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### Caden Concepts



Kari Caden started Caden Concepts with Lori Caden out of their apartment. 10 years later, they are one of the Fortune 5000 companies, with numerous awards to their credit, credits as keynote speakers at numerous conferences, all while still showing an incremental growth every year.

She is known for her integrity, great customer service and "being part of the family" feeling. Her firm competes handily and winningly against large corporations on a national stage yet maintains the qualities that make Caden Concepts a preferred choice for promotional and marketing specialties. Caden has also mentored several women through her office, helping and encouraging them to become successful, outgoing women in their own right.

### Lisa Cagnolatti Southern California Edison



Lisa Cagnolatti is vice president of Southern California Edison's business customer division, the organization responsible for managing relationships between the utility and its business and government customers. In her role, Cagnolatti oversees a part of SCE's customer service business unit that serves approximately 300,000 customers across the utility's 50,000-square-mile service area.

Cagnolatti is a member of the Edison Electric Institute, an association of investor-owned electric utilities, the Council of African American Parents, and Leadership California, a network of accomplished women dedicated to advancing the leadership role women play in impactful business, social and public policy.

### Barbara Cane BMI



As Vice President and General Manager of Writer/Publisher Relations for BMI Los Angeles, Barbara Cane directs all writer/publisher relations activities in the Los Angeles office. She has been with BMI for over 25 years. Her broad knowledge of the music business and music publishing in general has been an important resource for BMI's writers, their managers and attorneys.

In addition to her duties at BMI, Cane is on the Board of Governor of the Los Angeles Chapter of The Recording Academy, (NARAS), and sits on the board of The Neil Bogart Memorial Fund, a division of the TJ Martell Foundation. She also holds memberships with the Country Music Association, the Gospel Music Association, the Songwriter's Hall of Fame, and the Association of Independent Music Association (AIMP), among others.

### Judy Caruthers Jones Lang LaSalle



Judy Caruthers is a Senior Vice President with Jones Lang LaSalle's Project and Development Services and leads the Southern California Market Team. Her team manages work valued at over \$600 million annually. Caruthers is responsible for implementing best practices on all projects and ensuring the team's highest customer satisfaction scores on each project.

Caruthers' success is due to being an effective client advocate through the strategic planning and design process. Her 20 years of experience has allowed her to gain a keen ability to manage schedules and budgets, providing her clients the highest value for their available resources.

### Elisa Cirieco Kay Lang + Associates

Elisa Cirieco, Senior Vice President, brings thirty years of experience in hospitality design to Kay Lang + Associates. Cirieco has a great understanding of complex levels of FF&E coordination and all phases of the interior design process, including the practical aspects such as materials specifications.

Cirieco draws her inspiration from the fashion industry, jewelry design and a variety of classic styles. She has a passion for the use of real color and texture and is attracted to the world of high-end concept design. She is a certified member of the California Council for Interior Design and actively involved with NEWH, Network of Executive Women in Hospitality.

### Eileen Cohen NSBN LLP



Eileen Cohen, CPA, is a Partner at NSBN LLP, a Beverly Hills-based CPA and business consulting firm. She is also a Registered Representative of Symphonic Securities. Cohen leads NSBN's Entrepreneurial and Closely-Held Businesses division, and is the Deputy-Managing Partner of the firm. Currently one of eight women partners in a firm with 19 total partners, she has been a trailblazer for women in the accounting profession, as well as being a consummate mentor to the young women following in her footsteps.

She began her work life as a Spanish teacher in El Paso, Texas. In 1979, while raising her two children as a single parent in Santa Monica, California, she worked full time at NSBN and attended UCLA Extension at night to study accounting.

She started in the accounting profession at NSBN as an entry level bookkeeper. She stayed with the firm, a rarity in this industry, going on to obtain her CPA and progressing from staff accountant, to manager, then becoming a partner in the firm in 1994.

### Women's Support Team



Paula Constantino is a global on-line connecting woman of the world. Her passion is to help women achieve their goals and to connect with other women who can help them find the path to greater personal success.

Constantino is also a graduate of law school when she was 21. She has been licensed as an attorney in several states before starting Women's Support Team. Although she has spent most of her efforts into running Women's Support Team, she shares her leadership with others who are starting their own businesses and connects them with people who can assist them with legal matters.

### Maria Contreras-Sweet Promerica Bank



As a community leader, Maria Contreras-Sweet has used her position to articulate the needs of women and a wide range of communities. Serving as a member of the finance, economics, pollution, energy and health committees, she is currently the Founder and President of Promerica Bank, which provides building family wealth consultancy model.

Ms. Contreras-Sweet is a managing partner and cofounder of TIUS Holdings, LLC, a fund and commercial real estate development company specializing in providing California's small businesses with quicker access to capital. She has a Latino business background with investments ranging from \$100,000 to \$1 million.

### Delores Conway USC Lusk Center for Intergenerational Studies



Professor Delores Conway is the Director of the USC Lusk Center for Intergenerational Studies. She is also the Director of the USC Lusk Center for Intergenerational Studies. She is a nationally recognized expert on aging and has conducted thorough research on aging in Southern California.

A respected real estate professional, she is well known for her financial expertise and is one of the most interviewed by the national media on the financing and investment aspects of real estate across the United States. She is the first woman appointed to the faculty of the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business where she taught before joining USC in 1994.