

FLM Forum Moderator



Terrill L. Hill, Esq. was recently appointed as Interim City Manager for the City of Palatka. He was born and educated in Palatka, Florida. Upon graduating from Palatka High, he earned a football scholarship to Howard University in Washington, D.C. In 1994, he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration on Marketing, and in 1996, he graduated first in his program with a Master of Science Degree in Athletic Administration/Sport Marketing. In 1996, Attorney Hill received a full scholarship from the Florida Bar Foundation to attend the University of Florida, Levin College of Law. In 1999, Attorney Hill earned his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Florida and was admitted to practice law in the State of Florida. In November of 1999, he opened Terrill L. Hill, P.A., in his hometown of Palatka, Florida. The firm opened a second location in Daytona Beach, Florida in 2014. Attorney Hill is an active member of The Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter of the National Bar Association, Putnam County Bar Association, and National Bar Association. In 2012, Attorney Hill received the National Bar Association and Impact Top 40 Lawyers Under 40 award and in 2017, he was named to America's Top 100 Black Lawyers. In 2021 Attorney Hill, as one of the initial donors to the Yolanda Cash-Jackson's HBCU John Robert Lewis Pathway to Success Endowment, was recognized by the University of Florida Levin College of Law by having a scholarship in his name presented annually to a scholar. Attorney Hill was elected in 2014 as Mayor of the City of Palatka, and he served until 2023. He served as President of the Florida League of Mayors 2020-2021 and has been appointed to various committees within the Florida League of Cities, Florida League of Mayors, and Florida Black Caucus of Locally Elected Officials. He served as the Chairman of Putnam County's Local Government in Collaboration, and Vice Chair of the Tourist Development Council and Development Authority.

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Kathy DeVault serves as Director of Strategic Partnerships for Mayor Buddy Dyer and the City of Orlando. Kathy oversees the conception and execution of special projects under the guidance of the Mayor and Chief of Staff and manages strategic alliances with some of Orlando's largest employers and higher education institutions, including the University of Central Florida and Valencia College. Kathy serves on the city's leadership team for Creative Village, a visionary \$2 billion public-private partnership to redevelop 68 acres of underutilized city-owned property, transforming it into Orlando's newest Innovation District. Kathy assists in shaping policy initiatives, with a special emphasis on bolstering economic vitality, fostering workforce development and championing the growth of technology-driven startups. As part of the mayor's communication and outreach team, Kathy crafts engagement strategies to better connect businesses and residents with local government and helps tell the story of Orlando's transformation into a thriving hub of

innovation and opportunity. Kathy is known for convening communities, connecting people and forging mutually beneficial partnerships that advance the economy and enhance quality of life for residents and businesses in Orlando. Kathy holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communication and a Master of Public Administration both from the University of Central Florida in Orlando.



Edwin A. Narain, Esq. is a highly accomplished professional with extensive leadership experience in business, technology, and government. Edwin's leadership extends to his role as Vice President of External and Legislative Affairs (Florida & Alabama) with AT&T. He is a three-time Florida Top Performance Manager of the Year (2009, 2010, and 2013) and has earned two AT&T Summit Awards for being among the company's top achievers. A licensed attorney, Edwin has served as chairman of the board for several government and non-profit organizations. Edwin is the 2025 chair of the Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce, the Boys

and Girls Club of Tampa Bay, and the Saint Leo Board of Trustees. Edwin is a former member of the Florida House of Representatives. In Tallahassee, he chaired the Florida Legislative Black Caucus as a freshman and passed several important pieces of legislation. While elected, he partnered to address the historical wrongs at the Dozier School for Boys, sponsored the Arthur Greene Jr. act and spearheaded the removal of a confederate monument that represented Florida in Statutory Hall. His legislative service earned him the Florida Association of Counties - County Champion Award (2015) and Legislative Appreciation Awards from the Florida League of Cities and Florida Boys and Girls Clubs (2016). Edwin is a member of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. He has served as the polemarch (president) of the Tampa Alumni Chapter and was honored in 2008 as the chapter's "Man of the Year." In 2010, he received the chapter's Leadership Award for his work guiding the chapter to its first Southern Province Chapter of the Year Award. Edwin is married to Monica, a public school district administrator and together they have two teenage daughters. As founders of the Black Leadership Network at the University of South Florida, they are the endowers of the Narain Family Scholarship that provides financial assistance to African American students enrolled at the university. Edwin earned his Juris Doctor degree from Stetson University College of Law. He holds a master's in business administration and a bachelor's in psychology from Saint Leo University.



Destin Wells currently serves as the Senior Vice President of Economic Development at the Orlando Economic Partnership (OEP). Prior to his time at the OEP, Destin led the state of Florida's economic development team at Enterprise Florida, where he garnered a holistic approach to advancing economic development goals by leveraging resources and working with partners in way he describes as "fiercely collaborative." Between the state and local economic development work, Destin has successfully facilitated projects that generated more than 15,000 jobs and \$2.4 billion in

Capital Investment. Committed to Economic Development and the impact on the individual and their ability to provide for their family, Destin brings a balance of relational and data-driven approaches to building strategy and affecting outcomes. Prior to his

time in Economic Development, Destin was a consultant for small businesses, focusing on Export Marketing for the Small Business Development Center. Destin graduated from the University of Central Florida with B.A. in Political Science and master's in business administration. In his personal time, he enjoys spending time with his wife, Haley, and two children, Addison and Landon. You can often find him with a guitar in his hands and close to the water.