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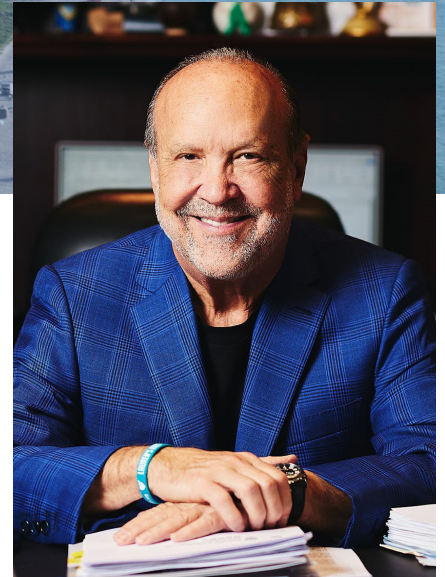
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TANYA I. DAVIS

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Tanya I. Davis, CPA is the assurance partner at S. Davis & Associates, P.A. ("SDA"), a public accounting and consulting firm with four Florida offices. She oversees the assurance and human resources departments and plays a major role in the consulting department and general office oversight. She joined SDA in 1997 after gaining experience with the global accounting firms of PricewaterhouseCoopers and Grant Thornton. During her career, she has worked with clients in a variety of industries, including government, not-for-profit, hospitality, sports and entertainment, wholesale distribution, higher education, insurance, and healthcare.

Tanya has served on various boards and, often, chairs committees related to audit, finance and compliance. In the public accounting field, she was the first African-American female CPA appointed to the Florida Board of Accountancy and served on the board for 7 years. During her tenure, she chaired the Board, itself, and its Probable Cause Panel and Minority Scholarships Committee, and was a member of the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy. As a member of Barry University's President Search Committee, she was instrumental in hiring the first lay person and first male President of the University, helping catapult her to becoming a Vice-Chair of the Board in under five years of serving as a Trustee. As a member of the audit committees of Barry University, the Humane Society of Broward County, Community Foundation of Broward, and the Art & Culture Center of Hollywood, she is relied upon for her audit and accounting acumen and has improved the organizations' policies around audit, tax, and compliance matters, ensuring proper controls are in place.

Tanya is a Cum Laude graduate of Barry University and is licensed to practice as a CPA in Florida. Tanya's husband, Shaun, is a fellow CPA and they have three adult children, one of whom is also a CPA.





JOY CHAMBERS-NICHOLAS

Senior Manager at SDA, Senior Auditor,
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Joy Chambers-Nicholas specializes in external audit government and not-for-profit organizations, internal auditing, financial reporting, risk analysis, budgeting documentation, tax preparation and small business accounting. Based in the City of Margate Florida, we know her as the consummate professional:

loyal, dedicated, dynamic and an innovative trouble-shooter. At SDA, she brings over a decade of senior level to executive level experience in accounting and auditing. She has extensive experience with the Council and is happy to serve as needed to get a timely audit. Joy is a member of the AICPA and the GFOA along with their respective state chapters.



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RONALD L. BOOK

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Ron Book is the Founder and CEO of Ronald L. Book, P.A., a law firm specializing in government affairs for decades. The firm has consistently been ranked in the top 5 lobbying firms in the state by the news media and those who follow Florida politics.

Ron's start in the political process was in the 1970's, when he began working for the Florida Legislature. Ron later served as Special Counsel and Interim Chief of Staff to Florida Governor Bob Graham and then later as Director of the Administrative and Governmental Law Department for Sparber, Shevin, Shapo, Heilbronner & Book, one of Florida's most influential law firms from 1982 to 1987.

Since opening his own firm 37 years ago, Mr. Book has developed a client list that is a "who's who" of business and industry, hospitals and health care providers, local governments, professional and not-for-profit associations. His reputation as a tireless hard worker, dedicated to his client's causes, has earned him a place in the upper echelon of Tallahassee access. Simply put, if it is an issue that you have read about, Mr. Book has been at the center of the debate, influencing the decisions of policymakers for the past 50+ Regular and Special Legislative Sessions.

Mr. Book is a dedicated volunteer to many charitable causes, however, his two prioritized charitable causes are, the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust, where he serves as Chairman, and oversees a \$103 million budget and the Lauren's Kids Foundation, where he also serves as Chairman of the Board. Founded by his daughter, Lauren, Lauren's Kids is dedicated to preventing child sexual abuse through education and awareness and helping victims heal.

Mr. Book holds a Juris Doctorate degree from Tulane University and a B.A. in Political Science from Florida International University. Ron spent three years at the University of Florida where he was a letterman as a member of the Fighting Gator track team and is the recipient of numerous awards including two Emmy's and one Gracies Award, the 2023 recipient of the Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, and in October, 2024 became a Nobel Peace Prize nominee in the area of Peace.



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