Construction Management
Industry Advisory Board

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE
Dan is President of Coastal Construction Company, one of south Florida’s largest builders with an annual volume of over $800 million. He is a graduate of the University of Florida’s School of Construction, and has an earned Doctorate in Construction Management.

He has been a long-time member and supporter of AGC, having served as President of AGC of Mid-Florida as well as Legislative Chairman of the AGC State Council for four years. He has been appointed by the Governor’s Office to serve on several key construction committees in the State of Florida, including the Workers Compensation Oversight Board, the Radon Commission, and the Building Construction Industry Advisory Council.

Dan is currently a member of the South Florida AGC Board of Directors. In addition, he has taught Construction Management at the University of Florida, the University of Miami, and as an Adjunct Professor at Florida International University, and is on the Advisory Council of each of those Universities’ Construction Programs.

In 1984, he was named by the University of Florida’s M. E. Rinker, Sr. School of Building Construction as its Distinguished Builder, and in 2016, he was named its Distinguished Alumni. Dan has been married to his high school sweetheart, Diana, for 48 years, and considers among his proudest accomplishments in the industry, that both his children have followed him in construction. His son, Donald, is a Superintendent on the $400 million Four Seasons Resort & Hotel in Surfside, and his daughter, Debra, was Coastal’s Insurance Manager for 17 years before joining Willis Tower Watson earlier this year, and Debra is in attendance here today.
Advisory Board Vice-Chairman

Robert “Bob” W. Miller, President Emeritus / Owner
First Florida Building Corporation

Bob Miller is president and owner of First Florida Building Corporation, a commercial construction development firm for multi-unit housing, restaurants and hotels. The firm, based in South Miami, has constructed more than 1,400 restaurants, 3,500 hotel rooms and 15,000 housing units throughout the state of Florida. A licensed general contractor and realtor in the state of Florida, Mr. Miller began his career in the construction industry in 1969 as a laborer and has worked in every aspect of the business from estimating to project management. A native Miamian, he is fluent in English and Spanish. Since becoming president of operations in 2000, he has managed more than $1 billion in construction projects.

He is as a director and the immediate past president of the Associated General Contractors’ South Florida chapter. He is president of the board of directors of Rebuilding Together’s Miami Dade chapter, a non-profit organization that restores homes for low-income, disabled and elderly homeowners through Miami-Dade County at no cost to the homeowners. He is a member of the Visiting Committee of the School of Architecture.
Advisory Board Member

James Davis Beauchamp, Chairman of the Board
Beauchamp Construction

As Chairman of the Board of Directors, Mr. Beauchamp is the original founding Principal of the Company's Miami operations and his family started the Company in 1936 in Washington D.C. Since 1980, Mr. Beauchamp has worked successfully to align the Company, internally and externally, with his strategic vision of growth and sustainability, resulting in Beauchamp Construction being one of the oldest and most successful General Contractors in South Florida. A certified general contractor, Mr. Beauchamp earned a Bachelor's and Master's degree from the University of Miami.

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Jon Cardello, Senior Principal, Sector Leader, Commercial
Stantec

Jon was a founding principal of ADD Inc Miami, an architecture and interior design practice which grew from two employees to over 100 before they joined Stantec in 2015. With the addition of a structural and civil engineering team, Jon now oversees 130 employees. He also co-develops the overall strategy, business development, and marketing of our growing Commercial Sector practice nationwide.

Our Miami office has realized exponential growth under Jon’s client-focused leadership, designing hundreds of high-profile development projects and towers from the city’s urban core to the shoreline, helping to reshape the South Florida skyline. Recently, Jon has also proudly spearheaded the restoration of seven historic Art Deco hotels along the iconic Collins Avenue, merging each hotel’s timeless qualities with new, modern aesthetics.

As a senior principal and seasoned architect, Jon specializes in commercial building design and project economics, analyzing the overall objectives which developers, public agencies, and neighborhoods envision. He uses that information to uncover additional development cost savings, ongoing operational efficiencies, and marketing benefits for high-profile, large-scale projects.

Drawing from over 20 years of planning and design expertise, Jon organizes building forms, building uses, and sustainable design techniques to create dynamic, multi-faceted spaces which promote enjoyment, wellness, and productivity.
Brad Meltzer President
Plaza Construction Group Florida (Southeast)

Mr. Meltzer has over 28 years of professional experience in the construction industry since starting at Plaza Construction in 1989. His educational background in architecture, paired with his vast construction experience, gives him a unique perspective within the industry. He brings innovative solutions and informed leadership, successfully meeting clients’ goals with the highest level of quality and integrity.

Brad directs day-to-day activities for the firm’s Southeast Operations, including strategic development, forecasting, and client management. His portfolio of projects encompasses a large range of project types from new out of the ground facilities to high end interiors. He has managed over $3 billion of construction projects in South Florida including some of Miami’s highest profile and most complex projects such as 1 Hotel & Homes, Biscayne Beach, The Marquis, W South Beach, Dadeland Mall Expansion, and Icon Bay, to name a select few. Under his leadership, the company is currently constructing the 63-story One Thousand Museum by Zaha Hadid Architects, the Aventura Mall Expansion III, Ritz-Carlton Residences Miami Beach, The Four Tower Paraiso District in Edgewater, and numerous other projects in South Florida.

He holds a Masters of Architecture from Tulane University School of Architecture and is a licensed General Contractor in the State of Florida. In addition to his corporate responsibilities, Brad is an active member of the community currently serving as a Board Member for Voices for Children Foundation, Advisory Board Member for the Tulane University School of Architecture, and Advisory Board Member for the University of Miami’s MRED+U program. He is also a member of the Construction Association of South Florida (Past Board Member), YPO Gateway Miami (Past Chapter Chair), ULI SE Florida (Past Advisory Board Member), and the Construction Executives Association (Past President).
Advisory Board Member
Tom C. Murphy, Co-President
Coastal Construction Group

Tom C. Murphy joined the family business during summers and spring breaks while attending high school. Since beginning his full-time career at Coastal, he has held every position from field engineer up to his current position as Co-President. His overall responsibilities focus on the overall business and development of new work, including business development, sales, marketing, preconstruction, estimating, prequalification, owner contracts and Building Information Modeling (BIM).

Tom is a state certified general contractor and earned a Bachelor of Building Construction from the University of Florida and a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Miami. He his actively involved in a variety of business and community organizations.

About Coastal Construction...

Coastal is a family-owned business founded in 1988. They are one of the Top 100 general contractors in the county, the largest in the State of Florida and were ranked as a Top Workplace by the Sun-Sentinel in 2016. Community involvement is paramount to Coastal’s core values – they are involved with over 30 non-profit organizations.
For more than 30 years, William O’Donnell has been designing some of the most iconic projects in the southeast United States and the Caribbean. He is a Partner and Managing Principal of DeSimone Consulting Engineers, a world-class international structural engineering firm.

Working with many of the world’s most respected and Pritzker-prized architects, Mr. O’Donnell utilizes creative engineering to make challenging designs commercially viable. High-profile Miami projects such as the 1000 Museum Tower, Grand Bay Towers, and the Faena Arts Village are examples of challenging structures that required Mr. O'Donnell's unique solutions and engineering expertise. Having recently topped off Panorama, Florida’s now-tallest building at 830 feet, he is currently designing three more towers over 1,000 feet tall in Miami.

Mr. O’Donnell’s notable international work includes all of Atlantis in the Bahamas, all of the recent uber-architectural buildings at Albany in Nassau, two hotels for the new Disney Shanghai theme park, three resort hotels in the Maldives Islands, and many boutique resorts throughout the Caribbean and Central America. Currently under construction are large expansions of the Seminole Tribe of Florida’s Hollywood and Tampa locations. Rising from the ground now in Hollywood is a 40-story tall glass guitar-shaped hotel tower.

Mr. O’Donnell serves on the Board of Trustees for Barry University and is a past member of the Industry Advisor Board at the University of Miami College of Engineering.
Stephan Reisman is Vice Chairman of Peckar & Abramson, a national construction law firm with 9 offices across the U.S. and affiliations throughout Latin America. Mr. Reisman's primary area of practice is Construction Law and he is certified by the Florida Bar as a Construction Law Specialist. His practice includes the representation of general contractors, construction managers, and other construction professionals in the negotiation and preparation of construction documents, as well as in the negotiation, mediation, arbitration, and litigation of claims involving construction contracts, construction and design defects, insurance, surety bonds, and related matters. Mr. Reisman also assists with project administration on construction projects to identify and achieve early resolution of potential conflicts and disputes.

Mr. Reisman has represented clients in all aspects of the procurement process for both public and private construction projects, has litigated and arbitrated construction and design defect cases, delay and impact claims, and presented requests for equitable adjustment on public works. He is an active member of the American Arbitration Association® Panel of Construction Arbitrators and has served as Arbitrator and Mediator in domestic and international construction disputes.

Mr. Reisman is a graduate of Emory University and the University of Miami School of Law. He is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth and Eleventh Circuits, the United States District Courts for the Southern and Middle Districts of Florida, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida, and all courts of the State of Florida.

Mr. Reisman is a fellow of the American College of Construction Lawyers and is a member of the American Bar Association (Forum on Construction Law, Litigation Section and Law Practice Division), the Florida Bar (Litigation, Business Law and Real Property Sections), the Construction Association of South Florida, and the Associated General Contractors of America.

Mr. Reisman was an author and speaker for the program presented at the 2014 Fall Meeting of the American Bar Association Forum on Construction Law “Bulldozers, Cranes and Claims – Challenges of Rebuilding the Construction Industry” and is the Co-Editor of "Construction Defects" published in April 2012 by the American Bar Association Forum on Construction Law. He was an instructor for the Florida Bar's Construction Law Certification Course and has also authored numerous articles and conducted seminars on various Construction law topics for the American Bar Association, Florida Bar, National Business Institute, Construction Specifications Institute, Construction Association of South Florida and Southeast Construction (ENR).
Advisory Board Member

Natividad Soto, FAIA Leed AP BD+C, President
Ferguson Glasgow Schuster Soto

Nati is president of Ferguson Glasgow Schuster Soto, a Coral Gables Architecture and Interior Design Services Firm established in 1955. She has over 30 years of experience with municipal, medical, commercial and institutional clients. Notable projects include the University of Miami School of Architecture Lecture Hall/Gallery, City of Miami Elizabeth Virrick Park Community Center + Library, Caterpillar Inc. Miami Lakes, Coral Gables Venetian Pool restoration, State of Florida Regional Service Center Marathon, and many others.

With AIA Florida, Nati serves as Secretary/Treasurer and FAPAC Chair, and was 2012-2013 Vice President Chairing the Communications and Membership Committees. She championed the formation of the Women in Architecture Task Force. She actively worked on Florida 100. As a Director she was a member of the Communications Committee, the Advocacy Committee and the CCC Task Force. Nati is the 2014 recipient of the Anthony Pullara Award, recognizing her contributions to AIA Florida at AIA Miami. She is one of the founding members of the Miami Center for Architecture and Design Board of Directors and serves as President of its Board of Directors. She is Co-Founder of the AIA Miami Women in Architecture and past Chair of the AIA Advocacy Committee. As 2009 President of AIA Miami, strong ties were developed with the local print/television media, universities and allied organizations. She served on the AIA National Culture Collective and chaired the Women’s National Network for AIA National’s Diversity Council on which she was a 2013-2014 member. She co-chaired the Public Relations Committee for the 2010 National Convention (Miami), was committee member for the 2009 Architects as Agents of Social Change Conference and committee member for the 2007 Academy of Architecture for Health Conference. Nati has contributed to Florida Caribbean Architect, the McGraw Hill Video Library and Design Book magazine, and was featured in the Miami Herald Business Monday discussing mentorship initiatives.

An active member of her local community, Nati served on the City of Coral Gables Green Task Force and the Miami-Dade A&E Professional Advisory Council. She was a past member of the Miami Dade County Public Schools MBE Advisory Committee and the Coral Gables Architectural Review Board. As a former board member and officer of the Spanish International Parents Assoc. she chaired the 1999 Educational Student Trip to Spain for International Studies students and was instrumental in record-breaking fundraising for educational travel scholarships.
Advisory Board Member
Greg T. West Chief Development Officer
ZOM Holding Inc.

Greg is responsible for all of the Company’s real estate activities. He joined ZOM in 1997 and has since been involved with all aspects of the development process including identifying new opportunities, compiling due diligence and underwriting parameters. He is also responsible for project design, permitting, and construction. Through his career at ZOM Mr. West has been directly responsible for over $3.5B of development.

Since the financial crisis ZOM has initiated 28 development projects nationally in markets such as South Florida, Arlington, VA, Baltimore, Orlando, Tampa, Houston, Dallas, Chicago and Charlotte. All of ZOM’s work is centered on multifamily rental housing including urban mixed use with retail components. Currently ZOM has 5,200 units in various stages of development across all markets with total capitalization of over $1.5B.

Prior to joining ZOM, Mr. West worked in a development capacity for Paragon Group, a REIT specializing in multifamily properties. He was involved in the implementation of new multifamily developments and the repositioning of existing projects in both the Midwest and Florida.

Mr. West received a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting from Southern Methodist University and has received two Masters of Science degrees from Texas A&M University in Land Development and Construction Management. He serves on the Board of Directors of the National Multifamily Housing Council, is the current Chair of the ULI Southeast Florida and Caribbean District Council, and is a Miami Downtown Development Authority Board Member.
James Werbelow serves as Senior Vice President of Construction for the Related Group. He oversees every aspect of the construction process, working closely with the developers and contractors. Since the early 1990s, he has logged experience in a wide range of building types including retail, hotels, office, and mixed-use, with particular expertise in the development of luxury condominiums spanning the United States, Mexico, Brazil and Argentina. Mr. Werbelow graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor’s degree in building construction management and a specialization in business and economics.

James is also heavily involved in the Dolphin Cycling Challenge Fundraiser for Sylvester Cancer Center. Additionally, he is on the Board for the University of Miami, School of Architecture, Construction Management Program.