



ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

DAVID J. BROWN, JR

David J. Brown, Jr. is a commercial real estate developer and investor focused on single and dual tenant retail and industrial properties in the Southwest United States. Often called DJ, he is the Co-Founder and Partner of Integral Partners. The development firm is actively acquiring a significant number of commercial investments in Arizona.

A Brophy College Preparatory alum, DJ was a 2-time state champion in swimming. He attended TCU’s Bob Schieffer College of Communications and the Neeley School of Business. After graduating from Texas Christian University in 2019, DJ went on to earn a Masters in Real Estate Development from W.P. Carey School of Business.

The first years of DJ’s career were spent at Christifulli Companies where he was involved the acquisition and development of several Class A retail properties valued at over \$25,000,000. In the summer of 2023, DJ formed Integral Partners with Brian Christifulli, a full service commercial real estate firm focusing on retail and industrial properties in the Southwest. In 2024, Integral Partners made the strategic decision to partner with Tom Roberts to grow its acquisition business.



David J. Brown, Jr.
Co-Founder, Partner
Integral Partners

DJ is passionate about both playing and watching sports, being involved with philanthropic programs that directly impact the underserved youth community in Phoenix, and spending time with his close friends and family. His primary goal in life is to conduct himself in life and business in such a way that would make his late father proud and be a positive example for the younger generation by leading a Christ centered life. ■



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CYNTHIA W. BUNESS, JD, MBA

Cynthia W. Buness, JD, MBA is a volunteer patient and research advocate for primary sclerosing cholangitis (PSC) a rare, chronic, and progressive liver disease that is usually associated with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). Her advocacy began in 2012 after her daughter was diagnosed with PSC. Ms. Buness has taken university-level medical courses and attended many gastroenterology and hepatology medical conferences to educate herself and to develop relationships with health care professionals with PSC expertise.

Ms. Buness focuses on bringing health care professionals, institutions, and patients together in a collaborative effort to solve rare medical issues. She educates patients on PSC, treatment options and insurance coverage issues. Ms. Buness has co-written multiple grant applications for adult and pediatric PSC clinical trials. One such trial, was FDA-funded under the Orphan Drug Act and is active at the three Mayo Clinics. A similar trial began in Italy in 2023, and two trials that are utilizing microbial transplantation post-antibiotic conditioning of the gut enrolling at University of Minnesota and in Australia. Several other studies are in process at Stanford, Yale, and Baylor.



Cynthia W. Buness, JD, MBA
Patient Research Advocate

Ms. Buness has working relationships with physicians and scientists globally who have studied PSC, pharmaceutical companies, and imaging companies. She has co-authored nine published journal papers with doctors from Mayo Clinic, Stanford, UCLA, Yale, and other medical institutions related to PSC, and oral vancomycin therapy for PSC, and the associated IBD. She has been a speaker and panelist at global liver conferences in the US and Europe.

Ms. Buness has a Juris Doctorate, an MBA and a BS in Zoology. She serves on Global Liver Institute’s Pediatric and Rare Liver Diseases Council and as Co-Chair of Research Working Group. She is a Parent Leader for Stanford University’s Autoimmune Liver Disease Network for Kids. Prior to her work as a patient advocate, Ms. Buness was a commercial trial litigator for 14 years, who specialized in complex science and insurance related matters. ■



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BRYANT W. COLMAN

Bryant W. Colman is the Managing Principal | Partner of Economic Incentives Advisory Group (EIAG). EIAG, a national grants, credits and incentives firm is headquartered in Phoenix, Arizona and has regional offices in Washington and Oregon. Mr. Colman is responsible for the strategy, operations, client acquisition, and partnership initiatives for the firm. EIAG maintains clients that include Siemens, SpaceX, Dell, onsemi, Microchip, TPI Composites, LifePoint Health, Community Health Systems, GE Appliances, Oscar Insurance, GCU and hundreds of national, regional, and early-stage companies throughout the country.

EIAG secures government funds and incentives for clients including job creation tax credits, clean energy grants and credits, property tax relief, utility concessions, job training grants and other financial incentives offered by federal, state, and local governments. These government sponsored financial programs are to assist organizations with expanding operations, hiring employees, making clean energy investments, training their workforce, encourage capital investments, and lower operating costs. During the previous two decades, EIAG has acquired over \$15 billion in government funds and incentives on behalf of clients nationwide.



Bryant W. Colman
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EIAG

Bryant, a graduate of University of Arizona has a strong interest in exploring and trekking remote locations throughout the world. He has trekked to the South Pole in Antarctica, Mount Kilimanjaro, Mount Ranier and Mt. Bourgeau in the Canadian Rockies. His next adventure includes Mt. Fuji. He has been active in philanthropic organizations including Child Crisis Arizona, The Arizona Humane Society, Cajun Foundation, Canyon Angels and the Colman Scholarship Fund. ■



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PATRICK DONALDSON

Patrick “Pat” Donaldson, is a notable figure in Phoenix, Arizona, with a distinguished career in both military service and community leadership. Pat is a third-generation Arizonan, raised in the Valley, attending Brophy College Preparatory and University of St. Thomas, St. Paul on a ROTC scholarship. He then earned his M.B.A. from Withworth College in Spokane, Washington.

Col. Patrick Donaldson served as the Commander of the Arizona Air National Guard’s 161st Air Refueling Wing at Goldwater Air National Guard Base. During his tenure, Col. Donaldson was responsible for overseeing operations and ensuring the readiness of the wing’s personnel and equipment. The base is located on the southern part of Sky Harbor Airport and is served by more than 800 military personnel.



Patrick “Pat” Donaldson
Chief of Staff
St. Vincnet de Paul - Phoenix

After his military service, Patrick Donaldson transitioned to a leadership role in the nonprofit sector. He serves as the first Chief of Staff at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul–Phoenix. In this capacity, Pat oversees various operational aspects of the organization, ensuring that its programs effectively serve those in need.

St. Vincent de Paul–Phoenix is the largest conference on the globe, serving 7,000 daily meals. The august nonprofit has a state of the art healthcare clinic, transitional housing, shelter services and food distribution programs.

Through dedication to both military service and community involvement, Patrick Donaldson has made significant contributions to the Phoenix area, exemplifying leadership and a commitment to the well-being of others. ■



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JOSEPH DUCEY

Joseph “Joe” Ducey spearheads strategic alliances with Performance Protocol based in Tempe, Arizona. This includes identifying, negotiating and securing partnerships with key industry partners. His leadership also involves engaging with government affairs, policy and business development.

Performance Protocol helps law enforcement agencies with recruitment, development, and retention to ensure employees perform at their best. With a goal towards hiring the right people, developing skills, and fostering job satisfaction, agencies can strengthen their workforce and prevent staffing shortages.

Joe graduated from W.P. Carey School of Business, Arizona State University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Entrepreneurship in 2021. He graduated magna cum laude and also earned a certificate in Professional Sales.

He is the son of former Arizona Governor Doug Ducey and Angela Ducey. He has two brothers and has been active in philanthropy throughout his life. Joe is an Arizona native and served as a White House Intern, worked with the Arizona Chamber of Commerce, Arizona Coyotes and Next Gen Advisors. ■



Joseph Ducey
Strategic Alliances
Performance Protocol



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JACKIE RANGER HUTT

Jackie Ranger Hutt is a speaker agent specialist at The Dar Agency. She creates marketing strategies for Coach Dar’s speaking events and boosting engagement via digital channels. Jackie oversees speaker bookings, securing favorable contracts and fostering industry connections. She does this utilizing social media to expand reach which also achieves measurable audience growth.

Jackie recognizes sports as teaching essential life lessons. These include understanding the power of healthy competition, the importance of teamwork, the ability to win and lose with grace, and the determination to never give up. Jackie applies these lessons to every aspect of her life; after a successful 20+ year career in sales and marketing, she felt drawn to return to her sports roots and pay it forward helping young athletes learn how to realize their dreams of playing at the next level as well as coaching athletes of all ages on how to live a life on purpose.

She is passionate about supporting athlete success in three key areas: navigating the collegiate recruiting process for high school student athletes, sports life coaching and sports philanthropy. It is integral to Jackie’s philosophy that young athletes embrace the many facets that sports offer, which deliver lifelong value.



Jackie Ranger Hutt
Speaker, Agent Specialist
The Dar Agency

Jackie, a mother of two adult children, is committed to a sports-oriented life that includes hiking, pickle ball, running marathons, golf, beach time and skiing. ■



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LANCE W. JONES, MBA

Lance W. Jones is a proud Tucson native. He continued his education at the University of Arizona, where he was an athlete on the track and field and football teams. After earning his undergraduate degree, Lance pursued an MBA, building on his early entrepreneurial success, he launched his first business, a bicycle wholesale company, at age 13. At the tender age of 16, Lance incorporated his second business, which continues to today.

During college Lance worked for former United States Senator Dennis DeConcini. After graduation he served under Tucson Mayor George Miller. Lance was named one of Tucson’s Up-and-Comers and delivering the keynote address at the “25 Most Influential Afro Americans” event.

Before transitioning to the nonprofit sector, he served as Director of Philanthropy for the Pima Community College Foundation. He has applied his education to roles in the tech industry, working for companies like AOL, Apple, Google, Raytheon, and Simply Bits, where he specialized in grant writing.



Lance W. Jones
Managing Director
Copper State Sports Fundraising

Lance is passionate about raising awareness, expanding educational opportunities, and building relationships with donors and strategic partners. His community involvement includes serving on boards such as The Fox Theater, CODAC, Tohono Chul Park, and the Pima Community College Foundation Board. He was an Honorary Commander for the 355th Operations Group at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. Lance is graduate of the Greater Tucson Leadership (GTL) Civic and Political Leadership Academy and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Citizens Academy. ■



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KRISTIN KUFEL

Kristin “Kristy” Kufel is a certified nutritionist specialist (CNS) with a Master of Science in Nutrition, a PnL1 Nutrition Coach, and a GGS Menopause Coaching Specialist. A self-described “science geek” Kristy has always had a passion for health and wellness.

This passion became a calling when her family began dealing with diagnoses of Crohn’s disease, celiac disease, heart disease, ADD, and anxiety. Kristy saw how nutrition and lifestyle changes played a pivotal role in her family member’s different health issues. Immersed in actual patient care within her family, she was led back to graduate school and to private practice.

Her education track includes a BS Microbiology/Immunology, Pre-Med, University of Arizona in 1991. She earned a MS, Human Nutrition and Functional Medicine, University of Western States in 2021 and became a Menopause Coaching Specialist, GGS in 2023. She also was certified as a Precision Nutrition Level 1 Nutrition Coach in 2025.



Kristin “Kristy” Kufel
KMK Nutrition

In her private practice, Kristy repeatedly found her female clients were seeking support concerns such as hormone issues, gut issues, weight gain, and sleep issues. They also shared one common thing —they were in peri- or post-menopause and lacked the knowledge and language to advocate for themselves. Kristy realized that to truly help her patients, she needed to educate and empower them to take charge of their healthcare journey. This included guiding them through the overwhelming amount of information available and creating personalized plans tailored to each individual’s needs. ■



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JAMES A. LENDRUM, MD, MPH

James A. Lendrum, MD, MPH is an Arizona native and accomplished orthopedic surgeon with a specialization in foot and ankle surgery. Before joining Advanced Orthopedics of Arcadia, he served as a Foot and Ankle Fellow at OrthoCarolina in Charlotte, NC. Dr. Lendrum brings a wealth of orthopedic knowledge and experience from his extensive training.

He completed his orthopedic surgery residency at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Center and earned his medical degree and Master of Public Health from the University of Arizona.

Dr. Lendrum’s academic prowess is evident from his magna cum laude graduation in Biochemistry from the University of Southern California. He is a published author on various orthopedic topics and has presented at numerous prestigious medical conferences. Dr. Lendrum has also served on several medical missions in Costa Rica, Dominican Republic and locally in Phoenix.



James A. Lendrum, MD, MPH
Advanced Orthopedics
of Arcadia

Beyond his medical career, Dr. Lendrum is a distinguished athlete and two-time NCAA Division1 All American. He was a semi-finalist in the 200m Backstroke at the 2012 U.S. Olympic Team Trials. Dr. Lendrum also holds records in USC swimming in the 200-yard IM and 800-yard Freestyle Relay. He was also awarded the 2013 Pac-12 Conference Men’s Swimming and Diving Scholar - Athlete of the Year. ■



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STEFFANI L. MEYERS

Steffani L. Meyers is a native Arizonan. She earned her BA from the University of Arizona in Media Arts with a minor in Journalism and a JD from Southwestern University. After a short stint at the Maricopa County Attorneys’ Office, Steffani turned her legal focus to transactional real estate law and has practiced in the area for over 25 years in the areas of acquisitions, dispositions, entitlements, development, leasing and commercial finance. Additionally, Steffani works with her husband in active real estate development through their company The Aspen Group.

Steffani’s work revolved around the law and real estate.. It was not until about 6 and a half years ago that she had any real involvement with the medical community. Prior to that time, she volunteered and raised funds for medically based charities including but not limited to, chairing and co-chairing the JD RF Promise Ball and chairing and co-chairing the Ryan House Community breakfast.

Then in 2018, her husband had a saddle pulmonary embolism that changed the trajectory of their lives after months in hospitals, life support, and countless procedures and surgeries. Steffani discovered that one key to her husband’s survival from a medical perspective was patient advocacy. While spending extended hours at the hospital, she noticed the difference in patient care when a patient had a determined patient advocate in contrast with those patients that had no one or little patient advocacy.

Steffani’s interest in the medical community is to find a method to bring solid patient advocacy to patients that do not have family or friends willing or able to take on such a role. ■



Steffani L. Meyers
The Aspen Group



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MATTHEW R. MITCHELL, MD

Matthew R. Mitchell, MD is a psychiatry resident at Banner University Medical Center - Phoenix. Dr. Mitchell earned his Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience at Brigham Young University in 2017. He graduated with while on a full academic scholarship and was a member of Phil Kappa Phi Honor Society, Golden Key Honor Society and Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society. He went on to earn his medical degree from the University of Arizona College of Medicine - Phoenix in 2021.

In 2021, Dr. Mitchell created The Shelf Life of Psych, a podcast aimed at medical students with an interest in psychiatry. Interviewing practicing psychiatrists and discussing strategies that help medical students do well on their rotations, the podcast has been downloaded over 30,000 times.

Dr. Mitchell has employed his use of Spanish with medical missions and volunteer support in the Dominican Republic. He co-founded Dame Luz, a collaborative effort between Blue House Coffee Goods, Dominican Republic coffee farmers, and the Global Health Interest Group to raise funds for eyecare initiatives . Dame Luz raised enough funds to cover over 1,000 pairs of eyeglasses donated to the people of the Dominican Republic.

While in residency, Dr. Mitchell has been involved in a variety of committees and organizations to further his education and reach into the community. These include the hospital’s education policy committee, the program evaluation committee, the graduate medical education committee, and is the resident representative for the Arizona Psychiatric Society.

Upon finishing residency, Dr. Mitchell plans on continuing his commitment to the community through starting his own private practice focusing on sports and performance psychiatry. ■



Matthew R. Mitchell, MD
Psychiatry Resident
Banner Medical Center



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KAREN ELISE PAPEZ, MD

Karen Elise Papez, MD, received her medical degree from the University of Nevada School of Medicine - Reno, Nevada. She completed her residency program in Phoenix at Phoenix Children’s Hospital and Maricopa Medical Center. She completed her fellowship training at the University of Michigan Medical Center - Ann Arbor, MI. She has been at Phoenix Children’s since 2007 and involved in the care of pediatric transplant patients since 2003.

Dr. Papez served as Chief Resident at Phoenix Children’s Hospital/Maricopa Medical Center Pediatrics Residency Program during her residency.

Her professional affiliations include the American Society of Pediatric Nephrology, International Pediatric Nephrology Association, American Society of Nephrology and American College of Physician Advisors.

Dr. Papez has research interest in Prenatal Nephrology Consultation, Acute Kidney Injury and Kidney Support Therapy in the Intensive Care Unit and Quality Improvement in Continuous Kidney Replacement Therapy.



Karen Elise Papez, MD
Phoenix Children’s Hospital
Nephrology

Dr. Papez is board certified in Pediatric Nephrology. She has received many prestigious honors throughout her career including the Nevada Presidential Scholar, Alan T Wager Academy of Science Award, Elks National Foundation Award, Roland W Stahr Award, Richard Blurton Outstanding Student and the International P.E.O. Scholar Award. ■



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PAULA PEDENE

Paula Pedene is a nationally recognized advocate, award-winning author, and public relations strategist dedicated to championing military veterans and their healthcare. With more than 30 years of experience in healthcare advocacy, she served as a public relations practitioner at the Veterans Health Administration, where her courageous whistleblowing on the VA's patient wait-time scandal led to national reforms and congressional action.

An esteemed Navy veteran and a recipient of the prestigious Silver Anvil Award, Paula is known for her integrity, perseverance, and unwavering commitment to veterans' issues. Her book, *A Sacred Duty: How a Whistleblower Took on the VA and Won*, has earned critical acclaim, bringing her story to national prominence.

Despite being legally blind, Paula continues to be a tireless advocate, using her voice and expertise to elevate critical veterans' issues. As the Executive Director of Honoring America's Veterans (HAV), she leads efforts to support and recognize those who have served, including organizing the Phoenix Veterans Day Parade, one of the nation's largest celebrations of military service.

From her early days as a Navy journalist to her pivotal role in exposing systemic failures in veterans' healthcare, Paula embodies the values of honor, courage, and commitment. A lifelong champion for the underdog, she remains steadfast in her mission to speak out, empower others, and shine a light on what matters most. ■



Paula Pedene
Military Veteran's Advocate
Public Relations Specialist



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DAVID ROUSSEAU

David Rousseau is President of Salt River Project (SRP), one of the nation’s largest public power utilities. A fourth-generation Arizonan, David is well versed in economic development, business planning, and the utility industry. David provides leadership to help meet the changing water and power needs of Arizona.

David has served on the Board of SRP for more than 20 years, and as President and Chairman of the Board since being elected to that post in 2010. SRP is the oldest multi-purpose Federal reclamation project in the United States. It has been serving Metro Phoenix with reliable supplies of water and electric power since 1903, when it was formed to build Roosevelt Dam, nearly 10 years before Arizona became the 48th state.

Prior to SRP, David was the founding partner at Rousseau Farming Company, one of the largest vertically integrated agricultural enterprises in Central Arizona, producing more than 20 commodities on over 10,000 acres, as well as developing substantial real estate assets.

David is past Chairman of the Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC). He also represents SRP’s pivotal interests in the Arizona economy with the Partnership for Economic Innovation and served as the chair of the Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee for Super Bowl XLIX and Super Bowl LVII, as well as being involved in energy industry policy through the American Public Power Association.

David earned a BS degree in Agricultural Business from University of Arizona and an Executive MBA at USC Marshall School of Business. ■



David Rousseau
President
Salt River Project



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JOHN SCHALLER, MD, MPH

John Schaller, MD, MPH is a physician board certified in three specialty areas. He has demonstrated leadership and innovation as a medical director within a Fortune 100 company, a multi-specialty physician group, and a large managed care organization. Dr. Schaller’s has extensive experience in commercial and Medicaid health plan management, disability management, worker’s compensation, along with prevention and wellness.

Dr. Schaller serves as the Medical Director, Clinical Business Support for Aetna Insurance. He is one of only four medical directors who provide clinical support to Aetna Insurance commercial sales and account teams. The implication of his leadership is profound as he works within a medical management service with more than 10 million people served by Aetna Insurance.

He earned his medical degree from the University of Arizona College of Medicine in 1986. Following this, he completed an internship in Internal Medicine at the same institution from 1986 to 1987. Dr. Schaller then pursued a residency in Internal Medicine at the University of California, San Diego Medical Center from 1987 to 1989, and subsequently completed a residency in Public Health and General Preventive Medicine at the same center from 1989 to 1991.



John Schaller, MD, MPH
Medical Director, Aetna
Clinical Business Support

Dr. Schaller holds medical licenses in Arizona and California. He is board-certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in Internal Medicine, and by the American Board of Preventive Medicine in both Occupational Medicine and Public Health and General Preventive Medicine. ■



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JACK R. SEEGER

Jack R. Seeger is involved in the intersection of AI and cloud-based business services. As the Google Alliance Manager at Dialpad, Jack builds and manages the pipeline between these two tech companies. His focus is on aligning the power of Google technologies with Dialpad customers to build brand awareness.

A graduate of University of Arizona, Eller College of Management, Honors College, Jack earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Management in 2018. He also holds Arizona Real Estate and Arizona Insurance Licenses.

Jack has interests in the tech side of business, from software development to marketing. He has been at the forefront of business development and successful sales strategy. ■



Jack R. Seeger
Google Alliance Manager
Dialpad



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ALEXANDRA M. SHEPARD, RN, BSN

Alexandra M. Shepard, RN, BSN has more than 30 years of medical and medical-legal experience. She has focused her work on medical malpractice and product liability. This includes her abilities to analyze medical records, prepare summaries, chronologies along with coordinating appropriate patient resources.

As a nurse consultant, and through her work in the medical and legal sector, Alexandra is able to identify deviations from standard of care, research medical literature, work with extensive data entry of pertinent medical information, and coordinate retention of expert witnesses.

Alexandra’s career has taken her to the Level 1 Trauma Intensive Care Unit at St. Joseph’s Hospital and Medical Center, Valleywise Health Medical Center’s Arizona Burn Center. She has also consulted with legal firms Snell and Wilmer and Slattery Petersen.

She earned her Associated Degree in Nursing from Triton College in 1983 and her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from University of Phoenix in 1987.



Alexandra M. Shepard, RN, BSN
Shepard Medical-Legal Consulting

Alexandra has her own specialty firm, Shepard Medical - Legal Consulting based in Arizona. ■



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RICHARD H. SILVERMAN, ESQ

Richard H. Silverman, Esq currently serves as Of Counsel at Salmon, Lewis & Weldon, P.L.C., focusing his practice on energy law. He was the General Manager of the Salt River Project (SRP) from 1994 to 2011. Throughout his career, Mr. Silverman has held leadership roles in various business and nonprofit organizations.

Richard earned his Bachelor of Arts in Business, cum laude, University of Arizona in 1962. He then earned a Juris Doctor, University of Arizona Law School in 1965. He served as a Army Reserve Judge Advocate General’s Corps (JAG); retiring as Captain.

Mr. Silverman has earned accolades and awards throughout his career. *The Phoenix Business Journal* awarded him with a Lifetime Achievement Award as a Most Admired CEO in 2011. He has also won Greater Phoenix Urban League, Whitney M. Young, Jr. Individual Award 2002. From 2015 thru 2023 he was noted as The Best Lawyers in America - Energy Law.

Richard’s philanthropic and community service is extensive. He has been an elected board member at organizations such as Honor Health Board, Sandra Day O’Conner Institute, University of Arizona Foundation, T-Gen, Arizona Community Foundation and Greater Phoenix Leadership. ■



Richard H. Silverman, Esq
Of Counsel
Salmon, Lewis & Weldon, PLC



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ARMITY A. SIMON, MD

Armity A. Simon, MD is an obstetrician and gynecologist based in Phoenix, Arizona, with over 35 years of experience in the medical field. In private practice, she was involved in women’s healthcare issues including fertility. Her vibrant Scottsdale practice served women from 1992 through 2020.

Dr. Simon graduated from the Indiana University School of Medicine in 1988. During her term at Indiana University she earned several awards including the prestigious Dean Award, IU School of Medicine. She completed her residency in OB/GYN at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She was the Chief Resident in Obstetrics and Gynecology from 1991 to 1992.

Active in philanthropic and service organizations across the Valley, Dr. Simon has been at the table of leadership for several nonprofits. Her community involvement has taken her to serve as a volunteer physician. Dr. Simon currently adds her time and knowledge to the University of Arizona College of Medicine - Phoenix faculty. ■



Armity A. Simon, MD
Obsterics and Gynecology



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INGRID SUTTON, MA, LCSW

Ingrid Sutton is EMDRIA certified, an EMDR and MAPS therapist providing treatment for complex trauma with individuals and groups. She provides individual cognitive-behavioral and psychodynamic psychotherapy, along with family and group therapy for children and adults, specializing in the treatment of affective disorders.

Ingrid also is well versed in complete psycho-educational and psychosocial diagnostic assessments. She conducts educational and career consultations along with expert witness representing the State of Arizona in cases of professional conduct and standard of care practice for mental health providers.

She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Education in May 1985 from Barat College - Lake Forest. Ingrid went on to Northeastern Illinois University, earning a Master of Arts in Education Administration. In May of 1996, she also achieved a Masters in Social Work from Loyola University in Chicago.

Ingrid has worked in the Scottsdale Unified School District, Coronado High School and was the Special Education Department Chair. There she led a team that coordinated and supervised the delivery of special education services to students with wide ranging disabilities.



Ingrid Sutton, MA, LCSW
Clinical Social Worker

Her community and philanthropic service includes Junior League, Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners, Pediatric Advisory Council, All Saint’s Episcopal Day School, School of Ballet Arizona and Not My Kid. ■



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RICHARD ALLEN VINROOT, JR., MD, MPH, FACEOM

Richard Allen Vinroot Jr., MD, MPH, FACOEM is an accomplished emergency medicine physician with extensive experience in various medical fields, including austere medicine, general medicine, tropical medicine, and public health. He is the Vice President and Global Medical Director of Freeport-McMoRan, a multinational mining company headquartered in Phoenix, Arizona. Dr. Vinroot also practices clinically as an emergency medicine specialist on the San Carlos Apache Reservation.

Dr. Vinroot’s educational background is extensive. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1992. He then pursued a joint MD/MPH program, obtaining his medical degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine in 2004 and a Master of Public Health in Global Health from the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health the same year. Following his academic training, he completed a residency in Emergency Medicine at the Louisiana State University School of Medicine from 2004 to 2008.



Richard Allen Vinroot Jr., MD
VP, Global Medical Director
Freeport-McMoran

Throughout his career, Dr. Vinroot has demonstrated a strong commitment to service, both in military and humanitarian contexts. As a U.S. Navy officer and Afghanistan War veteran, he served as a Trauma Team Leader in Afghanistan and as Director of U.S. Navy EMS and Emergency Services in the Horn of Africa. His humanitarian efforts include working as a field physician with Doctors Without Borders and providing disaster medical assistance during events such as Hurricane Katrina and the Haiti earthquake. ■



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CANDYCE D. WILLIAMS, MD

Candyce D. Williams, MD is a physician specializing in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, with a focus on neuro-rehabilitation and spinal cord injury medicine. She practices at Barrow Neurological Institute at Dignity Health St. Joseph’s Hospital and Medical Center in Phoenix, Arizona where she serves as the Medical Director of the Outpatient Spinal Cord Injury Systems of Care.

Dr. Williams works in Internal Medicine, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, and Spinal Cord Injury Medicine. Her areas of expertise include neuro-rehabilitation, spinal cord injury medicine, treatment of spasticity, intrathecal baclofen pump therapy, and pain management. She is a member of the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and the American Spinal Injury Association.



Candyce D. Williams, MD
Medical Director, Spinal Cord
Barrows Neurological Institute

She earned her undergraduate degree in AB Biology at Vassar College in 1977. Dr. Williams then earned her medical degree from Tufts University School of Medicine, Boston in 1981. She completed her internal medicine internship and residency at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina, in 1984 followed by a residency in physical medicine and rehabilitation at The Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago at Northwestern University Medical Center.

Dr. Williams special interests include spinal cord injury wellness and aging with a disability. ■



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MATTHEW F. WINTER, ESQ

Matthew F. Winter, Esq is an experienced lawyer and business counselor who has expertise in complex commercial transactions including private security offerings, private equity and lending. His expertise includes, mergers and acquisitions, purchases and sales of businesses, and real estate transactions.

Mr. Winter is the Acquisitions and Development Counsel for Inspired Healthcare Capital in Scottsdale, Arizona. He is the in-house lead on mergers and acquisitions along with development deals for the private equity firm in senior living.

In the last 5 years of his private law firm practice, he successfully closed more than \$150M in sales and acquisitions of businesses with values from \$200K to \$28M. He has also closed more than \$80M in commercial real estate sales and acquisitions. Additionally, he has been a lead in closing more than \$75M in commercial loans for both lenders and borrowers.



Matthew F. Winter, Esq
Inspired Healthcare Capital

During this legal career, Mr. Winter has acted as lead counsel for issuers on multiple private securities offerings. This has also taken him to guide clients through the business start-up process, advising on the most appropriate structure and risk assessment; created governance documents and policies/procedures; negotiated debt and equity financing; developed strategic legal and compliance plans.

Matthew’s philanthropic and community leadership includes Folds of Honor, Fiesta Bowl and Guaranteed Rate Bowl. He has served as Board Chair of Ryan House and on the organizing committee of the College Football Playoff National Championship Game - Arizona 2016. ■



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BILL WICHTERMAN

Bill Wichterman is an attorney and the managing agent of the 1,287-acre Porteos mixed-use project in Aurora, Colorado. Since 2006, Bill has overseen all aspects of the project, from acquisition, entitlement, construction, and parcel sales. Prior to his involvement with Porteos, Bill served as the general counsel and vice president of A & C Properties, a Phoenix-based development company, where his primary focus was the acquisition, development, and disposition of retail and office projects.

Before joining A & C Properties in 1997, Bill was a transactional attorney with the Fennemore Craig and Snell and Wilmer law firms in Phoenix. Bill is a graduate of the University of Arizona and the Georgetown University Law Center and lives in Phoenix with his wife, Paula, and their four children.

Bill has been a board member of Advance, formerly Esperança. He served as the board chair from 2007 to 2009. He also served as board member and chair of the Aurora Economic Development Council in Aurora, Colorado. ■



Bill Wichterman
The San Juan Company



LEADERSHIP TEAM

JULIE BOWE

Julie Bowe, Director of Development, University of Arizona Foundation and University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix. Julie also was the driver behind the organization of the Advisory Board at University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix. Ms. Bowe is an Arizona native and multi-generational philanthropic player in the Grand Canyon State.

A seasoned leader in strategic fundraising and community engagement, Julie has been supporting health care issues across the state for over 25 years. Her extensive involvement includes serving on philanthropic boards, foundations and nonprofit organizations. Across her decades of community service she has played key roles in raising millions of dollars to support medical and nonprofit missions.

Ms. Bowe is known for her collaborative spirit and aligning people with talents to orchestrate major community campaigns. Julie has held influential committee roles, including trustee of the ARCS Foundation, Inc. and regent for the State of Arizona division of the George Washington Foundation. She has also supported the National Kidney Foundation of Arizona for 18 years in various leadership capacities.



Julie Bowe
Development Director

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LEADERSHIP TEAM

FREDRIC EDWARD WONDISFORD, MD, MS, MBA

Fredric Edward Wondisford, MD, MS, MBA, is dean of the University of Arizona College of Medicine. Dr. Wondisford is an experienced clinician, professor and inventor with more than 30 years of experience in academic medicine and translational research. He joins the university from Rutgers University, where he was professor and chair of the Department of Medicine in the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, the Henry Rutgers Chair and Chancellor Scholar at Rutgers Health, and chief of the Medical Service at the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, an RWJ Barnabas Health facility.

At Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Dr. Wondisford expanded the Department of Medicine’s mentoring, teaching, clinical, research and community outreach activities while leading internal medicine care and teaching efforts at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital.

“Dr. Wondisford’s background in academic medicine, clinical integration and research growth are a perfect fit for the next dean of the College of Medicine – Phoenix,” said Michael D. Dake, MD, senior vice president for the University of Arizona Health Sciences. “Phoenix is home to a flourishing health care technology ecosystem that offers the perfect environment to capitalize on Dr. Wondisford’s experience in medical education innovation, as well as his vast research portfolio. I am confident Dr. Wondisford will lead the College of Medicine – Phoenix into a new era of distinction.”



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As a physician-researcher, Dr. Wondisford developed, patented and clinically launched Thyrogen®, a form of recombinant thyroid-stimulating hormone that changed the standard of care for patients with thyroid cancer. He has three patent applications pending for inventions related to diabetes and fatty liver disease. He has been continuously funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) since 1990 and successfully led NIH-funded P60 Diabetes Centers and T32 endocrinology training programs at the University of Chicago and Johns Hopkins University. During his academic career, he has scientifically mentored 77 trainees, 40 of whom have gone on to obtain faculty appointments and develop independent research careers.

“I have a long-standing interest in the medical education of students, residents and fellows, and the College of Medicine – Phoenix has a reputation for excellence in all of these areas,” Dr. Wondisford said. “This is an exciting time as the college expands residency and fellowship programs in partnership with Banner Health and continues to make significant contributions to patient care through research innovation. I look forward to leading the college through its next growth phase.” ■