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## Curriculum Vitae

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### **Education:**

**New York University**, MBA, 1974, Dual major – Finance and International Business,  
Thesis – Foreign Direct Investment in Venezuela – Attitudinal Assessment of Investors  
**University of Miami**, BBA, 1971, Major – Accounting

### **Professional:**

CPA in Florida and New York  
American Institute of CPAs  
Florida Institute of CPAs  
New York State Society of CPAs

### **Current Position:**

#### **Benihana Inc.**

**Senior Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer** January 1995 to Present  
Manage finance function of the corporation including oversight of the external financial reporting process, maintain investor relations, monitor and improve internal financial reporting and information systems, liaise with Audit Committee, establish and execute financial strategy and policy, assure board of compliance with Sarbanes-Oxley legislation and Securities Exchange Commission laws and regulations, provide ethical model for corporate staff, evaluate potential acquisition candidates and provide advice to president and board of directors regarding potential material transactions.

### **Prior Positions:**

**Deloitte & Touche**; Miami, New York and San Juan

**Audit Partner** from 1984 to 1995

Most recently US audit managing partner of San Juan office; clients served include Clorox, Microsoft, ConAgra, Schering Plough, Puerto Rico Ports Authority, Puerto Rico Department of Education. Miami office representative clients served as audit partner include Burger King Corporation, Benihana Inc., Merrill Lynch and Toronto Dominion Bank (financial consulting projects). Most clients served were publicly traded businesses. Miami office functional areas included Director of Professional Standards (predecessor firm of Touche Ross & Co.), partner responsible for recruiting and continuing education.

**Audit Manager** and other positions in audit groups with predecessor firm (Touche Ross & Co.) from 1974 to 1994 in New York and Miami offices.

### **Community:**

**Goodwill Industries of South Florida** – Member of Board of Directors, former Executive Committee member and Treasurer

**Jobs For Miami** – Former Chairman of Board, Treasurer and Board Member

**Association for Retarded Citizens of Dade County** – Former Treasurer and Board Member