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*Celebrates St Patrick,  
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**INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS &  
LEADERSHIP AWARD**

**His Excellency Daniel Mulhall**

Ambassador of Ireland to the U. S.

**NMCAL'S AWARDS PRESENTOR**

**Christina Cox**

NMCAL Founder & President

**CELEBRATING REFLECTIONS ON ST PATRICK**

**Archbishop Christophe Pierre**

**Monsignor Walter Erbi**

Apostolic Nunciature to the US, Embassy of the Holy See

**NMCAL'S ART AWARDS**

**Timothy Schmalz**

Master Sculptor

**PERFORMANCE**

**Christopher Macchio**

New York Tenor





## CHRISTINA COX NMCAL FOUNDER & PRESIDENT

Christina Cox, author of “Catholic’s in Washington, DC” employs 20 plus years as a motivational speaker and hosted dozens of fundraisers with major global figures. As a practicing Catholic, she is knowledgeable in Roman Catholic Church’s teachings, art, history, and a feast of Catholic traditions and customs. Over the decades, she worked closely with the Vatican officials in the papacy courts, the local Christian groups in Washington and New York plus the business community, Catholic clergy, lay people, media and various non-profit organizations.

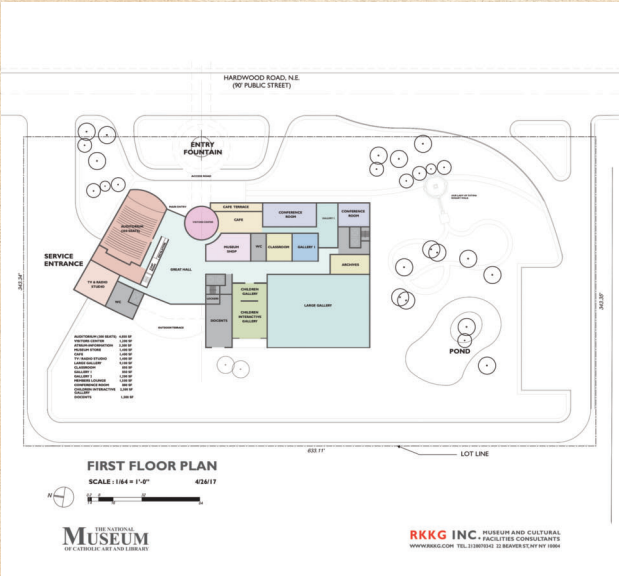
Her enormous personal rolodex of Catholic contacts, great business and networking skills plus an energetic personality attributes to her success. For 30 years Cox traveled to Vatican City to attend religious ceremonies and first met Pope John Paul II in a diplomatic audience in 1986. She then appeared with Pope John Paul II on the cover of La Stampa newspaper about their meeting. As a former actor and film producer, she worked in films at Cinecittà and Dino De Laurentis Studios in Rome and Pinewood Studios in London. She was invited to do regular interviews on Vatican Radio, RAI Italian TV and for National Public Broadcasting of Italy.

In the last decade, she developed loyal relationships during her Vatican business meetings with the Archbishop / President of Pontifical Council of the Families, US Ambassador’s of Embassy of the Holy See and various papal court departments’ heads in canonizations, art, public affairs, communications and cultural projects. In 1992, Pope John Paul II blessed her in a special diplomatic audience at Vatican City to build the first museum in the US, which she first completed in NYC in 2000 after raising \$10 million dollars. She has received the Pope Benedict XVI medal award in 2015 for her work supporting religious art for the Catholic Church by Vincenzo Cardinal Paglia at the Embassy of Italy in Washington, DC.

Ms. Cox has hosted award ceremonies, wrote event programs, journals and published magazines. Her “Annual Roman Gala “ hosted at the Embassy of Italy each year is a diplomatic success. She has honored and awarded guests such as Donald Cardinal Wuerl, Vincenzo Cardinal Paglia, Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Archbishop Timothy Broglio, Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross, Texas Environmentalist Trammell S. Crow, and Ambassador to Italy Armando Varricchio, Former US Ambassador’s to the Holy See, Lindy Boggs, Thomas Melady, Jim Nicholson, and Raymond Flynn. Michael Warsaw, EWTN Chairman and CEO, and Albert Zapanta, President of US Mexican Chamber of Commerce. She was recruited to be a Vice Chairman for the Republican Party for the Presidential Inaugural Gala for President George W Bush’s campaign fundraiser. She has known President Donald Trump for 30 plus years and honored him 7 times before he was US President. Cox honored President Bill Clinton and Hillary Clinton at NYC Catholic fundraisers and many investors on Wall Street. She is a radio host and writer for “Catholics in The Capital” for WMET 1160 AM and the Founder of the National Museum of Catholic Art & Library for 10 years.



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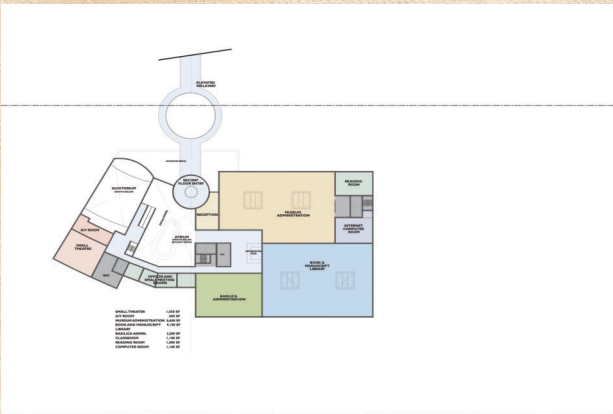
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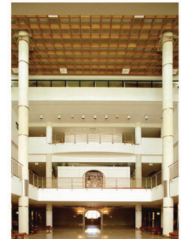
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## HIS EXCELLENCY, THE HONORABLE R. JAMES NICHOLSON

Secretary R. James “Jim” Nicholson, is Senior Counsel for the law firm of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP. His practice includes counseling clients in public policy, veterans affairs, information technology, health care and international relations.

Secretary Nicholson is a retired U.S. Army Reserve colonel, having served in the Vietnam War as an Army Ranger, earning a Bronze Star Medal and the Combat Infantry Badge for his service, among other decorations. Sec.

Nicholson is West Point graduate, earning his bachelor’s degree in 1961 and was honored as a “Distinguished Graduate” by the Academy in 2005. In 2017, President Trump appointed him to serve a three year term on the USMA Board of Visitors and subsequently, has been elected twice by the Board of Visitors to serve as its Vice-Chairman.

Secretary Nicholson has led an active political life, including serving as chairman of the Republican National Committee from 1997-2001. He has worked on a number of campaigns at every level, from county commissioner to U.S. president. As chairman of the Republican National Committee, Jim set records for fundraising, and in 2000 presided over his party winning the presidency and majorities in the U.S. Senate, U.S. House, state governors and state legislatures.

After four years as National Party Chairman, he was appointed by Pres. George W. Bush to be the U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican. While serving as Ambassador to the Holy See, Nicholson was knighted by Pope John Paul II for his leadership on human rights issues in Europe, and in particular for the work he did on human trafficking. He has written a book entitled: *The United States and The Holy See: The Long Road* – which is a history of the diplomatic relationship between the U.S. and the Vatican.

After nearly four years in Rome, Pres. Bush nominated Nicholson to be Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs. He was unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate, and served as Secretary for three years, after which he joined Brownstein Hyatt Farber and Schreck as Senior Counsel. During this time, he was appointed by the president to serve as director of New Community Development Corporation and commissioner on the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS).

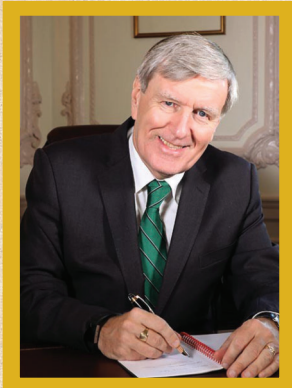
He has led an active career in business as well. After his active duty Army service, Secretary Nicholson practiced law in Denver before becoming a developer and a homebuilder. He is a Member of the Hall of Fame of the National Association of Homebuilders.

In 1978, he established Nicholson Enterprises, Inc., which became a nationally recognized land development and home building company. Jim served as a commissioner on the Colorado Air Quality Control Commission, director of St. Mary Land and Exploration Company, director of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Colorado, Inc., and chairman of the board of the Volunteers of America of Colorado. He currently serves as director of the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, Inc.; The Daniels Fund; Federated Funds; New Day USA; and is a fellow of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

He is married to the former Suzanne Marie Ferrell of Highland Falls, New York, who is an accomplished artist.

They are the parents of three children and grandparents to eight grandchildren.





## AMBASSADOR TO IRELAND TO THE U.S. HIS EXCELLENCY, DANIEL MULHAL

Daniel Mulhall took up duty as Ireland's 18th Ambassador to the United States in August 2017. He was born and brought up in Waterford and undertook his undergraduate and post-graduate studies at University College Cork where he specialised in modern Irish history.

Ambassador Mulhall joined the Department of Foreign Affairs in 1978 and had his early diplomatic assignments in New Delhi, Vienna (OSCE), Brussels (European Union) and Edinburgh where he was Ireland's first Consul General, 1998-2001. He served as Ireland's Ambassador to Malaysia (2001-05), where he was also accredited to Laos, Thailand and Vietnam. In 2005, he was conferred with an Honorary Fellowship by the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland for his work in connection with the Asian tsunami. From 2009 to 2013, he was Ireland's Ambassador to Germany.

Before coming to Washington, he served as Ireland's Ambassador in London (2013-17). During his time in Britain, he was a regular speaker on political, literary and historical topics at Universities all over the country, including at Oxford, Cambridge, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Manchester, Durham, King's College London and the London School of Economics. He also spoke at the Oxford Literary Festival, the Newbury Festival, the Liverpool Literary Festival and the Edinburgh International Book Festival. He was a regular speaker at the University of Liverpool's Institute of Irish Studies and is an Honorary Fellow at the Institute. Before departing for Washington, he was made a Freeman of the City of London in recognition of his work as Ambassador

During his diplomatic career, Ambassador Mulhall has also held a number of positions at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, including as Director-General for European Affairs, 2005-2009. He also served as a member of the Secretariat of the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation (1994-95) which was set up in 1994 in order to promote political dialogue between different political traditions in Ireland. From 1994-98, he was the Department's Press Counsellor and in that capacity was part of the Irish Government's delegation at the time of the Good Friday Agreement 1998.

Ambassador Mulhall maintains a keen interest in Irish history and literature. He is the author of *A New Day Dawning: A Portrait of Ireland in 1900* (Cork, 1999) and co-editor of *The Shaping of Modern Ireland: A Centenary Assessment* (Dublin, 2016) and has made numerous contributions to books, newspapers and journals published in Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Germany and Britain.

Daniel Mulhall is married to Greta and they have a daughter and a son.





## US CONGRESSMAN PETER KING - U.S. REPRESENTATIVE 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Congressman Peter T. King, a Republican, is serving his fourteenth term in the U.S. House of Representatives, being reelected in November 2018.

Rep. King is a member of the Homeland Security Committee and Ranking Member of the Sub-Committee on Emergency Preparedness. He also serves on the Financial Services Committee. Congressman King, who previously served as Chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee in 2005-2006 and again in 2011-2012, has been a leader in homeland security and is a strong supporter of the war against international terrorism, both at home and abroad. As Chairman of the Homeland Security Committee, he stood up to the pressure from special interest groups and the media to hold a series of hearings on Islamic radicalization. Chairman King led the fight to continue funding to the Secure the Cities Program to protect the New York-Long Island region from nuclear dirty bomb attacks.

During his years in Congress, Rep. King has attained a reputation for being well-informed and independent. Following the ravages of Superstorm Sandy, Rep. King led the successful fight in Congress to obtain \$60.4 billion in emergency funding for the victims of the storm. Even Newsday has admitted that Congressman King is a "stand-up guy who isn't shy about tangling with the powerful, even those in his own party. King has become a national figure who delivers for the region and his district."

Rep. King is a strong supporter of law enforcement, our military and has fought hard to bring veterans' benefits into the 21st century. Congressman King is also a strong supporter of funding to combat deadly illnesses such as breast cancer and prostate cancer. He has also received the AARP's Legislative Leadership Award for combating elder abuse and exploitation.

Prior to serving in Congress, Pete King was elected to three terms as the Comptroller of Nassau County. Before serving in county government, Rep. King had extensive experience as a practicing attorney and civic leader. He began his political career in November 1977 by winning election to the Hempstead Town Council. Rep. King is a member of numerous civic organizations including the Knights of Columbus, Knights of Pythias, AMVETS and the Fighting 69th Veterans Corps.

Pete King was born on April 5, 1944 in Manhattan and was raised in Queens. He is a graduate of St. Francis College, Brooklyn, and the University of Notre Dame Law School. He is a lifelong resident of New York and has lived in Nassau County for more than 50 years. Rep. King and his wife, Rosemary, reside in Seaford. They have two adult children and two grandchildren.





## KELLYANNE CONWAY SENIOR COUNSELOR TO PRESIDENT TRUMP

Kellyanne Conway is the Founder and former President of The Polling Company, Inc./WomanTrend a privately-held, woman-owned corporation. Kellyanne served as the Campaign Manager to the Trump-Pence Presidential campaign, becoming the first woman to successfully manage a presidential campaign.

She is one of the most quoted and noted pollsters on the national scene, having provided commentary on over 1,500 television shows on ABC, CBS, NBC, PBS, CNN, CNBC, MSNBC, HBO, Comedy Central, MTV, Fox News Channel, and numerous radio shows and print stories.

Throughout her multiple decades in market research, Kellyanne has provided primary research and advice for clients in all 50 states and has directed hundreds of demographic and attitudinal survey projects for statewide and congressional political races, trade associations, and Fortune 100 companies. As a “fully-recovered” attorney, Kellyanne is licensed to practice law in four jurisdictions (Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and the District of Columbia). She holds a law degree, with honors, from George Washington University Law Center.

Kellyanne is currently serving as Assistant to the President and Senior Counselor to the President at the White House.



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## WELCOME BY HIS EXCELLENCY ARCHBISHOP CHRISTOPHE PIERRE

Archbishop Christophe Pierre was born on January 30, 1946 in Rennes, France. He completed his primary education in Antsirabé, Madagascar, and his secondary schooling in Saint-Malo, France, and in Marrakech, Morocco. He attended the Major Seminary of the Archdiocese of Rennes (1963-1969) and the Catholic Institute of Paris (1969-1971). He did the Military Service from July, 1965, to October, 1966.

Was ordained priest on April 5, 1970, in Saint-Malo, France and incardinated in the Archdiocese of Rennes. He has been Parochial Vicar of the St. Peter and St. Paul Parish in Colombes, Diocese of Nanterre, France (1970-1973). He has a Master in Sacred Theology (Paris, 1971) and a Doctorate in Canon Law from the Pontifical Lateran University, Rome (1973-1977).

He completed his studies at the Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy, in Rome (1973-1977), and started his service in the Diplomatic Corps of the Holy See on March 5, 1977. He was appointed first to the Pontifical Representation in New Zealand and the Islands of the Pacific Ocean (1977-1981). Subsequently he served in Mozambique (1981); in Zimbabwe (1982-1986); in Cuba (1986-1989); in Brazil (1989-1991); at the Permanent Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland (1991-1995).

He was elected Titular Archbishop of Gunela on July 12, 1995, and received the Episcopal Consecration on September 24, 1995, in Saint-Malo, France. Archbishop Christophe Pierre was appointed Apostolic Nuncio to Haiti, on July 12, 1995, where he served until 1999. He has been the Papal Representative to Uganda (1999- 2007) and to Mexico (2007-2016). On April 12, 2016 His Holiness Pope Francis appointed him Apostolic Nuncio to the United States of America. Archbishop Pierre speaks French, Italian, English, Spanish and Portuguese.



## THOMAS VAN ESSEN



Thomas Von Essen serves as the Regional Administrator of FEMA Region II. Appointed October 2017, he leads and coordinates all aspects of federal emergency management for the states of New Jersey and New York, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Territory of the United States Virgin Islands and the Native American Tribal Nations in the Region.

Mr. Von Essen began his 31-year career with the Fire Department of the City of New York (FDNY) as a firefighter and spent the last six years of his tenure as the FDNY Commissioner where he played an integral role in helping New York City respond to and recover from the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Prior to serving as Commissioner, he was elected as the President of the Uniformed Firefighters Association.

He served in the U.S. Navy submarine service prior to joining the FDNY.

Mr. Von Essen's private sector experience dates back to 2002 where he served as a fire and life safety consultant for many organizations, including Honeywell, Underwriters Laboratories and RJA Fire Protection Engineering. During his role as a consultant Mr. Von Essen advocated for the use of innovative technologies in the areas of mass notification and emergency communication.

He is the recipient of numerous awards and honors; in 2002 he was made an Honorary Commander of the Order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II.

He is an adjunct professor in Fire Science at New Jersey City University and a strong proponent of planning in the field of crisis and emergency management. Mr. Von Essen graduated from St. Francis College with a bachelor's degree in economics and received his master's degree from Long Island University/C.W. Post campus.





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## DESMOND J. BURKE CEO FIREQUENCH INC.

Desmond is the President of Firequench Inc., a company that specializes in the design, installation and maintenance of fire alarm/life-safety systems for commercial high-rise office buildings, data centers and mission critical facilities.

Desmond is one of the founders of the Automatic Fire Alarm Association and has represented the fire alarm industry as well as the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA New York) at the Industry Advisory Board and also has served on several Fire Department and Department of Buildings subcommittees.

Desmond also has represented the International Building Code Council acting as a liaison between New York Department of Buildings and the International Code Council where he spearheaded the successful review and later the adoption of the International Building Code. Additionally, he has chaired BOMA's Building Emergency Action Plan Committee, producing a White Paper on the procedures to be implemented during emergency and terrorist conditions within a building, which New York Fire Department utilized for development of the EAP Requirements.

Desmond was elected to the Board of Directors for (BOMA/NY) where has represented 162 Allied Membership Firms. Desmond has instructed fire protection courses at New York University. On February 10, 2005 Desmond was presented with BOMA's Outstanding Local Member of the Year Award. He additionally received an award in Washington from the U.S. House of Representatives for his role in strengthening fire protection protocol related to Homeland Security and received special recognition from the Governor and Mayor of New York.

Desmond has served on the Executive Board of the Salvation Army, Cardinals Committee of the Laity, New York, Mercy Home for Children and is also the Chairman of Rogosin Institute's Fund-Raising Committee to assist kidney dialysis services within the New York Area. He is married to Gail Burke and has two sons, Michael and Andrew.





## JOSEPH G. CAIRO JR., NASSAU COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

The crowd roared in approval on the evening of November 5, 2019 as the election returns were announced. Nassau County Republican Committee Chairman Joseph G. Cairo, Jr. had just pulled off what many political observers considered impossible. A highly regarded political tactician, Chairman Cairo declared victory as the Nassau Republican Party recaptured the Supervisor's seat in America's largest township against a popular incumbent. What's more, Mr.

Cairo and his team of candidates unseated Hempstead Town's sitting Town Clerk, laid claim to the Receiver of Taxes Office and won every Town Council seat that was up for grabs. These victories were particularly impressive, considering the fact that Democrats hold a significant enrollment advantage in the Town of Hempstead. The Election night clincher came when supporters learned that the Cairo Team retained an 11 to 8 Republican majority in the County Legislature. To be sure, this was a high point in the illustrious career of Joseph G. Cairo, Jr.

Step into Joe Cairo's Office at the Nassau County Republican Committee and it becomes immediately apparent that he is a competitor and a proud graduate of the University of Notre Dame.

A plaque which invokes the famous "PLAY LIKE A CHAMPION TODAY" adage, as well as compelling sports iconography, offer a glimpse into what drives the Chairman. Indeed, he embodies a statement contained in a Coach Vince Lombardi tribute that hangs upon his wall. The tribute exhorts, "I believe in God, and I believe in human decency. But I firmly believe that any man's finest hour- his greatest fulfillment to all he holds dear- is that moment when he has to work his heart out in a good cause and he's exhausted on the field of battle- victorious."

A member of the 2019 Long Island Press' Power List, Joe Cairo has dedicated himself to government service, community enrichment and philanthropy. Prior to being named Chairman of the Nassau County Republican Committee in 2018, Mr. Cairo was a Councilman on the Hempstead Town Board, President of the Board of Commissioners of the Nassau County Board of Elections and President and CEO of Nassau Regional Off Track Betting Corporation. In his positions in public service he has distinguished himself as a person who is dedicated to making government run well for those whom it serves.

His positive imprint on the community has been recognized with the Brotherhood Award from the B'nai B'rith and Order Sons of Italy in America. Franklin Hospital, North Shore – Long Island Jewish Health System has named him their "Outstanding Community Leader." He is an Honorary Chief of the Elmont Fire Department. Dedicated to our



youth, Joe has been a committed high school football official for 42 years, and he has spearheaded the successful effort to secure a permanent home for the Nassau County High School Athletics Hall of Fame at NYCB Live at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum. He is a 2019 Inductee in the Nassau County High School Athletics Hall of Fame.

Mr. Cairo's greatest positive impact can be felt by those who have been afflicted with cancer. In 1995, Joseph Cairo and his children established The Pat Cairo Family Foundation, in memory of his wife and their mother who lost her battle to the disease. The organization has raised \$5 million for cancer research and to assist those terminally ill with the disease. The Foundation's work has been acknowledged for making the development of a groundbreaking cancer vaccine possible. The Wall Street Journal recognized Joe Cairo and The Pat Cairo Family Foundation with a front page article in February 2000 for being responsible for the "End of Life Care Law" which insures terminally ill cancer patients spend their final days in peace and dignity at terminal care facilities like Calvary Hospital, Bronx, New York. In 2007, Calvary Hospital presented Joe Cairo "The Calvary Hospital Compatriot Award".

Whether winning against all odds in the political arena, serving the public or making a difference in the fight against cancer, Joseph G. Cairo, Jr. is an emblem of the competitive spirit, the fight for worthy causes and making a positive difference in the lives of people.

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## SEAN ACOSTA PRESIDENT & CEO PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION

Sean Acosta has become the New York Metropolitan Area's foremost and informed expert on how homeowners can reduce their property taxes through his successful Jericho-based company, Property Tax Reduction Consultants.

The nearly 30-year-old firm, led by Acosta, its founder and president, has successfully handled 230,000 assessment challenges and has secured millions of dollars in savings for homeowners. And Acosta, like many members of his

family, began his working career by walking a beat in Brooklyn and Queens as a New York City police officer.

He joined the police force at age 20, shortly after graduating from Bayside High School in Queens. He proudly followed in the footsteps of his father, a NYC PD detective, now retired. But the Acosta family boasted of a number of cops. His brother was a police lieutenant; his sister was a police officer; she is married to a police officer; his cousin is also a police officer.

Sean Acosta spent 15 years working as a NYC police officer, handling drug arrests and other felonies during an era when many New York City streets were crime-ridden and the work of police officers was often particularly dangerous and crime statistics were soaring. But he is also a craftsman and had always been an entrepreneur. He has applied his skills to the construction industry, sometimes digging water wells, sometimes building homes. He had acquired some of those homes himself, and learned an important fact – the taxes on those properties was extremely high, unnecessarily so, he believed, and so he learned how to reduce those taxes after taking courses and applying his knowledge of real estate. Sean started out on his own, in the early 1990s, waging a lonely battle for leadership in an industry populated by people who had been doing this kind of work for decades.

Sean, though, was determined, and he succeeded. His firm now has 15 full-time employees, and has earned a reputation as an authority in a highly complex field that he explains with ease to clients. He wrestles with a question lots of people ask: why do some homeowners that live on the same street in the same neighborhood pay different property taxes? Sean can talk lots about that issue, and often does, on television and radio programs, and in newspaper and internet interviews. He has become the 'go-to guy' on property tax issues for the media and the public. P.T.R.C. is dedicated to assuring that its clients pay the lowest possible property tax required by law.

Sean, who grew up in Bayside, Queens, is a father and a Long Island homeowner who knows what the everyday property holder goes through to pay his or her taxes. They have seen those taxes climb dramatically over the years, and they have consistently sought out his help for relief.

Sean knows the rules and regulations, because he lives them every day. He remains in the business of buying and selling homes, so the issue of property taxes are an everyday part of his life.





**DR. PATRICK KINKADE  
PROFESSOR OF CRIMINAL  
JUSTICE, TEXAS CHRISTIAN  
UNIVERSITY  
THOMAS KINKADE STUDIOS  
SPOKESPERSON**

Dr. Patrick Kinkade received his bachelor degrees from the University of California, Berkeley in psychology and anthropology, his Master's degree in counseling psychology from the California State University at Los Angeles and his PhD in social ecology and research methodology at the University of California at Irvine. He is currently a full professor in the Department of Criminal Justice at Texas Christian University (TCU) in Fort Worth, Texas. He has authored over 40 academic publications and has spoken at numerous national and international conferences on issues of crime and justice. He has also served as an advisor to a number of public and private agencies including Behavioral Systems Southwest, Tarrant County Probation Department and The Lena Pope Home for Children. He also serves on the advisory board for the University of Central Florida's Entertainments Management program.

Since 1995, Pat has been an integral part of the Thomas Kinkade Company and is currently its Chief Creative Officer and the Director of the Thomas Kinkade Studio. He has spent a lifetime with his brother both enjoying and creating art and is now mentoring Zachary Thomas Kinkade, his son and Thomas Kinkade's apprentice in relation to both the aesthetic and business sides of art creation. He has lent his expertise in many areas of company concern including product design, media and retail development, internet development and licensing. He serves as the host of several television shows in England, Australia, Japan and the United States. Additionally, he, at a time, owned and operated the largest chain of independent Thomas Kinkade galleries in the United States. His personal passion is writing travel and children's books of which he has published four- all under the Thomas Kinkade Company brand. One of the most popular books, Chasing the Horizon, was co-authored with his brother, Thom. Most recently, Pat serves as a Thomas Kinkade Company spokesperson, working with TKC Signature Dealers and their collectors in the very popular Heritage Tour where he acts as an ambassador for his brother's message of hope and inspiration through art.





## TIMOTHY SCHMALZ MASTER SCULPTOR

For over 30 years, Timothy has been sculpting large scale sculptures. He is a figurative artist with his pieces installed worldwide. Some of his most reputed pieces are installed in historical churches in Rome and at the Vatican. Timothy describes his most important work as visual translations of the Christian Scripture. Although most of his work is based upon a spiritual theme, he also creates large, complex public sculptures in bronze. Timothy strives to create epic artwork that connects with viewers through design and details that not only touch the viewer on an emotional level, but also allow them to feel somewhat a 'part' of the piece.

*To create work that has the strength to both focus and then hold one's attention, thereby deepening the understanding of the subject being presented...this describes my purpose as a sculptor.*

*Pope Francis unveils "Angels Unaware" by Timothy Schmalz on September 29th, 2020 honoring migrants and refugees in St Peter's square.*



*NMCAL and the Museum of the Bible collaborate on Christmas exhibition with Timothy Schmalz as he hand carves a nativity called "Silent Night" and we unveiled the "Maternal Bond" a life size Virgin Mary and Jesus.*







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Mr. Zapanta is President and CEO of the United States-Mexico Chamber of Commerce, which operates 8 regional offices in the United States and 8 in Mexico. Mr. Zapanta is also Founder Member and Chief Executive Officer of PAZ Resources, with overall responsibilities of management of the executive staff and overall business strategy. Previously, he was Chief executive Officer of PAZ energy, a single purpose entity that participated in the DFW International Airport natural gas project. He worked in upstream operations of Atlantic Richfield Co. (ARCO Oil & Gas), and retired as Director of Governmental Affairs for ARCO where he was responsible for negotiations with U.S. and Mexican (PEMEX) governments on oil and gas matters, and coordinated ARCO's effort to deregulate the natural gas market which became law, the Natural Gas Policy Act (NGPA). Mr. Zapanta has held numerous Presidential appointments, including White Administration, U.S. State Department Advisory Committee on International Trade Technology and Development, and private sector delegate to the U.S.-Mexico Partnership for Prosperity. Gen. Zapanta was appointed Chief of Staff of the Peacekeeping Mission to the United Nations Referendum on Western Sahara. Military officers and soldiers from the USSR, People's Republic of China, and France served under his command. U.S. Secretary of Defense, Donald H. Rumsfeld, appointed Gen. Zapanta as Chairman of the Reserve Forces Policy Board (RFPB). Gen. Zapanta's military record includes the award of the Silver Star, 5 Bronze Stars for Valor, Purple Heart, and 30 other awards during the Vietnam War. He was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal for Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Restore Hope in Somalia and Restore Democracy in Haiti.

He served in the Board of Directors of Tyson Foods and currently is a member of the Board of Trustees, President Gerald R. Ford Foundation and Museum; Senior Fellow, Center for Western Hemisphere Defense Studies; Chairman, Hispanic War Veterans of America; Senior Advisor to TEXTRON and American Science and Engineering on U.S.-Mexico Affairs, Chairman of International Affairs and Sister Cities Committee of the Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce, and Chairman and CEO of the United States-Mexico Cultural and Educational Foundation.

Mr. Zapanta has a BA in Industrial Psychology, MA in Public Administration and has completed work for his PhD in International Political Economics from the University of Southern California. Mr. Zapanta graduated from the Harvard Graduate School of Business, the Inter-American Defense College at the National War College, Washington, D.C.



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