

Best businesses, professionals, business people in Palm Beach County

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Top Palm Beach County professionals, business people on the move for the week of May 4

In our weekly list of [business people on the move](#), we highlight [Palm Beach County professionals](#) who are making a difference. These are people from across the spectrum of public and private endeavors, those working in charities, court houses, private practices and beyond. They are moving up within their industry, advancing their careers and standing out for their services within our community.

Here are this week's professional standouts:

Certified financial planner joins Wellington investment firm



Located in Wellington, Boynton Financial Group recently welcomed certified financial planner **Kevin Wedgworth** to their team. Wedgworth brings 20 years of experience in the financial services industry, including the past 12 years with Morgan Stanley in Belle Glade. He holds an MBA from Florida Atlantic University and is known for his client-focused approach to financial planning and wealth management.

Cox Science Center and Aquarium adds seven board members

The center recently appointed **Donald Gulbrandsen, Phil Hutchinson, Bill Meyer, Jodi Oh, Allison Ridder Johnstone, Matt Rubel** and **Tom Zacharias** as new members of the board. Gulbrandsen is the founder, director and CEO of his namesake company. The Gulbrandsen organization is a group of specialty chemical manufacturing companies with products sold domestically and in approximately 45 other countries. Based in West Palm Beach, Hutchinson has established himself as a skilled attorney in government affairs and complex litigation at his firm, Hutchinson Law. Meyer is a Palm Beach resident, prolific real estate developer, hotel owner/operator, and an active philanthropist throughout Palm Beach County. Jupiter resident Oh is a commercial real estate owner and developer in the Northeast and Florida and co-founder of Accel, a family-owned manufacturing firm. Ridder Johnstone is a managing attorney at NextEra Energy with almost 20 years of experience providing general counsel and commercial legal advice. Based in West Palm Beach, Rubel is an American entrepreneur and investor. He is the former chair, chief executive officer and president of Collective Brands, Inc. — the leading lifestyle and footwear company based in the US. Zacharias has four decades of real estate investment and development experience. The addition of the esteemed trustees comes at a pivotal time in center's multi million expansion that will double in size of the indoor/outdoor campus and grow the aquarium from 10,000 gallons to 130,000 gallons.

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Friends of Manatee Lagoon adds to board of directors

The nonprofit organization that is committed to safeguarding manatees in Florida's coastal areas is pleased to announce **Thomas Quealy** will serve on its board of directors. Friends of Manatee Lagoon is dedicated to protecting manatees and restoring and protecting their aquatic habitat. They raise funds to educate the community about manatees, promote awareness of their threats, engage in marine life conservation efforts, and protect the critically important seagrass.

Criminal defense firm opening offices in West Palm Beach, Miami, Stuart

Renowned criminal defense attorney and former Florida Bar President **Michelle Suskauer** is expanding her distinguished legal practice with the launch of new offices in West Palm Beach, Miami and Stuart. This strategic expansion reflects Suskauer's reputation as one of Florida's top criminal defense attorneys and a trusted advocate for clients facing high-stakes legal challenges. With over 30 years of experience, Suskauer began her legal career as a public defender in West Palm Beach, where she handled thousands of criminal cases on behalf of the indigent in Palm Beach County.

Real estate firm bolsters sales team with addition

The Ocean Club, Four Seasons Residences, Bahamas is pleased to announce the addition of Premier Estate Properties' broker associate **Rick Moeser** to its sales team. Spearheaded by U.S.-based real estate development firms, Two Roads Development and Access Real Estate, The Ocean Club, Four Seasons Residences, Bahamas achieved over \$100 million in pre-groundbreaking sales in 2024, and broke ground in January 2025. Moeser currently focuses on dynamic markets such as Palm Beach, New York City, The Hamptons, Aspen, South America, and the Caribbean.

West Palm Beach engineering firm names vice president

Bryan G. Kelley, P.E., has been named partner and vice president of Simmons & White, Inc., a comprehensive civil and traffic engineering firm established in West Palm Beach in 1982. Kelley specializes in traffic engineering mitigation for public and private sector clients and holds a professional engineering license in Florida. A 2007 alumnus of The University of Florida, he has been with the firm for over 13 years.

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