



José J. Villamil

Chairman of the Board of consulting firm Estudios Técnicos, Inc., he was Chairman of Poncebank and BBVA Puerto Rico between the years 1991 and 2012. Mr. Villamil graduated from the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce of the University of Pennsylvania, where he also pursued graduate studies in Economics. He has been visiting professor in various universities, including Harvard, has lectured at a number of Latin American, U.S. and European universities and was a consultant to the UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the

U.N. Latin American Economic and Social Planning Institute. Mr. Villamil was a Visiting Fellow at the Institute of Development Studies in Great Britain. He has received numerous awards throughout his career, including the prestigious *John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship* for his work on small island developing economies, the Special Award of the President of the Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce for his contributions to Puerto Rico's economic development and a Doctorate, *honoris causa*, awarded by the Universidad Metropolitana in San Juan, in 2004. In 2013 and 2019 United Way of Puerto Rico awarded him the Antonio R. Barceló Award for his contributions to the Non-Profit Sector.

Mr. Villamil was invited by the U.N.'s Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (CEPAL) to a meeting in October, 2019, of seminal thinkers on sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean who have had "profound impacts" on sustainable development in the region.

He has served on the boards of a number of international organizations and was President of the Inter American Planning Society. He was a founding Director of the Non-Profit Sector Research Fund of the Aspen Institute in Washington, DC. and a member of the National Puerto Rican Coalition. He belonged to UNESCO's Committee of Experts on Urbanization in Latin America and on various other similar committees, including the Advisory Committees of the Island Resources Foundation, the International Institute for Architecture and the UNDP/UNESCO/CLACSO project on the social sciences.

In Puerto Rico, Mr. Villamil has served on a number of Boards, in both the public and private sectors, including that of United Way of Puerto Rico. He chaired the Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce, the Puerto Rico Economics Association and was a founding Director of the Puerto Rico Community Foundation. He has served in the Economic Advisory Councils of various Puerto Rico Governors and has published books and articles on economic development issues, urban planning and the global economy in academic and professional journals in the United States, Britain, and various countries in Latin America.

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