

DHT Board of Directors 2019-2020



Vinson Richter is founder of several successful general contracting firms with projects spanning over 35 years in South Florida. Mr. Richter has built hundreds of construction projects including; historic, commercial, professional, medical, technical, public and entertainment. Mr. Richter is a member of the Virginia Key Advisory Board, Dade Heritage Trust, Builders Association of South Florida, Building Owners and Managers Association, a member of the Advisory Council of the M.E. Rinker School of Building Construction at the University of Florida, Member Miami-Dade Advisory Board for Bank Atlantic and a Professional Affiliate member of the Miami Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Mr. Richter is a graduate of the University of Florida, School of Building and Construction, a member of Sigma Lambda Chi (National Construction Honor Society) and is a State Certified General Contractor and Real Estate Salesman. He is also a native Floridian born on Miami Beach.



Dona Spain is experienced in various positions of municipal government with increasing management, problem solving, and decision-making responsibilities. Currently the Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Director. She also served as Assistant City Manager for City of Coral Gables (May 2005 to April 2011); Historical Resources Director (Oct. 1999 to May 2005); Zoning Administrator (Sept. 1997 to Oct. 1999); and Historic Preservation Specialist (April 1997 to Sept 1997). Coral Gables, a community of more than 44,000 residents, is a full service city with 807 employees and an annual budget of \$144 million. Master of Architecture Degree in Suburb and Town Design from University of Miami, Bachelor of Architecture from University of Miami; Bachelor of Science from University of Miami.



Arva Moore Parks McCabe is a historian, author and preservationist in Miami, Florida. A University of Florida Alumnus, she was inducted into the Florida Women's Hall of Fame (1986) and was honored in Coral Gables Citizen of the Year. She has worked to preserve Harry Truman's Little White House and the Biltmore Hotel. She wrote *Miami, The Magic City* and *George Merrick's Coral Gables*. She served as Interim Director and Chairman of the Coral Gables Museum and has served as president of HistoryMiami, chaired Coral Gables' Historic Preservation Board, and the Florida Humanities Council. She produced films on Miami and Coconut Grove (she won an Emmy from the Florida Academy of Television Arts and Sciences) and chaired the Florida Endowment for the Humanities in 1982-83.



Mario Garcia-Serra is a shareholder in the Gunster Law firm's Environmental & Land Use practice group. He focuses his practice on local government law, particularly land use and zoning. Mario represents major developers before local government boards and regulatory agencies. He has wide ranging experience with the governments of Miami-Dade County and with nearly all of the municipalities within Miami-Dade County, including the cities of Miami, Coral Gables, Miami Beach, North Miami and Aventura, as well as regional agencies such as the South Florida Regional Planning Council and the South Florida Water Management District. Mario has been involved in obtaining the necessary development approvals for major high rise residential condominium and rental projects, commercial and institutional buildings, single family residential developments and public/private projects. Mario is involved in local politics and has served as a campaign fundraiser for various local and state elected officials.



Suzanne Graham Gibson is a third generation Miamian currently splitting her time between homes in Miami and Washington, D.C. Suzanne received her BA and MA in Education from the University of Florida, specializing in her masters in Florida History. She and her husband (Tom Gibson of Clearwater, Florida) have 22-year old triplet daughters. Tom is the CEO of the United States platform of a global meetings and events company. Suzanne's love for Miami's heritage is a product of her family's generational commitment to our region as well as a personal passion for Miami's visual and narrative preservation. In addition to serving on the Dade Heritage Trust Board, Suzanne is a member of the Board of Directors for The Graham Companies and has also been appointed to serve on the Arts, Culture and Entertainment Committee of the Downtown Development Authority. Suzanne is eager to contribute to the important mission of preserving the rich history, architecture and communities of "The Magic City."



Dolly MacIntyre, a Miami-Dade County resident since 1957, became involved in historic preservation in 1966 when the Villagers was organized to help in the effort to save the historic landmark Douglas Entrance in Coral Gables. In 1972, she was instrumental in founding Dade Heritage Trust, serving as President for three years. She has been a constant source of financial support for the organization and preservation projects. Dolly also served eight years on the Coral Gables Historic Preservation Board. Among many awards, the Florida Secretary of State gave her the 2012 Mary Call Darby Collins Award "in recognition of dedication and volunteer action that has forever changed the course of historic preservation in Florida." She has also been involved in the arts, raising and contributing funds for scholarships. She supported the Friends of the Lowe Art Museum, serving on its Board for several years. She has also shared her time and treasure with the Dade County Federation of Women's Clubs, through both the Woman's Club of Coconut Grove and the Miami Woman's Club.



Dr. Michael Rosenberg is a retired orthodontist who practiced in Miami for 37 years. While in active practice he served as President of the South Florida Dental Association and Chairman of the South Florida Dental Foundation. In addition, he served as a Trustee of the Florida Dental Association and as a delegate to the American Dental Association. He has served as Chairman of the Board of Switchboard of Miami, the Voices for Children Foundation, and of HistoryMiami. He currently serves as Chairman of the Miami-Dade County Environmentally Endangered Lands Committee, and Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Kampong. In addition, he currently serves on the City of Miami Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the Dean's Advisory Board of the College of Arts, Sciences and Education of Florida International University, the Board of Trustees of the Miami Foundation, the Board of Directors of Zoo Miami Foundation and the Board of Trustees of the National Tropical Botanical Garden. Dr. Rosenberg, a lifelong resident of Miami, currently resides in Coconut Grove with his wife, Diane.



Dr. Edmund Parnes is a recently retired Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon. He was very active in his professional organizations while in Practice, serving as the President of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, and the Florida Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. He also was President of the Florida Dental Association, President of the South Florida Dental Association, and Delegate to the American Dental Association. With a keen interest in history and preservation causes, he is a long-time member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, as well as the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation. He served on the Historic Preservation Board of Coral Gables for seven years; four of those as Chairman. He is a past Chairman of the Board of History Miami. Currently he serves as President of Dade Heritage Trust. Ed has resided in Miami since he was 6 years old, attended the historic Southside Elementary, Shenandoah Junior High, and graduated from Miami Senior High School.



Avra Jain is the founder of The Vagabond Group. With a career path that has taken her from bond trading on Wall Street to developing properties along some of Miami's trendiest streets, Avra Jain has earned a reputation for identifying the next *it* neighborhood. The recipient of three Sundance Film Awards for the documentary *Dark Days*, this industrial engineering graduate from Purdue University develops projects based around two of her favorite pursuits: art and architecture. To date, that vision has resulted in 26 boutique projects that range from converting a 100,000 square foot warehouse to luxury loft condominiums in New York's Tribeca neighborhood to the remake of The Vagabond, from Motel to Hotel on Biscayne Boulevard. When Avra is not re-imagining skylines, she spends time with her daughter Alexandra, who she affectionately refers to as "my greatest accomplishment."



Lisa Bennett was born in New Orleans. She received her B.A. and Juris Doctorate from Florida State University. She was an Assistant Dade County Attorney, a legal consultant to the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization in Rome, Italy and a legal consultant to the United Nations Center on Transnational Corporations in New York City. Since founding Bennett & Bennett with her husband in 1990, she has practiced law in consumer class actions, commercial litigation, and appeals. Served as chair of the appellate court committee of the Dade County Bar Association, served on the Coral Gables Historic Preservation Board, and is a long-time member of the Board of the Historic Preservation Association of Coral Gables, Inc. and is a past president (2007-2011) of that organization. Since 2012 to the present she has served on the Coral Gables Library Advisory Board.



Bruce Ehrenhaff and his wife Alexis reside in Coral Gables. Bruce joined the Board in 2016. In 1985, Bruce left the medical industry to attend the University of Miami Law School. Following graduation, he took a judicial staff position at the U.S. District Court in Miami; and, after 24 years as a Staff Attorney with the federal court, Bruce retired in June of 2014. During his first week of retirement Bruce answered a call from DHT founder, Dolly MacIntyre for members to join DHT's Advocacy Committee. With Dolly and former DHT President, Brian Alonso as mentors, Bruce began volunteering for DHT, attending municipal and county Historic Preservation Board meetings.



Bill Fuller is Co-Founder of Barlington Group, a South Florida Real Estate and Private Equity Investment Firm that focuses on the redevelopment of Miami's urban core. As a pioneer in the revitalization of Little Havana, Fuller has restored numerous commercial and residential projects on Calle Ocho and the surrounding neighborhoods. He has real estate experience in finance, sales and construction. Barlington's real estate projects include: the Futurama Art Building, 12th and Six Art Space, the art-adorned chic Goodwill on Calle Ocho and Kroma in Coconut Grove. The firm's business ventures include the Ball & Chain, Blackbird Ordinary and the Tower Hotel. Fuller was born in Miami and graduated from Miami Palmetto Senior High. He earned his undergraduate degree from Emory University. He resides in Coconut Grove with his family.



Carla Webster is a Miami native and holds a bachelor's degree of the arts from Emory University. Carla is an accomplished media maven, specializing in digital design/audio/visual production and currently is the President of the Oakland Grove Neighborhood Association in Miami's Little River neighborhood. Carla works for the Miami-Dade County Housing Authority.



Gavin McKenzie, a native South Floridian, founded McKenzie Construction in 2005 with the aim of building a boutique construction firm that would offer design-focused attention to all project details with an emphasis on sustainable construction practices. In 2013 Gavin established McKenzie Craft, a sister company of Construction that is one of South Florida's leading design-build craftwork contractors, focused on the design and custom fabrication of wood, metal, and concrete furniture and interior finishes. In 2015, McKenzie added a 3rd division, with the creation of the design and architecture department. As Owner and CEO of McKenzie, Gavin oversees a team of managers that uphold his attention to finish details and customer service in every project. Over the years, he has led McKenzie in focusing on the delivery of a high-end quality product to both residential and commercial markets.



Guillermo Diaz-Rousselot is President and Chief Executive Officer of Continental National Bank, a \$490 million asset bank where he has been a key member for the past 4 decades. Diaz-Rousselot has served the industry in various leadership positions. Presently, he has been elected to the board of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. For three consecutive years, he served as the Chairman for the CFPB (Consumer Financial Protection Bureau) Advisory Council, as well as the OCC (Office of the Comptroller of the Currency) Advisory Council. Mr. Diaz- Rousselot has also served as Director for the American Bankers Association and Chairman of the Minority Council for the ICBA (Independent Community Bankers of America).



Michelle Garrido-Trujillo was born and raised in Miami, Florida to Cuban parents. Mrs. Garrido-Trujillo earned her Juris Doctor from Florida International University College of Law and was admitted to the Florida Bar in 2013. Mrs. Garrido-Trujillo is Corporate Counsel at GA Telesis, LLC, an international commercial aviation parts and services supplier, headquartered in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Prior to working in the aviation industry, Mrs. Garrido-Trujillo practiced at a civil litigation firm in Coral Gables concentrating in the areas of complex business litigation and medical malpractice litigation. Since January 2016, Mrs. Garrido-Trujillo has been volunteering her legal services to Dade Heritage Trust. Among other things, she drafted proposed language in Chapter 23 of Miami's City Code in order to facilitate thematic designations of historic properties, which was passed by the City of Miami Commissioners.



Gal Bensaadon is a general contractor who specialized in historic renovation. Gal started his own firm five years ago. His work has included restoration of Coral Gables historic fountains / entrances, historic bridges on the Biltmore Property and others. He's a hard working guy with a passion for community service. For the last 3 years he's personally raised tens of thousands of dollars for Make a Wish and is one of their largest individual fundraisers in South Florida.



Matthew Meehan is an historic preservationist and investor. Matthew has purchased several buildings in the historic section of Bay City, Michigan, including an old newspaper building in an old industrial section of the city. Saving the outside of the building, he was able to redesign the interior into contemporary lofts while preserving and enhancing the structure. He also is a principal in funding an orphanage in India and has many funding galas in his home on South Greenway in Coral Gables. Matthew Meehan is an active participant and philanthropist in the Coral Gables Foundation.



Peggy Rolando is a partner in the Miami office of Shutts & Bowen LLP where she is a member of the Real Estate Practice Group. A Martindale-Hubbell AV® rated attorney, Peggy is Florida Bar Board Certified in Real Estate Law. She's on the Board of Governors of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers (ACREL) and is a past chair of the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section of The Florida Bar. She's also a long time active member of The Florida Bar Committee on Condominiums and Planned Developments. Peggy has been named one of the *Best Lawyers in America*® in real estate since 2010 and has been recognized by *Chambers USA – America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, *Florida Super Lawyers*, and *Florida Trend Magazine's Florida Elite* in real estate. She was also listed among the Top 50 Women Lawyers in Florida and Top 100 Lawyers in Miami.



Ian van Wallegghem currently holds the position of Construction Manager for Agave Ponce, LLC (Owners of TPCG). As Construction Manager, Ian oversees all construction related matters including but not limited to entitlements, contract negotiations, cost control and quality assurance. Ian has been in the industry since 1991. He, earned a bachelor's degree in Building Construction from the University of Florida (College of Architecture) and is a Certified General Contractor in the State of Florida. Prior to joining Agave, Mr. van Wallegghem held senior level positions at several of South Florida's top development and construction firms including Lennar Corp., Terremark Development and Suffolk Construction. He has a vast range of experience across all sectors of the industry. He contributed to the success of many projects in South Florida including, The Technology Center of The Americas, the Four-Season Hotel on Brickell, Grove Hill Tower in Coconut Grove and the Fortune House Condo-Hotel.



Mary Ann Ruiz was born and raised in the Schenley Park neighborhood of Miami-Dade County. She attended St. Theresa Catholic School and Our Lady of Lourdes Academy, where she remains an active alumna. Mary Ann received her Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a major in Finance from Florida International University's College of Business; she also earned her Master of Science in Integrated Communications from the School Florida International University's School of Journalism and Mass Communication, and received her Juris Doctor from the University of Miami School of Law. She joined a prominent community association law firm in Miami. In January 2009, with just a little over one year of practice, and in the midst of the Great Recession of 2008, Mary Ann opened her own firm and branded it as The Condo Clinic, P.A. In January 2019, to commemorate 10 years of service and growth, the firm was renamed as Mary Ann Ruiz, P.A.



Kelly Gonzalez Kelly Gonzalez, Vice-President, New Building Architectural Design, joined Royal Caribbean Cruises in 1998 and has played an intricate role in the success of the design of the modern fleet beginning with the Radiance-class ships. As the principal design lead, Gonzalez oversees all new building and revitalization projects with numerous designers, architects, and consultants worldwide. Her focus includes the most innovative ships to date - the Solstice-class for Celebrity Cruises and the Oasis- and Quantum-class for Royal Caribbean International, as well as a series of ships for TUI Cruises and other cruise brands. Kelly's extensive experience has involved her with more than fifty cruise ship vessels over the years. Prior to joining Royal Caribbean, Gonzalez enjoyed an accomplished career with a local Miami firm providing hospitality, corporate, residential and cruise ship design. Gonzalez holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Florida International University.



Emmett Moore is a Miami-based designer and artist. His Work has been shown institutionally at the RISD Museum, the Frost Art Museum, the Miami Art Museum, the Bass Museum of Art, and is in the permanent collection of the Perez Art Museum Miami. He is known for collaborations with architects and a technically rigorous interdisciplinary approach which challenges notions of functionality. Moore graduated from Design and Architecture Senior High in Miami and received his BFA in Furniture Design from the Rhode Island School of Design. Moore has worked as a designer/design consultant for the Standard Hotel, Rafael de Cardenas/Architecture at Large, Design Miami/Arquitectonica and Arquitectonica GEO. Moore is currently adjunct faculty at the Cushman School developing curriculum and teaching 3d-modeling. Moore is currently building a single-family home in collaboration with Arquitectonica in the Spring Garden Historic District on the Miami River.



Luke Wolfson is a graduate of Georgia Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering, focusing his studies on Nanotechnology. GA TECH is where he refined his skill-sets of detail orientation, work dedication, time management, team oriented goal setting and project completion, computer coding, and physical building. Luke has also earned his General Contractor's License and plans on continuing construction, affecting progress and change in his company. Luke enjoys reading science fiction and fantasy novels (as well as the occasional historical fiction or non-fiction), spending time in and on the ocean (marveling at Miami's incredible skyline), and making time to travel with his family and friends. Luke is both humbled and proud to be a fifth generation Floridian and strives to emulate his family in bettering Miami through the two pillars of community; education and housing.