

2009 HONOREE

CHAIRMAN'S AWARD



VINCENT L. BERKELEY
Chief Diversity Officer
Compass Group

Vincent L. Berkeley, Jr. holds the position of Chief Diversity Officer of Compass Group, North America. Berkeley was previously an executive with Burger King serving as Senior Vice President Diversity and Corporate Relations, and Senior Vice President Restaurant Operations in the Southeast. Prior to that he was with PepsiCo and Marriott Corporation's Gino's restaurant chain.

In May 2007, Berkeley was honored as the 90th Distinguished Visiting Professor to Johnson & Wales University's College of Business, Providence Campus. Berkeley has served as past National Chairman of the Board of the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Board of Directors of the Orange Bowl Committee, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Zoological Society of Florida, 100 Black Men of Florida, on the boards of the Welfare to Work Partnership, Kappa Alpha Psi, and Sigma Pi Phi. He is Vice Chairman of 100 Black Men of America, Inc. He holds a bachelor of science in Human Resource Management from Friends University. Berkeley resides in Charlotte, NC, is married, and has two children.



EDWARD J SIRHAL
President
Restaurant Associates

Ed Sirhal is President of Restaurant Associates which includes three divisions: Corporate Dining & Educational Services, Cultural Centers and Special Event Catering. Prior to his appointment in 2008 as President, Ed began his career with Restaurant Associates in 1991 responsible for New Business Development.

Ed Sirhal was responsible for the expansion and growth of the company and spearheaded its successful diversification from public restaurants to contract foodservice markets. Since Ed joined RA, the company has grown five-fold and has leveraged its reputation and experience as one of the nation's premier hospitality companies to become a market leader in providing premium foodservice for Corporations, Museums & Performing Art Centers, Special Event Catering and selective Specialty Markets. During Ed's tenure RA gained such prestigious clients as the US House of Representatives, Conde Nast, Morgan Stanley, Harvard Business School, the Smithsonian Institute, Philadelphia Museum of Art and Georgia Aquarium.

"We are honored to be chosen as the recipient of the BCA Chairman's Award. We value our partnership with BCA and are pleased to have been recognized for our efforts. We look forward to a long and continued partnership."