



**CHRYSA
TSAKOPOULOS
DEMOS**

President/CEO
AKT Investments

Chrysa Tsakopoulos Demos was named president and CEO of AKT Investments in 2018, having served for a decade as vice president of the firm, overseeing financial analysis for major projects, acquiring requisite permits and entitlements, managing contracts and guiding the company's strategic planning process. She guides much of the family business' philanthropic activity, including the naming gift for the Sofia Tsakopoulos Center for the Arts, a performing arts venue in Sacramento.

EDUCATION: Georgetown University, Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania

FIRST JOB: Answering phones and filing maps at AKT

MOST INSPIRING PERSON: My grandmother, whose name I share. She raised three daughters as a single mother in the 1960s in San Francisco. She overcame challenges and faced life with grit, integrity and aplomb.

FEW PEOPLE KNOW: I play the harp.

MOTIVATION: My family



**RICK
NIELLO**

President
The Niello Company

In 1998, Rick Niello became president of The Niello Company, a fourth-generation family business that he has worked for since 1972. Today, The Niello Company is the Sacramento region's only privately held dealership group, with products spanning 14 of the world's finest automobile manufacturers. Niello supports a variety of community organizations; last year, his company donated to more than 40 charities and nonprofit organizations.

EDUCATION: Menlo College School of Business Administration

BEST ADVICE RECEIVED: My mother: "Remember who you are and who you represent."

HIDDEN TALENT: Photography

HOBBIES: Sailing and skiing

FAVORITE TRAVEL DESTINATIONS: Carmel, Tahoe and Europe

WHAT I'D TELL A RECENT GRADUATE: Work hard and go to bed early!

WHAT MOTIVATES ME: My family, my business and the very special region we live in



**STEPHEN
WESTLAKE**

Owner/Private Wealth
Advisor
WGG Wealth
Partners

Stephen Westlake leads one of the largest wealth management firms in the greater Sacramento area with 40 employees and assets under management in excess of \$1 billion. He serves on the boards of the Sacramento Estate Planning Council and Keaton's Child Cancer Alliance. Westlake volunteers with Global Habitat for Humanity, helping build homes in Malawi, Bolivia and Argentina.

WHY I CHOSE THIS WORK: To help people live to meet their financial future with confidence

FEW PEOPLE KNOW: Saltwater coral enthusiast

FAVORITE TV SHOW: *Game of Thrones*

PANDEMIC'S EFFECT ON BUSINESS: We shifted to all virtual client meetings and staff working remotely. WGG was committed to no layoffs, and our team pulled together to provide clients with the exceptional service they have come to expect and deserve from our firm.



**DAVE
ROUGHTON**

President/CEO
SAFE Credit Union

Dave Roughton began his tenure at SAFE Credit Union in 1999, holding the positions of vice president, CFO, executive vice president and COO before assuming the role of president and CEO in 2016. A not-for-profit, cooperative, community-chartered financial institution, SAFE employs more than 600 people in the Sacramento region. SAFE Credit Union is the naming sponsor of downtown Sacramento's convention center complex project.

EDUCATION: University of New Hampshire, UC Davis

AWARDS: California Advocate of the Year Award for 2019 from the California and Nevada Credit Union Leagues; 2019 Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce Businessman of the Year

LEADERSHIP: Member of the boards of the California and Nevada Credit Union Leagues, Sacramento Metro Chamber, Align Capital Region and The First Tee of Greater Sacramento



**SETH
DEVEY**

CEO
Green Day Power

Sacramento native Seth Devey grew up around construction sites, building homes with his father. His business, Green Day Power, offers installation of solar panels, roofing, HVAC systems, windows and doors and home backup generators. "I built Green Day Power from the ground up," says Devey. "My goal is to build it to a \$100 million business within the next three years."

FIRST JOB: Digging trenches for my dad's construction company

BEST ADVICE RECEIVED: If you take care of your employees, your employees will take care of your clients.

WHY I CHOSE THIS WORK: I love renewable energy and I am a big believer in having a healthy planet.

HIDDEN TALENT: I am a pretty good golfer!

PANDEMIC'S TOUGHEST ASPECT: Permitting restrictions have been tough.

BUCKET LIST: A trip with my wife to Bora Bora



**SHAWNA
CHRISMAN**

Founder/CEO
Destination
Aesthetics
Medical Spa

Shawna Chrisman combined her passion for medicine, entrepreneurship and aesthetics when she founded Destination Aesthetics Medical Spa in 2011 and developed it into one of the fastest growing medical spas in the country. She was named one of the top 100 aesthetic injectors in the United States in 2018 and serves on the advisory council for the American Medical Spa Association.

WHY I CHOSE THIS WORK: We are practicing medicine with our hands in a nontraditional way. We are not just treating wrinkles but rather igniting empowerment and confidence.

FEW PEOPLE KNOW: I love old rap music and know the lyrics to many classics.

WHAT I'D TELL A RECENT GRADUATE: Hustle and heart will set you apart.

PANDEMIC'S EFFECT ON ME: No one can truly digest how this has affected us yet because we are still in the midst of it.