecretaria y Secretaria de Estado de Cooperación Internacional, en el Ministerio del Interior como Directora General de Relaciones Internacionales y Extranjería, y en el Ministerio de Defensa como directora de gabinete de la Secretaria de Estado de Defensa.

En su carrera como diplomática en el exterior, la embajadora ha estado destinada en Rusia, Panamá, Egipto, México y el Reino Unido.



Carlos Moreno Blanco

Graduate in Law from the Complutense University and maître en Droit from the Sorbonne. He has a master's degree in EU Law from the Carlos III University and in Foreign Trade from the CECO. He entered the Diplomatic Career in 2009. He has been posted twice in the Permanent Representation of Spain to the EU, and in the Spanish embassies in Tel Aviv, Beijing and Nairobi. In the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation he has been head of service in the General Subdirectorate of North Africa, technical advisor in the Department of Cooperation with the Mediterranean and North Africa of the AECID. For three years he was Deputy Director general of Fisheries Agreements and Regional Organizations in the General Secretariat of Fisheries (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Environment and Food).

Before becoming a civil servant, he worked as legal advisor and foreign trade consultant in Madrid, Paris and Rabat.

Licenciado en Derecho por la Universidad Complutense y maître en Droit por la Sorbona. Máster en Derecho de la UE por la Universidad Carlos III y en Comercio Exterior por el CECO. Ingresó en la Carrera Diplomática en 2009. Ha estado destinado dos veces en la Representación Permanente de España ante la UE, y en las embajadas de España en Tel Aviv, Pekín y Nairobi. En el Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores, Unión Europea y Cooperación ha sido jefe de servicio en la Subdirección General de África del Norte, consejero técnico en el Departamento de Cooperación con el Mediterráneo y Norte de África de la AECID. Durante tres años fue subdirector general de Acuerdos y Organizaciones Regionales de Pesca en la Secretaría General de Pesca (Ministerio de Agricultura, Pesca, Medio Ambiente y Alimentación).

Antes de ingresar en la administración ejerció la asesoría jurídica y de comercio exterior en Madrid, París y Rabat.



Janet Murguía

Since 2005, Janet Murguía has served as President and CEO of UnidosUS (formerly known as National Council of La Raza)—the nation's largest Latino civil rights and advocacy organization. In that role, Murguía has sought to strengthen UnidosUS's work and enhance its record of impact as a vital American institution. Murguía has also work to amplify the Latino voice on issues affecting the Hispanic community such as education, health care, immigration, civil rights, and the economy. Murguía began her career in Washington, DC as legislative counsel to former Congressman Jim Slattery from her home state, Kansas. She worked with Congressman Slattery for seven years before joining the Clinton administration, where she served for six years as a deputy assistant to President Clinton, including deputy director of legislative affairs. After serving in the Clinton administration, Murguía went on to serve as deputy campaign manager and director of constituency outreach for the Gore/Lieberman presidential campaign where she was the primary liaison between former Vice President Gore and national constituency groups.

In 2001, Murguía joined the University of Kansas (KU) as Executive Vice Chancellor for University Relations, where she oversaw KU's internal and external relations with the public. She is credited for coordinating the university's strategic planning and marketing efforts at the four KU campuses.

Over the course of her career, Murguía has been featured in various magazines and newspapers for her work and leadership.

This includes being one of USA Today's 2022 National Women of the Year, highlighted on Hispanic Business Magazines' "100 Top Latinas" and "100 Most Influential Hispanics" lists, Washingtonian magazine's "100 Most Powerful Women in Washington," The NonProfit Times's list of top 50 leaders of "Power and Influence," People En Español's "100 Most Influential Hispanics," Newsweek's Third Annual Women and Leadership issue, Poder magazine's "The Poderosos 100," Latino Leaders magazine's "101 Top Leaders of the Hispanic Community," and Hispanic magazine's "Powerful Latinos." Murguía was also the first Hispanic to give the keynote speech at the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Breakfast in Birmingham, Alabama. Murguía also received Alpha Phi's Frances E. Willard Award in 2018. In 2019 Murguía was inducted into the Starr Women's Hall of Fame which recognizes Kansas City women who have made significant and enduring contributions to their fields of endeavor and helped open new frontiers for women.

Murguía is currently a Board member of the Clinton Foundation, the United States-Spain Council, the Raza Development Fund, the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, and the Hispanic Association for Corporate Responsibility. She also serves as a member of Diversity Advisory Councils for Bank of America, Charter Communications, Comcast/NBC Universal, and T-Mobile.

She received three degrees from KU: a B.S. degree in journalism, a B.A. degree in Spanish, and a J.D. degree from the KU School of Law. She has also received several honorary degrees—a Doctor of Humane Letters from California State University, Dominguez Hills, an honorary Doctor of Laws from Wake Forest University, and an honorary Doctor of Laws from Williams College.



Gilberto Ocañas

Gilberto is a native Texan has been committed to building trusted relationships nationally throughout his career as an entrepreneur, senior business advisor and political and public stakeholder engagement strategist. His trusted political and business network spans corporate executives, community leaders, operatives, entrepreneurs and elected officials. Trusted relationships begin with gathering critical business and political intelligence, performing authentic outreach and crafting communications engagement strategies.

He has been CEO of Ocañas Group consulting since 1992 and since 2007 as Senior Advisor for Dentons the largest global law firm https, where he provides government and business advisory services. He also founded served as CEO of WinTex International the "first" Texas lottery and security printing

company beginning in 1992 for 16 years serving Texas and other states.

A veteran in senior roles of four presidential campaigns, Gilberto also managed statewide campaigns in Texas and was one of the first Hispanics to do so. He is proud to have served under the late Willie Velasquez as director of Communications for the Southwest Voter Registration Education Project. His political and business experience provides him with key insights into business growth and engaging public and governmental stakeholders.

The success of his business enterprise, coupled with his commitment to the Latino community, garnered him local recognition as the "Hispanic Businessman of the Year" as well as "Volunteer of the Year" by the Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Hispanic Magazine Gilberto as a "Rising Entrepreneur." He is graduate of the University of Houston and is married to Dr. Ana Margarita "Cha" Guzman.



**Julia Alicia
Olmo y Romero**

Joined the Foreign Service of Spain as a career diplomat, 1989. In 1994, after several years of service at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), on the Diplomatic Information Office, she was appointed Counselor for Cultural and Cooperation Affairs at the Embassy of Spain in Uruguay. After that, in 1998, she served as Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Spain in Colombia. In 2002 she returned to the MFA as Deputy Chief of Staff. In 2004 she was designated Counselor for Cultural and Cooperation Affairs at the Embassy of Spain in Mexico.

On November 2007, she was appointed Ambassador of Spain in the Republic of Ghana and later, in 2009, Director-General for Latin America at the MFA. In 2012 she served as Ambassador of Spain in the Republic of Angola. After finishing her stay in Africa, in 2017 she was appointed Ambassador at Large for Hybrid Threats and Cybersecurity. Since August 1, 2019 she serves as Consul General of Spain in Houston. She holds a degree in Political Science and Sociology from the Complutense University of Madrid, a Master in Higher Studies of the National Defense and is member of the Scientific Council of the Elcano Royal Institute.

Ambassador Olmo is married and has two children.



Diana Oo

Diana Oo serves as Head of U.S. Federal Affairs at Netflix, where she guides the company's federal advocacy before Congress and the executive branch with a focus on media and technology policy. Previously, she served as Vice President of Government Relations

and Policy at TelevisaUnivision, leading the company's Washington office through the company's merger. Before that, she was Senior Director of Global Public Policy at Comcast NBCUniversal's Washington, D.C. office, where she oversaw the company's advocacy on issues related to intellectual property, artificial intelligence, and Internet governance. Before that, she served as Director of Government Affairs at Cablevision. In that role, she advised key executives on congressional issues affecting Cablevision and spearheaded the company's federal advocacy, including on retransmission consent, privacy, cybersecurity, and intellectual property. Before joining Cablevision, Diana served as counsel on the House Judiciary Committee, advising the Chairman on a variety of copyright and communications issues, including net neutrality, digital music royalties, online gaming, the constitutionality of the Copyright Royalty Board, and reauthorization of the statutory satellite and cable carriage licenses. Prior to joining the House Judiciary Committee, she worked as an associate at McGraw-Hill, focusing on copyright issues affecting the publishing industry, including orphan works legislation. Diana began her career as a legislative aide to former Congressman Harold Ford Jr. (D-TN). During law school, she served as an intern at the Federal Communications Commission, the Recording Industry Association of America, and the Electronic Privacy Information Center. Diana received her J.D. degree from the Catholic University of America and a B.S. in Psychology and Economics from the University of Tennessee.



Monica Otero Platas

Monica is a lawyer and economist with an international approach, expert in the management of "third sector" organizations. She holds a Master's Degree in Management of Non-For-Profit Entities by UNED and a Bachelor's Degree in Law, with a Major in Economy, by Deusto University. She also completed postgraduate studies in Executive Direction of Foundations at Comillas University. She started her career as a corporate lawyer within the private sector and after a period working as a commercial advisor at the Spanish Embassy in Chile, she decides to focus on economic diplomacy and starts serving at the Fundación Consejo España – EE.UU. in 2006. As its General Coordinator, Monica is responsible for the development of the Action Plans of the Fundación, overseeing the technical and financial follow up of the different programs. She organizes board members meetings, monitors institutional relations and manages staff, legal and economic matters.

Mónica es una abogada y economista con vocación internacional, experta en la gestión de entidades del tercer sector. Licenciada en Derecho, con especialidad económica, por la

Universidad de Deusto y máster en Dirección de entidades no lucrativas por la UNED, completó también un postgrado en Dirección Ejecutiva de Fundaciones en la Universidad de Comillas. Comenzó su carrera como abogada mercantilista en el sector privado y tras un periodo trabajando como asesora comercial en la Embajada española en Chile, decide reorientar su trabajo al ámbito de la diplomacia económica y se incorpora a la Fundación Consejo España – EE.UU. en 2006. Como Coordinadora General, Mónica es responsable del desarrollo de los Planes de Actuación de la Fundación; realiza el seguimiento técnico y financiero de los diferentes programas; coordina las funciones del Patronato, las relaciones institucionales y supervisa los asuntos legales, económicos y de personal.



Jaime Pereda Espeso

Jaime joined the Madrid office of Uría Menéndez in 1998 and became a partner in 2008. He was managing partner of the firm's New York office from 2012 to 2016. Between 2001 and 2002 he took part in Sullivan & Cromwell's Visiting Lawyers Program in New York. Jaime's practice focuses on corporate and banking law and he specialises in M&A, of both private and listed companies, in public share offers and in capital markets transactions (debt and equity capital markets, liability management, etc.). He also has vast experience in finance transactions and advises credit entities on regulatory issues. Jaime is regarded as a leading lawyer in capital markets and mergers and acquisitions by all the major publications (PLC Which Lawyer, Best Lawyers, Chambers Global, etc.).

Jaime se incorporó a la oficina de Madrid de Uría Menéndez en 1998 y es socio del despacho desde 2008. De 2012 a 2016, dirigió la oficina de Uría Menéndez en Nueva York. Entre 2001 y 2002, trabajó en la oficina de Nueva York de Sullivan & Cromwell. Sus áreas de práctica profesional cubren un amplio abanico de asuntos societarios y bancarios. Se ha especializado en fusiones y adquisiciones, tanto de compañías privadas como de sociedades cotizadas, en ofertas públicas de adquisición y en operaciones de mercado de capitales (emisiones de renta fija y variable, liability management, etc.). También actúa habitualmente en operaciones de financiación y asesora a entidades de crédito en cuestiones regulatorias. Jaime ha sido considerado como abogado destacado en los ámbitos de mercado de capitales y de fusiones y adquisiciones por los principales directorios jurídicos (PLC Which Lawyer?, Best Lawyers, Chambers Global, etc.).



Antonio Perez

Mr. Antonio Perez is a US-Spain Council Director. Mr. Perez began his professional career at RIU Hotels, where he served as comptroller overseeing operations for 10 hotels. Transitioning to a new industry, he joined the Madrid corporate office of the Spanish high-speed train manufacturer, Talgo. In this role, he spearheaded the firm's local and international project management initiatives. Over time, Mr. Pérez progressed to assume leadership roles including Head of the International Sales Department, Corporate Projects Director, and Corporate VP of Strategic Planning & Business Development. In 2003, he relocated to the United States to revamp North American operations and drive market growth. Serving as Managing Director of Talgo America, the U.S. holding company with majority interest in three U.S. subsidiaries, Mr. Perez oversaw operations across various locations including Seattle (WA), Milwaukee (WI), Los Angeles (CA), Washington (DC), and Orlando (FL). During his 21-year tenure in the U.S., he implemented a strategic plan that tripled revenues by diversifying the customer base and service offerings. Mr. Perez holds a law degree from the University of Granada, Spain, and a Masters in Economics and Business Administration from the Instituto de Estudios Superiores de la Empresa (IESE) in Barcelona.

Antonio Perez es Director del Consejo de Administración del United States – Spain Council. Antonio Pérez comenzó su carrera profesional trabajando como interventor de 10 hoteles de la empresa RIU Hotels. En 1995 se incorporó a Talgo y a lo largo de los años ha ido desarrollando su carrera profesional asumiendo responsabilidades que incluyen la Jefatura de Proyectos Internacionales, la Dirección del Departamento Internacional, y la Dirección General de varias filiales en los Estados Unidos: Talgo LRC, LLC (Livingston, Montana), y TTA LLC (Hornell, Nueva York). Durante los años 2003-2006 fue responsable de reestructurar las operaciones en este país, con el objeto de obtener el retorno de la inversión requerido por la empresa matriz. A tal efecto, tuvo la responsabilidad de la venta de dos filiales, concentrando todas las actividades en Talgo Inc. El trabajo en Talgo USA lo desarrollo en centros de producción en Seattle (WA), Milwaukee (WI), Los Angeles (CA), Washington (DC) y Orlando (FL) Durante los 21 años de trabajo en los Estados Unidos acometió un plan de crecimiento que triplicó el tamaño de la operación mediante la venta de trenes a los Estados de Wisconsin y Oregón y la diversificación de actividades y clientes. Nacido en Granada, España, es licenciado en Derecho por la Universidad de Granada y Master en Economía y Dirección de Empresas por el Instituto de Estudios Superiores de la Empresa (IESE, Barcelona).



Luis Pérez

Luis Pérez focuses his practice on mergers and acquisitions and corporate governance matters, including international transactions, for clients operating throughout the United States and Latin America. Luis works with private and publicly held companies on all aspects of their business, from formation and governance issues to equity and debt offerings to acquisitions and dispositions.

Luis has substantial experience working with energy companies, including utilities and renewable energy developers, throughout the United States, Europe and Latin America. His client list includes a leading sustainable energy company in the United States and global leaders in clean energy. Luis also represents the interests of financial institutions and construction companies structuring public-private partnerships in the United States and Latin America.

Regardless of their industry or location, clients value Luis's ability to combine deep legal knowledge with an understanding of how companies operate and the role outside counsel can play in business success. Luis is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, an independent, nonpartisan membership organization, think tank and publisher. He is also a senior editor for the Harvard Advanced Leadership Initiative Social Impact Review.

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Noel Pérez

Noel Perez serves as Director of Federal Affairs at General Motors (GM). In this role he is responsible for policy development and advocacy before the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, helping achieve an all-electric future with zero crashes, zero emissions and zero congestion.

Prior to joining GM, Noel served on Capitol Hill for over 10 years, most recently as Director of Outreach at the Senate Democratic Steering and Outreach Committee, where he worked with Democratic Senators to build internal and external coalitions to support the legislative agenda. In the House, he served for then Congressman Xavier Becerra (D-CA) as a Legislative staffer and as Advisor for Member Services and Outreach for the House Democratic Caucus. In addition, he served as the Policy and Program Manager for National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed

Officials (NALEO) and currently serves on the council for the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI).

Mr. Perez is the son of working-class Mexican immigrants, originally from Northern California, and received his B.A. in Political Science from California State University, East Bay.



Jon E. Piechowski

Jon Piechowski has been Counselor for Public Diplomacy at the U.S. Embassy in Spain since August 2022. Previously, he was the Deputy Assistant Secretary overseeing public diplomacy in the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs. Prior to this assignment, he served as office director in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, where his team formulated U.S. democracy and human rights policy for the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean. A career member of the U.S. Foreign Service, Piechowski also served as Deputy Director of Communications for the U.S. Mission to the United Nations in New York; as embassy spokesperson and public affairs officer at the U.S. Embassy in Haiti; and as a line officer supporting former Secretaries of State Condoleezza Rice and Hillary Rodham Clinton. He completed entry-level overseas assignments at the U.S. embassies in France and Egypt.

Piechowski speaks Spanish and French, along with some Portuguese, Haitian Creole, and Arabic. Originally from Chicago, he holds a Bachelor of Arts in Latin American Studies from Northwestern University and a Master of Public Policy from Princeton University.

Jon Piechowski es el Consejero para Diplomacia Pública de la Embajada de Estados Unidos en España desde agosto de 2022. Anteriormente fue el Subsecretario Adjunto de Diplomacia Pública de la Oficina de Asuntos del Hemisferio Occidental y ocupó el cargo de director en la Oficina de Democracia, Derechos Humanos y Trabajo, donde su equipo elaboró las políticas de Estados Unidos sobre democracia y derechos humanos para los países de Latinoamérica y el Caribe. Miembro de carrera del Servicio Exterior de Estados Unidos, Jon Piechowski también ha sido director adjunto de Comunicaciones de la Misión de Estados Unidos ante las Naciones Unidas en Nueva York; portavoz de la Embajada de Estados Unidos en Haití; y miembro de los equipos de apoyo de las Secretarías de Estado Condoleezza Rice y Hillary Rodham Clinton. También ha estado destinado en las embajadas de Estados Unidos en Francia y Egipto.

Jon Piechowski habla español y francés, además de algo de portugués, criollo haitiano y árabe. Oriundo de Chicago, es licenciado en Estudios Latinoamericanos por la Northwestern University y tiene un Máster en Políticas Públicas por la Princeton University.



Catherine Pino

From working her way through college in her hometown of Albuquerque, New Mexico, to optimizing millions of dollars for community impact, to being on the front lines fighting for civil rights and in the halls of Congress, Catherine Pino, Co-founder & CEO of D&P Creative Strategies, is devoted to creating a more prosperous future for communities of color.

As the keeper of the creative vision for D&P, and the architect of the firm's philanthropic strategy, Catherine brings her passion for social justice, equity, and philanthropy to the heart of the firm's work. Her track record includes a variety of invaluable experiences:

Developing the Familia es Familia campaign to build bridges between the Latino and LGBTQ+ community. Establishing Poder PAC, the first-of-its-kind political action committee dedicated to increasing Latina representation in Congress. Creating Freemind Beauty Productions, dedicated to telling stories about marginalized communities. Catherine fuels her success with know-how crafted through expertise, and a deep network of partners and collaborators. Whether she is creating initiatives to improve marginalized communities' life opportunities, advising corporate leaders on winning legislative and diversity, equity, and inclusion strategies, or leveraging resources to advance initiatives that effect social change, Catherine leads with heart and enthusiasm. Her ability to execute exceptional advocacy to exceed clients' goals sets D&P apart from other government affairs professionals. Her long-lasting working relationships and dependable friendships within key communities on Capitol Hill and across the country complement her creative, innovative policy solutions and strategies.

Before co-founding D&P, Catherine worked for Carnegie Corporation of New York and DeWitt Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund, where she managed multi-million-dollar portfolios focused on improving life opportunities for young people. She led the Future Leaders Initiative, and served as the Assistant Director of Government Relations for Independent Sector in Washington, DC. Catherine started her career in the Office of Senator Jeff Bingaman, and at the National Council of La Raza (now UnidosUS). She is passionate about giving back to and supporting organizations that empower young Latinx professionals to work and thrive in Washington, DC, and Congress—where she got her start.

A proud alumna of the University of New Mexico and New York University, Catherine also studied at the Institute d'Etudes Politiques de Lyon, Harvard University, and the Center for Creative Leadership. Catherine is the recipient of several prestigious awards, including the New York State Special Civil Rights Award, UnidosUS Inaugural LGBTQ Leadership Award,

Latino GLBT History Project's Latina Leadership Award, National Hispana Leadership Institute Alumna of the Year Award, Hispanic Women's Corporation Leadership Award, Working Mother's Multicultural Women's National Legacy Award, and United States Hispanic Chamber LGBTQ Advocate of the Year Award. In 2014, Latino Magazine recognized her as one of the Top 10 Leaders in the Latino Community, and Latino Leaders named her as one of the Most Influential Leaders in the United States in 2020. Catherine has served as a board member of several organizations, including the Arcus Foundation, Greater Washington Community Foundation, the Victory Institute, Victory Campaign Board, and UndiosUS Action Fund.

Catherine loves spending time with her wife and partner, Ingrid, and their dog-child Allegro Pino Duran (also known as Prince Pino). She enjoys cooking, boating, superb wine, and exceptional art. Her chosen motto? Be fearless in the pursuit of what sets your soul on fire!

Desde abrirse camino en la universidad en su ciudad natal de Albuquerque, Nuevo México, hasta optimizar millones de dólares para el impacto comunitario, pasando por estar en primera línea luchando por los derechos civiles y en los pasillos del Congreso, Catherine Pino, cofundadora y directora ejecutiva de D&P Creative Strategies se dedica a crear un futuro más próspero para las comunidades de color. Como guardiana de la visión creativa de D&P y arquitecta de la estrategia filantrópica de la empresa, Catherine aporta su pasión por la justicia social, la equidad y la filantropía al corazón del trabajo de la empresa. Su trayectoria incluye una variedad de experiencias invaluable:

Desarrollar la campaña Familia es Familia para construir puentes entre la comunidad latina y LGBTQ+. Establecer Poder PAC, el primer comité de acción política de su tipo dedicado a aumentar la representación latina en el Congreso. Creando Freemind Beauty Productions, dedicada a contar historias sobre comunidades marginadas. Catherine's impulsa su éxito con conocimientos elaborados a través de la experiencia y una profunda red de socios y colaboradores. Ya sea que esté creando iniciativas para mejorar las oportunidades de vida de las comunidades marginadas, asesorando a líderes corporativos sobre cómo lograr estrategias legislativas y de diversidad, equidad e inclusión, o aprovechando recursos para promover iniciativas que generen cambios sociales, Catherine lidera con corazón y entusiasmo. Su capacidad para ejecutar una defensa excepcional para superar los objetivos de los clientes distingue a D&P de otros profesionales de asuntos gubernamentales. Sus relaciones laborales duraderas y amistades confiables dentro de comunidades clave en Capitol Hill y en todo el país complementan sus soluciones y estrategias políticas creativas e innovadoras.

Antes de cofundar D&P, Catherine trabajó para Carnegie Corporation de Nueva York y DeWitt Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund, donde administró carteras multimillonarias centradas en mejorar las oportunidades de vida de los jóvenes. Dirigió la Iniciativa de Líderes Futuros y se desempeñó como Subdirectora de Relaciones Gubernamentales para el Sector Independiente en Washington, DC. Catherine comenzó su carrera en la oficina del senador Jeff Bingaman y en el Consejo Nacional de La Raza (ahora UnidosUS). Le apasiona retribuir y apoyar a organizaciones que empoderan a los jóvenes profesionales latinos para que trabajen y prosperen en Washington, DC y el Congreso, donde comenzó.

Catherine, orgullosa alumna de la Universidad de Nuevo México y la Universidad de Nueva York, también estudió en el Institute d'Etudes Politiques de Lyon, la Universidad de Harvard y el Centro de Liderazgo Creativo. Catherine ha recibido varios premios prestigiosos, incluido el Premio Especial de Derechos Civiles del Estado de Nueva York, el Premio al Liderazgo LGBTQ Inaugural de UnidosUS, el Premio al Liderazgo Latino del Proyecto de Historia GLBT Latino, el Premio a la Alumna del Año del Instituto Nacional de Liderazgo Hispano, el Premio al Liderazgo de la Corporación de Mujeres Hispanas, el premio Working Premio al Legado Nacional de Mujeres Multiculturales de Mother y Premio al Defensor LGBTQ del Año de la Cámara Hispana de Estados Unidos. En 2014, la revista Latina la reconoció como una de los 10 principales líderes de la comunidad latina, y Latino Leaders la nombró como una de las líderes más influyentes de los Estados Unidos en 2020. Catherine se ha desempeñado como miembro de la junta directiva de varias organizaciones, entre ellas la Fundación Arcus, la Fundación Comunitaria del Gran Washington, el Victory Institute, la Victory Campaign Board y el UndiosUS Action Fund.

A Catherine le encanta pasar tiempo con su esposa y pareja, Ingrid, y su perro Allegro Pino Duran (también conocido como Príncipe Pino). Le gusta cocinar, navegar, disfrutar de excelentes vinos y de un arte excepcional. ¿Su lema elegido? No tengas miedo en la búsqueda de lo que te propone el alma.



Lisa Pino

Lisa J. Pino is a 2013 Young Leader alumna, an Aspen Health Innovation Fellow at the Aspen Institute, an attorney, public service leader, and a former government executive appointee of the Obama, Biden-Harris, and New York State Governor Cuomo administrations. As an Aspen Fellow, she is developing a venture to inform policymakers on how to close racial and socio-economic health disparities that impact communities of color and underserved children, individuals, women, seniors, and families.

In government, she served in the Biden-Harris administration as the Director of Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and as a Biden-Harris Transition team advisor to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsak. Prior to joining the Biden-Harris administration, she served as New York State's Department of Health Executive Deputy Commissioner acting as the Chief Operating Officer under Governor Cuomo during the COVID-19 public health emergency. During the Obama administration, Pino served as Senior Counselor to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Jeh C. Johnson. Her portfolio included business management, immigration, cybersecurity, and health affairs during the Ebola and Zika public health response. Before DHS, President Obama also appointed her as USDA's Deputy Assistant Secretary of Civil Rights, and Deputy Administrator of SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). She led SNAP during its largest growth period in history to 46 million Americans and 17 million children, represented former First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move! initiative to fight childhood obesity, and modernized SNAP by innovating enrollment at food banks to expanding SNAP farmers' markets EBT.

Pino is a native New Yorker, proud First-Generation daughter of immigrant and refugee parents, fluent in Spanish, and the first college graduate in her family. She received her BA, MA, and JD from Arizona State University (ASU) with honors as a Pell Grant recipient. She began her career as an AFL-CIO and SEIU community organizer at Stanford University to seek fair wages for immigrant workers, and later supported immigrant tenants from unlawful evictions as an AmeriCorps member in Arizona.

Her recognition includes ASU's College Leader and Gold 'n Gavel awards, the U.S.-Spain Council Young Leader award, and the Hispanic Scholarship Fund's induction into its Hall of Fame. In addition to service, her legal practice and experience includes Mayer Brown LLP's Global Migration and Mobility in Washington, D.C., Littler Global LLP, Osborn Maledon LLP, the U.S. Attorney's Office Southern District of New York, U.S. Library of Congress, Government Accountability Office, and Community Legal Services in Phoenix as a Farmworker Staff Attorney.



Francisco Javier Ponce Martínez

Outstanding professional in the field of technological innovation in Spain. He graduated with honors in Industrial Engineering and has accumulated experience in key roles in companies such as the Telecommunications Group AMPER and the Center for Technological Development and Innovation (CDTI). He holds an MBA from the Instituto de Empresa and has

participated in international programs for technological cooperation. His work includes managing investment funds, creating public aid programs for R&D, and implementing investment strategies in technology companies. Additionally, he is recognized for his contribution to technological advancement and has been awarded the Grand Cross of Aeronautical Merit. His commitment to excellence and innovation has led him to leave a lasting legacy in the Spanish industry and society.

Juan Vicente (Joan) Poy Barrera

With a solid two-decade track record in strategic consulting specialized in the Middle East and North Africa, Joan Poy has worked across various industrial and technological sectors. His understanding of regional dynamics and strategic focus have been pivotal for developing and implementing innovative solutions that drive sustainable growth and expansion for companies in these regions. Currently, he serves as the VP of Global Expansion at Satec and COO of Satec Arabia.

Con una sólida trayectoria de dos décadas en consultoría estratégica especializada en el Oriente Medio y el Norte de África, Joan Poy ha trabajado en diversos sectores industriales y tecnológicos. Su experiencia de las dinámicas regionales y su enfoque estratégico han sido pilares fundamentales para el desarrollo y la implementación de soluciones innovadoras que impulsan el crecimiento sostenible y la expansión de las empresas en estas regiones. Actualmente trabaja como VP de Expansión Global de Satec y Director de Operaciones de Satec Arabia.



Manuel Práxedes González

Manuel graduated in International Business from Suffolk University in Boston. He currently serves as the Director of Institutional Relations and Public Affairs at Grupo Satec in Madrid. His role involves leading the group's expansion into international markets, particularly in the Middle East. He also represents the Group as a board member at the Chamber of Commerce, Industry, and Services of Madrid. Previously, Manuel contributed to the commercial development of Grupo Martúe in Europe, the USA, and China, demonstrating a consistent commitment to strengthening commercial relationships and business growth, with a continuous focus on business development and institutional relations.

Manuel es graduado en Internacional Business por Suffolk University en Boston. Actualmente desempeña la labor de Director de Relaciones Institucionales y Asuntos Públicos en el Grupo Satec en Madrid. Su rol implica

liderar la expansión del grupo en mercados internacionales, especialmente en Oriente Medio. También representa al Grupo como vocal en la Cámara de Comercio, Industria y Servicios de Madrid. Anteriormente, contribuyó al desarrollo comercial del Grupo Martúe en Europa, EE. UU. y China, mostrando un compromiso constante con el fortalecimiento de relaciones comerciales y el crecimiento empresarial, evidenciando un continuo enfoque en el desarrollo empresarial y las relaciones institucionales.



Fernando Prieto

Career diplomat serving since 1992. From 2016-2021, he served as Political Counselor at the Spanish Embassy in Washington, DC. He has worked in U.S. issues since 2002. He was the Deputy Director for North America in the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2007-2010), Secretary General of the Fundación Consejo España – EE.UU. (2007 – 2008), and First Secretary at the Political Section of the Spanish Embassy in Washington, DC (2002 – 2007). He earned a Master's degree in international service from American University in Washington (2016). He has also worked in Latin American issues. He was posted to the embassies of Spain in Colombia and El Salvador, and he worked in the Directorate General for Latin America at the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He also was professional staff of the Organization of American States, OAS, within the General Secretariat of the organization. He has also been posted to the embassies of Spain in Mozambique and Namibia. He was appointed Secretary General of the Fundación Consejo España – EE.UU. in November 2021.

Diplomático de carrera, ingresado en 1992. Hasta julio de 2021 era consejero político en la Embajada de España en Washington, puesto que asumió en septiembre de 2016. Respecto a EE.UU., ha sido también subdirector para América del Norte en el Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores (2007 a 2010), secretario general de la Fundación Consejo España – EE.UU. (2007 a 2008) y secretario en la sección política de la Embajada de España en Washington (2002 a 2007). También tiene un Master (International Service) por la American University de Washington (2016). Ha trabajado también en Latinoamérica, donde ha estado destinado en las Embajadas de España en Colombia y en El Salvador; ha trabajado además en la Dirección General para Iberoamérica del Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores como encargado de México y de Cuba. También ha sido funcionario de la Organización de los Estados Americanos, dentro de la Secretaría General de la organización. Por último, ha estado destinado en las Embajadas de España en Mozambique y en Namibia. Desde noviembre de 2021, Fernando Prieto es secretario general de la Fundación Consejo España – EE.UU.

Ambassador **Julissa Reynoso**

Julissa Reynoso Pantaleón is an experienced diplomat, policy maker and lawyer. Before being nominated and confirmed as U.S. Ambassador to Spain and Andorra, Reynoso served in the Biden-Harris Administration as an Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff to Dr. Jill Biden. While at the White House, Reynoso managed a range of matters for President Biden and Dr. Biden. Reynoso was also Co-Chair of the Gender Policy Council, the first policy council focused on gender equity and equality within the Executive Office of the President.

Prior to joining the Biden Administration, Ambassador Reynoso was a partner at the international law firm of Winston and Strawn in New York. She also served on the faculty of Columbia University School of Law and the School of International and Public Affairs. During the Administration of President Barack Obama, she served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs and then as U.S. Ambassador to Uruguay.

Reynoso was born in the Dominican Republic and grew up in New York City. She received her Bachelor's degree in Government from Harvard University, a Masters in Philosophy from the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom, and her law degree from Columbia University School of Law. She is widely published in English and Spanish on an array of issues for both popular press and academic journals. Reynoso is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the American Law Institute.



Joleen Rivera

Joleen Rivera has over a decade of combined congressional, legal, and advocacy experience. She is currently a Senior Manager on Amazon Web Services' Americas Public Policy team where she leads on federal policy and legislation. She interacts with Congress and the Administration on AI policy, cyber security, privacy, workforce issues, trade, and national security issues. She previously served as Senator Cortez Masto's Legislative Director & Chief Counsel where she oversaw the Senator's policy agenda across five committees and was intimately involved in negotiating major bills such as the American Rescue Plan and the Inflation Reduction Act. She also served as the Senator's senior advisor on immigration, civil rights, economic policy, and oversight matters. Prior to the Senate, Joleen worked at the AFL-CIO, where she advocated with Congress and the Administration on immigration reform, paid family leave, and other working family issues. Joleen received her bachelor's degree from SUNY New Paltz and her law degree from the University of

Wisconsin. She is licensed to practice law in New York and Wisconsin.



Estuardo Rodríguez

Estuardo Rodríguez is a principal and co-founder focused on Government Affairs and Communications. He specializes in direct lobbying on Capitol Hill, the White House, and federal agencies in the areas of financial services, technology and telecommunications. Celebrated by The Hill and the National Institute for Lobbying and Ethics as a "Top Lobbyist", Estuardo has also cultivated a powerful network of media relationships and serves in the dual role as Raben's Counsel on Media and Communications.

Throughout his diverse political career, Estuardo's commitment to advancing the interests of the Hispanic community has been a constant. At the Democratic National Committee, he built a cross-platform, Spanish-language media network that was leveraged in support of two presidential campaigns. Prior to that, he was an attorney at the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development under Secretaries Henry Cisneros and Andrew Cuomo and has also worked on behalf of the U.S. Department of State as an independent political analyst in Latin America and Europe. With a specialized portfolio covering telecommunications and technology policy over more than a decade, Estuardo currently advises Charter Communications, Warner Bros. Discovery, T-Mobile, and Verizon. In addition, he similarly guides the tech and telecom policy paths for nonprofit organizations such as the Hispanic Heritage Foundation and AlandYou. Estuardo also uses his influence and leadership on various non-profit and industry boards. He currently serves as president and CEO of Friends of the National Museum of the American Latino, a campaign to create a Smithsonian National Museum of the American Latino on our National Mall. Beginning in 2004, Estuardo launched an effort to gain congressional and White House authorization to build a Smithsonian Museum that would exhibit more than 500 years of the contributions and sacrifices of Latinos in the U.S. In December 2020, Congress finally granted the authorization and now the focus is to ensure that the museum is built alongside the other iconic museums on our National Mall.

Estuardo Rodríguez is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and also serves on the University of Virginia's Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership Advisory Board.



Juan Rodríguez Inciarte

He is Chairman of Saarema Inversiones S.A., Board Member of EXOLUM (previously CLH), Senior Advisor of Omers Infrastructure and Senior Advisor of

ADVENT INTERNATIONAL. He was born June 1952 in Oviedo (Spain) and is married with two daughters and studied economics at the Autonomous University of Madrid, where he was later a professor.

1978: joined Chase Manhattan Bank in London.
1981: joined Midland Bank Spain.
1985: joined Grupo Santander as CEO of Banco Santander de Negocios.
Juan R. Inciarte has been Executive Board Member of Grupo Santander from April 1991 until June 2015. From 12/2004 to 12/2018 Vice Chairman of Santander UK plc., Board Member of Santander Consumer Finance and member of Banco Santander's International Advisory Board.

Since January 2008 was Head of Strategy of Santander until December 2015.
In the past was Director of the The Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC from 1988 to 2004 and has served on the boards of Directors of Sevillana de Electricidad (currently Iberdrola); First Fidelity Bancorp. and First Union Corp. (now Wachovia Corp.), San Paolo-IMI of Italy, ABN-AMRO, Sovereign Bancorp, NIBC Bank NV in Holland, Cepsa SA of Spain. Mr. Inciarte is Honorary Member of the US-Spain Council Foundation and was its Chairman for four years. Member of the Board of Trustees of the Carlos V International Centre of the Autonomous University of Madrid and was a Fellow of The Chartered Institute of Bankers in Scotland.



José Manuel Rodríguez Martínez

Director of Public Affairs. José graduated in Law from Comillas Pontifical University (ICADE- Madrid). He Joined the Spanish Diplomatic service in 2006. He began his professional career in 2007, in the State Secretariat for the European Union in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, as Head of Area "Justice and Home Affairs". Between 2009 and 2010 he was Counsellor in the Permanent Representation of Spain to the European Union (REPER). Between 2010-2013 he served as Consul General of Spain to Oran (Algeria). Between 2013 and 2018 he was Counsellor in the Permanent Representation of Spain to NATO. In 2018, and until his incorporation in Iberdrola in 2019, he was Adviser on International and Political Affairs in the Cabinet of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

In the academic field, he is a professor at the Comillas Pontifical University -ICADE, an associate of the Davos Economic Forum, author of several articles and a regular speaker at conferences. He has been awarded the Cross of Military Merit (white decoration).

Director de Asuntos Públicos. José es licenciado en Derecho por la Universidad Pontificia de Comillas- ICADE. En 2006 ingresó en la Carrera Diplomática. Inició su carrera profesional en 2007 en la Secretaría de Estado para la Unión Europea en el Ministerio de



Carmen Rodríguez Sánchez

Carmen holds a BA in History from the University of Salamanca and has postgraduate studies in Cultural Management and Communications. Over the past 15 years, she has developed her professional career in the field of cultural management and communication.

Firmly convinced that culture and education are essential drivers of growth and development, especially in rural areas, she has coordinated several projects with the aim to involve the associative, entrepreneurial, institutional, and educative network of her hometown, Ciudad Rodrigo (Salamanca). She has also joined the management team of prominent international and interregional performing arts events, such as the International Arts Festival of Castille and Leon – FACYL, and the Theater Fair of Castille and Leon. She has also been part of the independent film production company Contracorriente Producciones and of the communications agency, specially focused on cinema and education, Las Espigadoras.

After an initial stage as Project Manager, Carmen rejoined the Fundación Consejo España – EE.UU. in February 2018 to lead its digital process of transformation. In this position, she also designs and leads the Spain – United States Forum and the Emigrantes invisibles. Españoles en EE.UU. (1868 -1945) exhibition Press Offices, coordinates the edition of the annual activity report, manages the social media profiles, channels the relationship with the Media, creates audiovisual content and dynamizes the 'U.S. Forever Young Leaders Network'.

Licenciada en Historia por la Universidad de Salamanca y con estudios de posgrado en gestión cultural y en comunicación, Carmen ha desarrollado su trayectoria profesional en gestión, producción y comunicación de proyectos culturales de ámbito nacional e internacional durante más de 15 años.

Convencida de que la educación y la cultura deben configurarse como motores esenciales de desarrollo local en el ámbito rural, ha coordinado diversos proyectos que buscaban involucrar al tejido asociativo, empresarial e institucional y a la comunidad educativa de su localidad natal (Ciudad Rodrigo, Salamanca). Ha formado parte también de los equipos de producción de destacadas citas escénicas de ámbito internacional e interregional (FACYL – Festival Internacional de las Artes de Castilla y León, Feria de Teatro de Castilla y León), de la productora independiente Contracorriente Producciones y de la agencia de comunicación especializada en cine y educación, Las Espigadoras.

Después de una primera etapa como asistente de proyectos, en febrero de 2018 se reincorpora al equipo de la Fundación

Consejo España – EE.UU. como responsable de Comunicación para dirigir el proceso de transformación digital de la institución. En esta posición, además, dirige el gabinete de comunicación del Foro España – Estados Unidos y de la exposición Emigrantes invisibles. Españoles en EE.UU. (1868 -1945), coordina la edición del informe anual de actividades, gestiona los perfiles de la Fundación en redes sociales, canaliza la relación con los medios, y es responsable de la creación y producción de contenido audiovisual, del lanzamiento de campañas de comunicación específicas y de la dinamización de la red 'U.S. Forever Young Leaders Network'.



Silvia Rodríguez Grijalba

Silvia Grijalba is a Spanish journalist, writer, and cultural manager, especially in the field of music. She was awarded the 2011 edition of the Fernando Lara Novel Prize. Since 2020 she has directed the Instituto Cervantes in Albuquerque and previously directed the Instituto Cervantes in Cairo and Alexandria. She currently collaborates as a columnist for the newspaper Público. As a cultural manager, she has directed the Spoken Word Palabra y Música festival (Seville and Gijón, among other cities) and Poesía del Rock (Málaga) and has been managing director of the Rafael Pérez Estrada Foundation and director of the Casa Gerald Brenan in Málaga. Since 2020 she has directed the headquarters of the Instituto Cervantes in Albuquerque and previously directed those in Cairo and Alexandria.

Linked to the Spanish newspaper El Mundo since her professional beginnings and those of the newspaper itself, she was an editor in the culture section of the newspaper for 15 years. She has collaborated in other media specialized in music such as Glamour, Ruta 66, Rolling Stone or Vogue. She left the professional field as a journalist to delve into the world of literature. She began her literary career with two novels, Alivio rápido (2001) and Atrapada en el limbo (2005) both published by Plaza y Janés (RHM), six years later with Contigo aprendí, a work that takes place between Spain, Cuba and New York, where she wrote about the life of her paternal grandmother married to an indiano, she won the Fernando Lara Novel Prize. Her latest published novel is Tú me acostumbraste (2014); She is also the author of several essays related to music such as Dios salve a la movida (2006), Palabra de rock. Antología de letristas españoles (2008) and Más que famosos. Auge y caída de la fascinación por el rock (2015) which is a journey through her anecdotes as a music journalist for 20 years.

Silvia Grijalba es una periodista, escritora, y gestora cultural española, en especial en el ámbito de la música. Fue galardonada con el Premio Fernando Lara de Novela en su edición de 2011. Desde 2020 dirige el Instituto

Cervantes de Albuquerque y anteriormente dirigió los Instituto Cervantes de El Cairo y Alejandría. Actualmente colabora como columnista del diario Público. Como gestora cultural destaca la dirección del festival Spoken Word Palabra y Música (Sevilla y Gijón, entre otras ciudades) y Poesía del Rock (Málaga). y haber sido directora gerente de la Fundación Rafael Pérez Estrada y directora de la Casa Gerald Brenan de Málaga. Desde 2020 dirige la sede del Instituto Cervantes de Albuquerque y anteriormente dirigió las de El Cairo y Alejandría. Vinculada al diario español El Mundo desde sus inicios profesionales y los del propio periódico, fue redactora en la sección de cultura del mismo durante 15 años. Ha colaborado en otros medios especializados en música como Glamour, Ruta 66, Rolling Stone o Vogue. Se desligó del ámbito profesional como periodista para poder profundizar en el mundo de la literatura. Así comenzó su faceta literaria con dos novelas, Alivio rápido (2001) y Atrapada en el limbo (2005) ambas en Plaza y Janés (RHM), seis años después con Contigo aprendí, una obra que transcurre entre España, Cuba y Nueva York, donde novela la vida de su abuela paterna casada con un indiano, ganó el Premio Fernando Lara de Novela. Su última novela publicada es Tú me acostumbraste (2014); También es autora de varios ensayos relacionados con la música como Dios salve a la movida (2006), Palabra de rock. Antología de letristas españoles (2008) y Más que famosos. Auge y caída de la fascinación por el rock (2015) que constituye un recorrido por su anecdótico como periodista



Kate Rogers

Dr. Kate Rogers currently serves as the Executive Director of the Alamo Trust, the non-profit organization responsible for the daily operations of the Alamo historic site and the implementation of the \$550 million Alamo Master Plan. The first new building associated with the plan – The Ralston Family Collections Center – opened to the public on March 3rd, 2023. During her tenure at the Trust, Kate has successfully kicked off the statewide fundraising campaign with nearly \$50 million raised to date in private funding, recruited several key staff members, and completed the acquisition of the Donald and Louise Yena Collection. She has also launched several new outdoor interpretive exhibits including the 18 Pounder Losoya House, the Palisade, and the Mission Gate as well as the new Sacristy Exhibit inside Alamo Church. Prior to her time at the Alamo, she served as the Vice President of Community Outreach and Engagement at the Charles Butt Charitable Foundation. Kate graduated Magna Cum Laude with her Bachelor of Science degree in Advertising and Public Relations from Texas Christian University and received her Master of Public Affairs degree from the Lyndon

Baines Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin. She recently earned her Doctor of Education degree from the University of Southern California.

Kate spent almost 20 years in marketing and communications at H-E-B, one of the largest privately-held retail chains in the country before transitioning to pursue her passion in public education. Prior to joining the Charles Butt Foundation, she served as the founding President of the Holdsworth Center, a leadership institute for public school professionals located in Austin, Texas. Kate also serves on the board of Alamo Colleges Foundation and Early Matters San Antonio and has been named Woman of the Year by the San Antonio Business Journal and the list of top 100 Texans to Watch.



**Almirante Francisco
Javier Romero Caramelo**

VADM Romero was born in Ferrol on August 9th, 1957. He joined the Naval Academy on August 15th, 1975 and became a Lieutenant JG in 1980. His sea duty assignments have included artillery control officer in ESPS Méndez Nuñez (D-42) and ESPS Cataluña (F-73), air control officer in ESPS Baleares (F-71), combat systems officer in ESPS Lángara (D-43) and executive officer in ESPS Atalaya (P-74). He has also served as Chief of Staff of TASK Force 150 in the Gulf of Aden (Operation Enduring Freedom). His four command tours were as commanding officer of ESPS Marola (P-21), ESPS Vigia (P-71), ESPS Andalucía (F-72) and Spanish Training Sailing Ship "Juan Sebastian de Elcano".

Among his ashore assignments, he served as Lieutenant Commander in the Navy Staff dealing with "Operations" and "Plans and Policies" issues, overseeing NATO topics; as Commander in the Cabinet of the Undersecretary of Defense and in the former SACLANT HQ (Norfolk, VA), working in the Logistics and Manpower Division. He has also led the BPM (Business Process Management) Implementing Team of the Spanish Navy, having to deal with all kinds of structure and organization issues. As Captain he was the Head of the Capabilities Development Branch and the Head of the Organization Branch, both in the Plans Division of the Spanish Navy Staff.

As a flag officer, he has served as the Defense Attaché to the Embassy of Spain to Washington DC, as the Commander of the Madrid Naval Support Command, as the Coordinator of Activities, in the Spanish Presidency of the "5+5 Initiative Defense" and as Advisor of Secretary General for Defense Policy in the MOD and on September 2015, he became the Commander of the Naval Base (Arsenal) in Ferrol. VADM Romero graduated from the Spanish Naval War College and the German Joint War College. He is a Naval Communications specialist. His decorations include the NATO

Article V Medal and the US Defense Intelligence Director's Award, and he was appointed as officer in the United States Legion of Merit. He joined the Naval Reserve in June 2017. He is married to Carmen Sobrino and has three children and eight grandchildren.



Soledad Roybal

Soledad Roybal, a 2024 New Mexico Women in Tech honoree, has impacted the technology and public policy sectors through strategic partnerships across government, technology, and non-profits, focusing on policies that enhance equality and opportunity, particularly for marginalized communities. A proud New Mexican, Soledad has notably worked for members of the New Mexico congressional delegation, including Governor Bill Richardson, Sen. Jeff Bingaman, and Sen. Ben Ray Lujan. Her experience includes serving in the Obama Administration at the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Labor, contributing to international technology policy discussions and advocacy for digital equality. Currently, as the U.S. Regional Head of Public Policy at Getaround, she continues to drive policy innovation. Soledad's global perspective, enriched by her work in over 50 countries and her commitment to mentoring through President Obama's program, underscore her role as a dynamic leader and advocate for community empowerment and technological accessibility.



Diego Sacristán

Diego Sacristán is currently Pfizer's Global Marketing Lead. In this role, Diego leads an industry-leading global portfolio of medicines across multiple therapeutic areas including Vaccines, Antivirals, Inflammation and Immunology, Internal Medicine, Rare Disease and Gene Therapy.

Prior to this role, Diego served as Oncology US Lead, where he led an industry-leading portfolio of more than 20 approved innovative cancer medicines and biosimilars across more than 30 indications in the US, with a focus in breast cancer, genitourinary cancer, hematology, and precision medicine. Diego started his career with Pfizer in Spain and has been with the company for 20 years in a number of roles spanning a broad set of responsibilities across Europe, Latin America, Africa, Middle East and Asia.

Diego leads Pfizer's Latino Colleague Council, a group that provides networking, leadership training and mentoring programs, as well as opportunities to celebrate the ethnic and cultural diversity of Pfizer's Latino community.

Diego received both a bachelor's and master's degree in Economics and Management from

the Universidad Complutense in Madrid. He also completed the Advance Management Program (PDD) from IESE Business School.

Diego Sacristán, lidera Marketing a nivel global en Pfizer. En este puesto, Diego tienen la oportunidad de trabajar con uno de los portafolios de medicinas más importante a nivel global, en múltiples áreas terapéuticas incluyendo Vacunas, Antivirales, Inflamación y Inmunología, Medicina Interna, Enfermedades Raras y Terapias Génicas.

Previamente a esta posición, Diego era el leader de Oncología para Pfizer en Estados Unidos, en esa posición trabajo con un portafolio de medicinas que incluía más de 20 tratamientos innovadores y biosimilares aprobados para el tratamiento de más de 30 tipos de cánceres en EE. UU., incluyendo cáncer de pecho, cáncer de próstata, cánceres hematológicos y medicina personalizada. Diego empezó su carrera con Pfizer en España hace más de 20 años y ha tenido gran variedad de responsabilidades en múltiples geografías incluyendo Europa, América Latina, África, Oriente Medio y Asia.

Diego lidera la Comunidad Latina en Pfizer, un grupo de proporciona oportunidades para conectar entre los latinos, desarrollar sus capacidades de liderazgo y oportunidades para celebrar la diversidad étnica y cultural de la comunidad Latina.

Diego es licenciado en Ciencias Económicas y Empresariales por la Universidad Complutense in Madrid, y también ha completado el Programa de Desarrollo Directivo en el IESE.



**José Eugenio Salarich
Fernandez de Valderrama**

At the start of his career, he developed, several functions in the Embassies of Spain to Cameroon, United Nations (New York) and the Holy See (1981-1992). In Madrid, he was designated Director of International Development Organisms (1984-1987) and Deputy Director General for Foreign and Security Policy in the EU (1992-1997). Ambassador of Spain in Mozambique and Swaziland (1997-2001) and Ambassador of Spain in Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Myanmar (2001-2004). Director General of Foreign Policy for Asia and the Pacific (2004-2010). Director General for International Economic Relations and Energy Affairs (2010-2012). From 2004 to 2012, he has been a member of the Board of CESCE, AC/E, Forum of Spanish Brands, Casa Asia, Casa Arabe and Casa Africa, Secretary General of the Council Foundations with India, Japan, China, Brazil and Australia, President of the Executive Committee of the 800 Anniversary of the Salamanca University and Representative of the Spanish Government at the BIE. President of the Board of the Spanish Society for International Expositions (2009-2011). Ambassador of Spain

in the United Arab Emirates and Permanent Representative of Spain before the UN International Renewable Energy Agency (2012-2017). Director of International Relations of ACCIONA (2017-).

Pertenece a la Carrera Diplomática desde el 1981. De 2012 a 2017 ha sido Embajador de España en Emiratos Árabes Unidos y Representante Permanente de España ante la Agencia Internacional de Energías Renovables de las NN.UU., IRENA. Previamente (2010-2012) fue Director General de Relaciones Económicas Internacionales y Asuntos Energéticos del Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores y entre 2004 y 2010 fue Director General de Política Exterior para Asia y el Pacífico y, simultáneamente, Presidente de la Sociedad Estatal de Exposiciones Internacionales. Fue Embajador de España en Mozambique, Suazilandia, Tailandia, Birmania, Laos y Camboya entre 1997 y 2004 y anteriormente estuvo destinado en las Embajadas de España ante la Santa Sede, las Naciones Unidas (NY) y Camerún. En el MAEC fue designado en 1992 Subdirector General de Política Exterior y de Seguridad Común de la UE. Ha sido miembro de los Consejos de Administración de CEECE y de ICEX, ha representado a España en el Bureau International d'Expositions y en el G-20, ha sido Secretario General de cinco Fundaciones Consejo, perteneció al Consejo Rector de las Casas, entre ellas Casa Asia, y ha sido Presidente del Comité Ejecutivo de VII Centenario de la Universidad de Salamanca entre otros cargos. Actualmente, es el responsable de las Relaciones Internacionales de ACCIONA.



Alan D. Solomont

Alan D. Solomont, former U.S. Ambassador to Spain and Andorra (2009-2013), is the Chairman of the Spain-U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Based in New York City, the Chamber is a membership organization, founded in 1959 to strengthen business ties between Spain and the United States. After eight years as Dean of the Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life at Tufts University, Ambassador Solomont retired in 2021 and currently holds the title of Dean Emeritus. He recently stepped down as chair of the national board of J Street, where he remains Chair Emeritus. J Street is a pro-Israel, pro-peace, pro-democracy NGO which promotes U.S. policies designed to achieve a peaceful and just settlement to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Ambassador Solomont also serves on the Board of Directors of Avangrid, a U.S. energy company, affiliated with Iberdrola S.A., which owns and operates utilities in New York and New England and is a leading developer and operator of renewable energy facilities across the U.S.

In 2009, Solomont was named by President Obama to be the United States Ambassadors to Spain and Andorra. He served in that position until July 2013, during which time he helped strengthen Spain's partnership with the United States on matters of global security and economic cooperation. His wife Susan authored two books about their experiences in Spain, her own memoir, *Lost and Found in Spain: Tales of An Ambassador's Wife*, and a children's book, *Stella the Ambassador*. Prior to his diplomatic service, Ambassador Solomont was an entrepreneur, philanthropist, and political activist. He served as Chairman of the bipartisan Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), the federal agency that oversees all domestic service programs, including AmeriCorps, VISTA and Senior Corps.

Long active in the Democratic Party, Solomont is a veteran of six U.S. presidential campaigns and served as National Finance Chair of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) in 1997-98.

Alan D. Solomont, ex Embajador de Estados Unidos en España y Andorra (2009-2013), es el presidente de la junta de directores de la Cámara de Comercio España-Estados Unidos. Basada en la ciudad de Nueva York, la Cámara es una organización de socios fundada en 1959 para fortalecer las relaciones comerciales entre España y Estados Unidos. Luego de ocho años como decano del Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life en Tufts University, el Embajador Solomont se retiró y ahora es Decano Emérito. Recientemente cedió su puesto como presidente de la junta de directores nacional de J Street, de la cual sigue siendo presidente emérito. J Street es una ONG pro Israel, pro paz y pro democracia que promueve política pública estadounidense dirigida a lograr una solución pacífica y justa al conflicto entre Israel y Palestina. El Embajador Solomont también forma parte de la junta de directores de Avangrid, una compañía de energía estadounidense afiliada a Iberdrola S.A. que es dueña y operadora de servicios públicos en Nueva York y Nueva Inglaterra, y que es líder en el desarrollo y operación de instalaciones de energía renovable en Estados Unidos.

En 2009, Solomont fue nombrado Embajador de Estados Unidos a España y Andorra por el Presidente Obama. Estuvo en ese puesto hasta julio de 2013, donde ayudó a fortalecer las relaciones entre España y Estados Unidos en cuestiones de seguridad global y cooperación económica. Su esposa, Susan, escribió una memoria sobre su vida en España: *Lost and Found in Spain, Tales of an Ambassador's Wife*, y un libro infantil *Stella the Ambassador*. Antes de su servicio diplomático, el Embajador Solomont fue un empresario, filántropo, y activista político. Fue presidente de la junta bipartita de directores del Corporation for National and Community Service, la agencia federal que rige todos los programas de

servicio comunitario a nivel nacional, incluyendo AmeriCorps, VISTA y Senior Corps.

Activo por muchos años en el Partido Demócrata, Solomont es un veterano de seis campañas presidenciales y fue el Director de Finanzas del Comité Nacional del Partido Demócrata en 1997-98.

Maria Inmaculada Sanchez-Cervera Valdes

Destino actual desde Febrero de 2023: Fiscal Delegada de Conformidades en el ámbito de la Audiencia Provincial. Desde marzo de 2020 Fiscal Coordinadora de la Comisión del Jurado de la Fiscalía Provincial de Madrid. v Octubre de 2019: Fiscal de apoyo en la Sección Quinta de la Fiscalía Provincial de Madrid. Septiembre de 2014 a Octubre de 2019 destinada en la Sección de Delitos Económicos de la Fiscalía Provincial de Madrid en exclusiva, con el despacho de procedimientos concursales y penales. Miembro del Tribunal Calificador en la oposición para el acceso a las Carreras Judicial y Fiscal en las convocatorias de 2014 y 2015. Enero de 2011 a Septiembre de 2014: Fiscal especialista en procedimientos ante el Tribunal del Jurado en la Comisión del Jurado de la Fiscalía Provincial de Madrid. v Enero de 2010 a Septiembre de 2014: Fiscal de la Fiscalía Provincial de Madrid, encargada del despacho del Juzgado de Instrucción nº 22 de Madrid. Hasta mayo de 2012 Especialidad Delitos Económicos y encargada del despacho de procedimientos concursales. Abril de 2007: incorporación en la Sección de Delitos Económicos de la Fiscalía del Tribunal Superior de Justicia de Madrid, con carácter de exclusividad, y encargada del despacho de procedimientos concursales. Octubre de 2004: destino en la Fiscalía del Tribunal Superior de Justicia de Madrid, en comisión de servicios, desempeñando sus funciones en los Juzgados de Primera Instancia e Instrucción de Collado Villalba, Majadahonda y Alcalá de Henares. En este último destino encargada del despacho del Juzgado de Instrucción nº 5 de Torrejón de Ardoz, con competencia en materia de Violencia de Género. Octubre de 2004: destino en la Adscripción Permanente de Ponferrada, de la Fiscalía Provincial de León.



Monica Sanz

Monica Valentina Sanz was a participant of the US-Spain Council's Young Leaders Program in 2016. She was recently hired to create a new International Engagement & Strategy team at the Federal Reserve after serving as an advisor and chief of staff for the Division of International Finance for three years. She provides technical expertise on a wide variety of international macroeconomic and financial topics and supports the Federal Reserve's participation in international meetings, including the G7,

G20, OECD, and IMF. Monica's professional experience includes more than two decades working in both public and private sector financial institutions (AIG, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Citigroup, Morgan Stanley) in roles spanning capital markets, research, policy, and asset management. Much of this experience focused on international banking and country risk. She served as the New York Fed's lead analyst covering Spain during the country's financial crisis (which seems like a distant memory now), and was lucky enough to spend the summer of 2013 working on secondment at the U.S. embassy in Madrid. Monica earned a master's degree in economics from New York University and also holds a B.A. in economics and a B.A. in Latin American Studies from The Johns Hopkins University.

She resides in the Washington DC area with her wife and two children. She always welcomes connecting with Young Leaders Program alumni or others involved in the US-Spain Council!



Rafael Sardina

Los Angeles based 19-Time Grammy® & Latin Grammy® Winner Producer/Mixer/Engineer Rafa Sardina has built an eclectic and impressive client list over the years: Stevie Wonder, Camila Cabello, D'Angelo, Rosalía, John Legend, Elvis Costello & The Roots, Lady Gaga, Michael Jackson, Monsieur Perine, Flor De Toloache, Jordan Smith, David Foster, Rodrigo Y Gabriela, Plácido Domingo, Celine Dion, Rachel Platten, Harry Conick Jr, Josh Groban, Tim McGraw, Mariah Carey, Shakira, Dr. Dre, Dru Hill, Armando Manzanero, David Morales, Jessy Moss, Luis Miguel, Paco de Lucía, Chris Botti, Susan Boyle, Katherine Jenkins, Zaz, Stewart Copeland, Sheryl Crow, Soul Coughing, Angélique Kidjo, Beyoncé, ChocQuibTown, Beto Cuevas, Kevon Edmonds, Kina, Eric Marienthal, Juanes, Angie Stone, Calle 13, Illya Kuriaki & The Valderramas, Alejandro Fernandez, blues legends Al Blake & Fred Kaplan, Juan Gabriel, Jumaane Smith, Jackie Evancho, Naturally 7, Michael Bublé, Cristian Castro, Clare Fischer Big Band, Vicente Amigo, Macy Gray, Robbie Williams, Nick Jonas, Anitta, Ladysmith Black Mambazo, Patti Austin, Soweto Gospel Choir, Alejandro Sanz, Natalia Lafourcade, Miguel, and Residente among many others. He has received over 60 Grammy & Latin Grammy Nominations for his work with artists such as Stevie Wonder, Lady Gaga, Luis Miguel, Diego Torres, Clare Fischer Big Band, Illya Kuriaki & The Valderramas, Alejandro Sanz, Flor De Toloache, Calle 13, and D'Angelo & The Vanguard.

In 2023 Rafa Sardina received a Latin Grammy Award as Producer, Engineer & Mixer for Best Alternative Album. In 2021 Rafa Sardina got a Latin Grammy Award for Best Tango Album. In 2020 Sardina received 2 Latin Grammy Awards for Record of the Year, and Best Mariachi album. Also got one 2021 Grammy

Nomination. In 2019 Rafa Sardina received a Grammy recognition for Best Latin pop Album and nominations for Alternative Album, and got nominated for Producer of the Year at the Latin Grammy's, and in 2018 got a Latin Grammy for Best Engineered Album & a nomination for Best Urban Fusion Performance. In 2016 got a Grammy for Best R&B Album for D'Angelo's "Black Messiah" and received 5 Latin Grammy Nominations for Producer Of The Year, Record Of The Year, Album Of The Year, Best Pop Album, and Best Alternative Album, winning the Best Alternative Album Latin Grammy.

Symphonic Soweto, a Tribute to Nelson Mandela' won the SAMA (the South African equivalent of the Grammy) for Best Adult Contemporary Album in 2018.

Rafa Sardina served as Governor for the Los Angeles Chapter of the Grammy's for 11 years, as well as the Chairman of the Producers & Engineers Wing at the Grammy's in 2016, he is currently serving as a Trustee of the Latin Grammy's and Vice-Chairman & Founding Member of the CPI (Círculo de Productores e Ingenieros), the equivalent organization representing Producers & Engineers in Latin America, Brazil, Spain & Portugal. He also served in 2017 & 2018 as the Executive Producer & Music Producer of the Latin Grammy's Person of the Year dinner gala/show, honoring Alejandro Sanz and Maná for their outstanding careers. Rafa founded Fishbone Productions in 2001. He built his studio "AfterHours Studios" from the ground up with the artist's need in mind and it was featured in Mix Magazine's Class of 2017 list of most innovative studios of the year. As a musician, engineer and producer Rafa connects easily with artists and has tremendous respect for creating a studio vibe that's performance-friendly for both new and established talent.

Rafa's love for music began at an early age playing guitar and attending recording sessions in his native Spain. After four years in Medical school, Rafa chose to pursue his life-long passion: Music. A live sound stint with folk, jazz and world artists in Northern Spain and South of France led him to the United States where he attended Full Sail University in order to expand his knowledge and abilities. He graduated with a Valedictorian Award for achievements and excellence. Soon after he landed an engineering position at the legendary Ocean Way Recording Studios in Hollywood and Record One Studios in Los Angeles. Rafa had the unique opportunity to work with world renowned artists on a daily basis: from Natalie Cole to the Black Crowes, Celine Dion, Green Day, Madonna, The Rolling Stones, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Frank Sinatra, the pre-recording of The Academy Awards and worked on numerous movies. Rafa's intuition to move to Los Angeles proved to be one of the most rewarding synergies of his life.

Though Sardina is best known for working on pop, rock and R&B projects, he has recorded and mixed just about any genre of music you can imagine: Orchestral recordings, big band, R&B, dance, gospel, soul, rap/hip hop, indie, funk, country, tango, world music, alternative, jazz, opera, flamenco, americana, blues, rock, choral, film/TV soundtracks and movie scores like "Any given Sunday", "102 Dalmatians", "Michael Jordan- To the Max", "Biker Boyz", Tyler Perry's "Madea's Family Reunion", Johnny Depp's "The Rum Diary" and many more.

Over the years Rafa has developed professional and personal relationships with many artists that he has grown to respect.

"At the end of the day, it comes down to a simple studio philosophy - I'm there to make sure the artist is able to realize his vision, intensely collaborate in the creative process and have fun in the journey."



Melissa Shuffield

Melissa Shuffield advises corporations, politicians and nonprofits on critical communications issues. She has more than 20 years of extensive experience leading domestic and international engagements with globally recognized financial institutions and public relations agencies, foreign governments, the U.S. Senate and political campaigns.

Melissa's integrated approach to external affairs and reputation management has helped numerous clients tell their stories on their own terms. From business strategy and announcements to media and policy landscapes, her strategies have helped impact business, legislation and litigation outcomes across a range of industries including foreign affairs, media and telecommunications, fintech, infrastructure and alternative healthcare.

Prior to starting the Shuffield Co., Melissa worked in finance with Fortress Investment Group and as an executive director at JPMorgan Chase. She also served as press secretary for Sen. Mel Martinez (FL) and Sen. John McCain (AZ). Aside from her extensive work in politics and finance, she handled projects alongside Fortress Investment Group in Florida, the Caribbean and Latin America, including the Brightline in 2016.

Melissa is fluent in Spanish, holds a special affinity for Latin America and brings years of experience forging cross-cultural connections around business and policy issues.

Melissa Shuffield asesora a corporaciones, políticos y organizaciones sin fines de lucro sobre cuestiones críticas de comunicación. Tiene más de 20 años de amplia experiencia liderando compromisos nacionales e internacionales con instituciones financieras y agencias de relaciones públicas reconocidas mundialmente, gobiernos extranjeros, el

Senado de los Estados Unidos y campañas políticas.

El enfoque integrado de Melissa hacia los asuntos externos y la gestión de la reputación ha ayudado a numerosos clientes a contar sus historias en sus propios términos. Desde estrategia corporativa y anuncios, hasta escenarios de política y medios de comunicación, sus estrategias han ayudado a impactar los resultados comerciales, legislativos y de litigios en una variedad de industrias, incluidas relaciones exteriores, medios y telecomunicaciones, tecnología financiera, infraestructura y atención médica alternativa.

Antes de fundar Shuffield Co., Melissa trabajó en finanzas en Fortress Investment Group y como directora ejecutiva en JPMorgan Chase. También se desempeñó como secretaria de prensa del senador Mel Martínez (FL) y del senador John McCain (AZ). Además de su extenso trabajo en política y finanzas, manejó proyectos junto con Fortress Investment Group en Florida, el Caribe y América Latina, incluido Brightline en 2016.

Melissa habla español con fluidez, tiene una afinidad especial por América Latina y aporta años de experiencia forjando conexiones interculturales en torno a cuestiones comerciales y políticas.



Simon Tafoya

Simon Tafoya has most recently served as advisor to the Mayor of Denver, Colorado. He maintains broad experience in public policy across federal, state and local governments, having served as Senior Director for Policy and Federal Relations for former Governor John Hickenlooper and as staff to former U.S. Senator Harry Reid of Nevada and former U.S. Senator Mark Udall of Colorado. He received his Bachelor's of Arts from Colorado College and a Masters of Public Affairs and Urban and Regional Planning from Princeton University.



Cristina Torras

Cristina Torras is the coordinator of Professional Exchanges in the Department of Public Diplomacy at the U.S. Embassy in Madrid. Among them, she is in charge of the International Visitor Leadership Program, the State Department's flagship program. She also designs and organizes programs in strategic areas to promote bilateral relations between Spain and the US.

Cristina Torras es coordinadora de Intercambios Profesionales en el Departamento de Diplomacia Pública de la Embajada de EE. UU. en Madrid. Entre ellos, está a cargo del Programa de Liderazgo para Visitantes Internacionales, programa insignia del

Departamento de Estado. Así mismo, organiza programas en áreas estratégicas para promover las relaciones bilaterales entre España y EE. UU.



José Ignacio Torreblanca

José Ignacio Torreblanca (Madrid, 1968), es Profesor titular de la Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (UNED) y Doctor Miembro del Instituto Juan March de Estudios e Investigaciones. Ha sido becario del Programa Fulbright, Unión Europea- Estados Unidos, Profesor en la George Washington University (D.C.) así como investigador posdoctoral en el Instituto Universitario Europeo de Florencia (EUI). También ha sido Investigador Principal, Área Europa, en el Real Instituto Elcano de Estudios Internacionales (2004-2007). Desde 2008 es director de la oficina en Madrid del European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR). Ha sido colaborador habitual del Diario El País (2008-2018) y Jefe de Opinión y miembro de su Consejo Editorial (2016-2018). Desde septiembre de 2018 colabora con el Diario El MUNDO, donde escribe una columna de opinión semanal y con Radio Nacional de España. En 2015 recibió el Premio Salvador de Madariaga de Periodismo Europeo en su XXI edición.

Es autor de cinco libros: "La soberanía digital de Europa", (co-editor, con Carla Hobbs, Catarata, 2020); "Asaltar los cielos: Podemos o la política después de la crisis" (Debate, 2015). ¿Quién Gobierna en Europa? reconstruir la democracia, recuperar la ciudadanía" (Catarata, 2014 (vínculo): "La fragmentación del poder europeo" (Icaria/Política Exterior, 2011); y "The Reuniting of Europe: promises, negotiations and compromises" (Asghate, 2001). Entre sus publicaciones recientes destacan: Onwards and outwards: Why the EU needs to move from strategic autonomy to strategic interdependence' (ECFR, August 2023); 'The EU: A force for (digital) good? (in Tech4Democracy, IE University, July 2023); 'The EU and Latin America: Convergences and divergences' (EUISS, July 2023), co-authored with Carla Hobbs et al.; 'Digital diplomacy: How to unlock the Global Gateway's potential in Latin America and the Caribbean' (ECFR, May2023); 'Byting back: The EU's digital alliance with Latin America and the Caribbean' (ECFR, October 2022), co-authored with Carla Hobbs; 'The geopolitics of technology: How the EU can become a global player' (ECFR, May 2022), co-authored with Julian Ringhof; The US-EU Trade and Technology Council: State of play, issues and challenges' (Esade EcPol, January 2022), co-authored with Raquel Jorge; 'The Power Atlas: Seven battlegrounds of a networked world' (ECFR, December 2021), edited by Mark Leonard; 'Geo-tech politics: Why technology shapes European power' (ECFR, July 2021), co-authored with Ulrike Franke; 'Democracy, platforms and foreign agents' in 'Europe's digital sovereignty: From rule-maker to

regulatory superpower in the age of US-China Rivalry' (ECFR, July 2020), edited by Carla Hobbs; and 'The geoeconomics of the digital', co-authored with Andrew Puddephatt and Carla Hobbs, in 'Connectivity Wars: Why migration, finance and trade are the geo-economic battlegrounds of the future' (ECFR January 2016), edited by Mark Leonard.

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Andrés Torres

Andrés Torres is an Assistant District Attorney at the Manhattan District Attorney's Office. He is currently assigned to the Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor where he is Co-Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau. In that position, Mr. Torres has successfully prosecuted multiple transnational drug trafficking and money laundering organizations. Among other successful cases, he led an investigation that dismantled a global heroin and cocaine smuggling operation onboard the Spanish Navy's officer training vessel, the Juan Sebastián Elcano. In recognition of his professional achievements, the New York City Bar Association awarded him the Thomas E. Dewey Medal in 2019. Before becoming an attorney, Mr. Torres studied Colombian history and politics as a Fulbright Scholar at the Universidad Javeriana and the Universidad de los Andes in Bogotá. Upon completion of his fellowship, he worked five years for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in Bogotá, Colombia, where he helped implement the U.S. Government's policy known as "Plan Colombia." Mr. Torres received his undergraduate degree from Georgetown University and was awarded the Father Robert Drinan, S.J. Scholarship at Boston College Law School.

Andrés Torres es Fiscal Auxiliar de la Fiscalía de Manhattan. Está asignado a la oficina del Fiscal Especial Antinarcoóticos en donde ejerce como jefe de la Oficina de Investigaciones Especiales. En esta posición, el señor Torres se dedica a investigar y a enjuiciar organizaciones internacionales de narcotráfico y lavado de activos. Entre otros casos, el señor Torres dirigió una investigación que destapó y desarticuló una importante red de narcotráfico a bordo del buque escuela de la Armada Española, Juan Sebastián Elcano. En el 2019, el Colegio de Abogados de la Ciudad de Nueva York le otorgó la medalla Thomas E. Dewey en reconocimiento de sus contribuciones profesionales. Antes de empezar su posgrado en Derecho, al señor Torres le otorgaron una beca Fulbright para estudiar la historia y política de Colombia en la Universidad Javeriana y

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Emerita Torres

Emerita Torres is the Vice President of Policy, Research and Advocacy for the Community Service Society of New York, where she is responsible for directing data-driven public policy and research to address the economic inequities facing low-income communities of color. Previously, Emerita Torres was the Director of Policy Research and Programs at The Soufan Center (TSC), an independent non-profit center offering research, analysis, and strategic dialogue on global security challenges and foreign policy issues. Emerita has over a decade of experience as a U.S. diplomat at the U.S. Department of State, with tours including Brazil, Pakistan, Colombia, Washington, DC and our U.S. Mission to the United Nations. Emerita is the recipient of three Meritorious Honor Awards and a Superior Honor Award for her diplomatic service. Emerita holds a B.A. in History from NYU and a Master in Public Policy from the Harvard Kennedy School. She is a Term Member of the Council on Foreign Relations, a Truman National Security Fellow, and was recognized by New America as a Latinx National Security and Foreign Policy leader. Emerita is a proud Bronxite of Puerto Rican heritage.



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From 2000 Vice President of Técnicas Reunidas Internacional, S.A. (The leading engineering and industrial construction company in Spain). Career Diplomat from 1979 until the year 2000. Counsellor in the Spanish Embassies of Morocco and the Netherlands His last position, in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, was that of Director General, Economic International Relations (1996-2000). Member of the Board of Directors of different Spanish Companies and Foundations like Abertis, Construcciones Aeronáuticas S.A., ACE Consultores Internacionales, S.L., and Vice President of Spanish Exporters and Investors Club. In February 2013, he was appointed by the Government Ambassador of Spain to the P.R. of China where he remained until November 2017. After, he returned to his previous position as Vice President of Técnicas Reunidas Internacional, S.A.



Antonio Vargas

Antonio Vargas works as Head of Public Policy for Spain and Portugal at Amazon Web Services (AWS) since 2020; he previously worked as a Public Policy Manager at Google for six years. Throughout his decade spent in the technological industry, Antonio has been a board member of several trade associations such as Adigital, AMETIC and Multinationals for Spain, chairing the Digital Content and Services commission at AMETIC, the Innovation commission at Multinationals for Spain, and the Cloud commission at AMETIC.

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Antonio teaches Government Affairs and Public Policy at post-graduate programs in the IESE Business School, ICADE University and Universidad Europea, and previously taught in Universidad de Granada, Complutense University and Universidad de Navarra. Antonio is a member of the Academic board at the think tank FIDE and also a member of the board at Fundación España Digital. Antonio holds B.A. degrees in Law from Complutense University in Madrid, in Business Administration from Universidad Francisco de Vitoria, and he studied Strategic Management at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta for a year. He also holds an M.A. degree in Humanities and an M.A. degree in Corporate Communications from Carlos III University in Madrid. Antonio held a scholarship from Fundación Carolina for the top 40 degrees in Spain, Portugal and Latin America. He also studied a week seminar in Leadership at Harvard Kennedy School with Fundación Rafael del Pino.



Puneet Verma

Puneet Verma lidera los esfuerzos de defensa federal para el conjunto completo de negocios de Avangrid, incluidas las 3ª operaciones eólicas y solares más grandes de los EE. UU. y 8 empresas de servicios públicos de electricidad y gas natural. Con más de 30 años de experiencia, tiene una amplia experiencia y conocimiento comercial en diversos aspectos del sector energético que van desde la política, la promoción y la comercialización de nuevas empresas. Actualmente, Puneet es miembro de la Junta Directiva Ejecutiva de la Asociación Estadounidense de Energía Limpia, el Consejo Estadounidense de Energía Renovable y el Consejo del Área de la Capital Nacional de los Boy Scouts de América. A lo largo de su carrera, ha formado parte de numerosas

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Alexander Zahn is a Manager on the Netflix Original Independent Film team. At Netflix he has worked on projects such as REZ BALL, NYAD, FAIR PLAY, PURPLE HEARTS, and PASSING amongst many others. Prior to joining Netflix, Zahn served as VP of Acquisitions & Productions at Sony Pictures Worldwide Acquisitions (SPWA). At SPWA, Zahn was involved in the acquisition and production of countless films including HER, ARRIVAL, DON'T BREATHE, DOPE, MARSHALL, I CARRY YOU WITH ME, BLAST BEAT and the SEARCHING / MISSING franchises.