



Maria Taxman
Member, Board of Directors
U.S. Hispanic Chamber
of Commerce



Maria Taxman has more than 20 years of experience in international business, where she has implemented diverse marketing strategies, which have allowed her to successfully compete in foreign markets. She is a member of the board of directors of the USHCC and chairs the Region III and International Committee. In 2001, she coordinated the first-ever international business mission sponsored by the USHCC, which traveled to Costa Rica.

The United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (USHCC) was incorporated in 1979, in order to create a structured organization aimed at developing a business network that would provide the Hispanic community with cohesion and strength. Since its inception, the USHCC has worked towards bringing the issues and concerns of the nation's more than 1.6 million Hispanic-owned businesses to the forefront of the national economic agenda.

Taxman is President of Chesterfield Trading, Ltd., an export and import company she founded in 1983, that specializes in the sale of tires, tubes and other related automobile products. She is also CEO and Co-founder of Avanza Hispanic Marketing Specialists, a consulting firm that helps corporations and not for profit organizations penetrate the U.S. Hispanic market.

She is a member of the board of directors of the Permanent Secretariat of the

Hemispheric Congress of Latin Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Miami, FL. In 2003, she was appointed by Francis Slay, Mayor of St. Louis, to be a member of the Regional Cultural and Performing Arts Development Commission. She is an Honorary Consul of Honduras in St. Louis and Past President of the Consular Corps of St. Louis. Taxman has also served as Past President of the Sociedad Hispano-Americana of St. Louis and as Past Vice-President of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan St. Louis and is a current member of their board of directors.

She is the recipient of the 1999 St. Louis Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's "Businesswoman of the Year Award" and recipient of the 2002 St. Louis Hispanic Chamber of Commerce "Member of the Year Award." In 2002, Taxman was recognized by Hispanic Magazine as one of the leading Latinas in the country. She is also the recipient of the "2003 U.S. Latin American Friendship Award," presented by Hispanic Magazine.

Taxman graduated from Saint Louis University with a degree in Business Administration. She is a native of Honduras and currently lives in St. Louis, Missouri with her husband and two daughters.