

Edison L. Sumner

EDISON L. SUMNER is the Chief Executive Officer and Director of The Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Employers Confederation. He is also Co-Founder, President and CEO of IP Solutions International, Ltd., (IPSI) a multi-media communications company.

Prior to his current assignment, Mr. Sumner served with distinction as a senior executive in the Financial and Corporate Service industry in The Bahamas for over twenty (20) years. Prior to that, he tenured as Assistant Accountant at the Bahamas Maritime Authority in London, England.

Mr. Sumner formerly served as Chairman of the Board of Bahamas Panasonic Ltd., and founding member of The Bahamas Domestic Investments Board. He is presently Deputy Chairman of The Bahamas Entrepreneurial Venture Fund Ltd., Chairman of Veritas Consultants Ltd., and past Director of The Bahamas Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Sumner also serves as a member of the Council of International Arbitration in The Bahamas, a member of the National Health Insurance Advisory Board, member of the National Tripartite Council, member of the Bahamas Bureau of Standards and Quality and the Co-chairperson of the Private Sector Education Task Force for Value Added Tax.

Mr. Sumner received his education and training at London Guildhall University and City University, London England. He is a Certified Financial Consultant (CFC®), a Fellow of the Institute of Financial Consultants, an Associate of the Institute of Financial Planning, an Affiliate of the Securities Institute of London and a member of the Insurance Institute of London, a division of the Chartered Insurance Institute, and a Certified Anti-Money Laundering Analyst. He also holds numerous professional and academic qualifications including a Mini MBA in telecommunications from the Informa Telecoms Academy in London, England and a MBA from the McHari Institute.

Mr. Sumner has participated in numerous local and international financial and legal conferences and was the first Bahamian to graduate from the Institute of SME Finance, a subsidiary of the Multi-Lateral Investment Fund with a concentration on Venture Capitalism for SME's.

Mr. Sumner was honored in 2007 by the Bahamas Financial Services Board as finalist for "Executive of the Year" and was recognized for his outstanding contributions to the development of financial services industry of The Bahamas. In 2013, he was recognized and honored for his contribution to Business Development in The Bahamas.

Mr. Sumner is also heavily involved in the cultural community as one of The Bahamas' leading gospel music recording and performing artists and also serves as an Elder in his local church. Mr. Sumner is married to Darleen Knowles-Sumner and they are the proud parents of one son, Avery Darson Sumner.