

## **Juan Carlos Benitez**

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Based in Guam and Saipan, Juan Carlos Benitez is president and chairman of the Latte Training Academy, guiding development and professional training programs that drive economic development throughout the northern Marianas Islands. Originally from Puerto Rico, Juan Carlos Benitez has been selected as among the 100 Most Influential Hispanics in the United States.

Mr. Benitez also guides the Washington Pacific Economic Development Group, LLC, (WPEDG). Thru WPEDG Mr. Benitez helps private & non profit companies and organizations identify and secure federal funds for worthy programs operated within the United States. Through WPEDG, Mr. Benitez was able to assist Guam Catholic Social Services to obtain a \$100,000 grant to acquire transportation vehicles for wheelchair bound indigents living in Guam.

The achievements of Mr. Benitez include his past U.S. Senate Confirmed appointment as The Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices at U.S. Department of Justice. His appointment as Of Counsel to Long Aldridge & Norman, LLP, in Washington, DC, is the only Hispanic member of Long Aldridge & Norman's diversity committee as well as serving as one of the leads for their drug enforcement practice on advocacy, tied to the Puerto Rico Justice Department and federal affairs efforts. He subsequently engaged with Cassidy & Associates and as Republican lead lobbyist, with a focus on international relations matters.

EXPERIENCE  Latte Training Academy  President and Chairman of the Board	<i>Mar 1, 2015 - Present</i>
Marianas EB-5 Regional Center President	Jan 1, 2013 - Present
Washington Pacific Economic Edevelpment Group, LLC President	Oct 1, 2003 - Present
Inter-American School of Law  JD  Law	Aug 1, 1990 - May 1, 1993
Universidad del Sagrado Corazon	Aug 1, 1983 - May 1, 1989

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