



**OCTAVIO A. VERDEJA**, is the Managing Partner of Verdeja, De Armas & Trujillo and has 35 years of experience in public accounting. Previously, he was employed by Ernst & Young. Octavio A. Verdeja, served eight years as governor appointed Chair of the Early Learning Coalition (“ELC”) of Monroe and Miami-Dade counties. Octavio now serves as Chair of the Board of Centro Mater Foundation, an organization aimed at serving economically disadvantaged children. Octavio also currently serves on the Board of Beacon Academy, a charter school for underprivileged children.

### **Formal Education**

Octavio A. Verdeja graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelors of Business Administration from the University of Miami (“UM”) in 1979 and at the time was certified as one of the youngest CPA’s in the State of Florida.

### **Membership**

Octavio is a licensed Certified Public Accountant and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Octavio is a member of the Citizens Board of the University of Miami as well as the past treasurer for the University’s Cuban Collection. He is also a member of the United Way Cabinet.

### **Experience**

Octavio has 35 years of public auditing experience in non-profit, governmental, private and for profit areas. Clients among many served include:

- Archdiocese of Miami
- Frost Science Museum
- Big Brothers, Big Sisters
- Boys & Girls Club of Miami
- Miami Children’s Museum
- Ransom Everglades School
- Gulliver Schools

### **Professional Recognition**

- Verdeja, De Armas & Trujillo ranks as top 25 CPA firms in South Florida according to South Florida Business Journal
- Verdeja, De Armas & Trujillo ranks as top 500 Hispanic Companies in United States
- Octavio A. Verdeja served as the governor-appointed Chair of the Early Learning Coalition (“ELC”) for eight years. Octavio was appointed by governors Jeb Bush and Charlie Crist to chair the \$180,000,000 organization, one of the largest charitable organizations in the State of Florida
- Octavio A. Verdeja was recognized by South Florida Business Journal as Key Partner
- Octavio A. Verdeja was recognized on the cover of Ernst & Young CPA (EY) Connect Now magazine
- Octavio A. Verdeja is considered a leader in Education, serving most private schools in South Florida as Auditor
- Octavio A. Verdeja served as expert witness on high profile political cases with awards of over \$50 million and \$100 million