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Top Skills

Sales

Strategic Communications

Social Entrepreneurship

Languages

English (Native or Bilingual)

Spanish (Native or Bilingual)

Portuguese (Professional Working)

Honors-Awards

Aspen Institute Spotlight Scholar

Council for the United States and Italy Young Leader

American Council on Germany Young Leader

CNN Young People Who Rock

PODER Magazine 100 Most Influential Hispanics

Publications

Biden made right DHS decision

Infrastructure bill a bipartisan triumph. DeSantis should accept funds Florida badly needs

Insights from Miami's Transformation

Biden assures Cuban Americans, face to face, he is committed to empowering the Cuban people

Curing Cancer Can Be Our Moonshot

Felice Gorordo

World Bank Alternate Executive Director for the United States

Miami, Florida, United States

Summary

L. Felice Gorordo is the World Bank Alternate Executive Director for the United States, leading the U.S. government's shareholding and serving as the U.S. representative on the Board of the World Bank Group.

Felice brings two decades of leadership experience in management and governance, serving as CEO of three venture-backed technology companies, investor and advisor at two venture capital funds with global mandates in healthcare and infrastructure, and board member on several for-profit and non-profit boards.

Felice was first nominated by President Joe Biden in June 2022, and confirmed by the U.S. Senate in May 2023.

Most recently, Felice was CEO of eMerge Americas and Executive Director of the Technology Foundation of the Americas, which focuses on fostering innovation and entrepreneurship across the Americas. He also served as a venture partner at I Squared Capital, a global infrastructure platform managing assets with over \$40 billion in Enterprise Value.

Additionally, Felice co-founded Roots of Hope, a non-profit focused on youth empowerment in Cuba through technology and entrepreneurship. He accompanied then-U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry to the re-opening of the U.S. Embassy in Havana in 2015, and President Barack Obama on his historic trip to the Island in 2016. Felice also served as an advisor to Grammy-winner Juanes and helped organize the historic Peace without Borders concert in Cuba, which resulted in 1.2 million in attendance in 2009.

Previously, Felice was President & CEO of Clearpath, a venture-backed tech company focused on empowering immigrants and revolutionizing the U.S. immigration filing process. He also served

as advisor to the Biden Cancer Initiative, and Global Director at the venture capital fund StartUp Health.

Prior to that, Felice was appointed by President Obama as one of fifteen White House Fellows and served in the White House Office of Public Engagement & Intergovernmental Affairs. In President George W. Bush's Administration, Felice served in various positions at the U.S. Departments of Commerce, State, and Homeland Security.

Felice has appeared as a guest commentator on CNN, CNN en Español, BBC, NPR, CNBC, Bloomberg, NBC Nightly News, Univision, and Telemundo. His views and articles have also been published in Forbes, Fortune, Fast Company, The Economist, The Washington Post, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Miami Herald and el Nuevo Herald.

Felice is a graduate of Georgetown University and a Lifetime Member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Experience

The World Bank

less than a year

World Bank Alternate Executive Director for the United States

2023 - Present (less than a year)

Washington DC-Baltimore Area

- Lead the U.S. government's shareholding and delegation at the World Bank and serve as the U.S. representative on the Board of the World Bank Group overseeing management of the International Bank for Reconstruction & Development (IBRD), International Development Association (IDA), International Finance Corporation (IFC), Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) and International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID).
- Serve on the World Bank Board Audit Committee and Committee on Development Effectiveness.
- Reported out favorably of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (Dec. 2022 and March 2023), confirmed by U.S. Senate with bipartisan support (May 2023).

- Established in 1944, the World Bank Group is composed of 189 member countries, more than 10,000 employees from over 170 countries, and offices in 130 locations.

- The World Bank Group's mission is to end extreme poverty and promote shared economic prosperity, collectively providing more than \$98.8 billion annually in loans, grants, equity investments, and guarantees to partner countries and private businesses—including to multiregional and global projects.

U.S. Executive Director (Acting)

2023 - Present (less than a year)

Washington DC-Baltimore Area

- Assumed the responsibilities of the U.S. Executive Directorship (Sept. 2023) and lead the U.S. government's shareholding and delegation at the World Bank Group following Adriana Kugler stepping down as U.S. Executive Director in order to become the newest member of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors, the first ever Hispanic governor of the Fed in its 109 year old history.

U.S. Alternate Executive Director (Confirmed)

2023 - Present (less than a year)

Washington DC-Baltimore Area

- Nominated by President Joe Biden (July 2022) and renominated (Jan 2023) to serve as the U.S. Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank of Reconstruction & Development (World Bank).

- Reported out favorably of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (Dec. 2022 and March 2023), confirmed by U.S. Senate with bipartisan support (May 2023).

Roots of Hope

Co-Founder

2003 - Present (20 years)

Miami/Fort Lauderdale Area

- Co-founded and led a national non-profit, nonpartisan organization focused on youth empowerment in Cuba through technology, entrepreneurship and travel.

- Raised more than \$1.4 million for on-island programs, built a network with over 10,000 members across 60 universities in the U.S., organized 10 national youth leadership conferences.

- Worked on the re-establishment of U.S.-Cuba diplomatic ties, including accompanying then-U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry to the re-opening of

the U.S. Embassy in Havana, Cuba, in 2015, and President Barack Obama on his historic trip to Cuba in 2016 (the first sitting U.S. president to travel to the island since President Calvin Coolidge in 1928)

- Partnered with the International Center for Journalists and Knight Foundation to launch a pilot fellowship program in the United States for independent journalists from Cuba.

- Served as advisor to multiple Grammy winner Juanes for historic Peace without Borders concert in Cuba in 2009 with 1.2 million in attendance (equivalent to 10% of the Cuban population; 30% of Cuban youth).

I Squared Capital

Venture Partner, Global InfraTech Fund

2020 - 2023 (3 years)

Miami, Florida, United States

- Served as venture partner for a global infrastructure platform managing assets with over \$30B in Enterprise Value and provided strategic support in development of the Global Infrastructure Technology (“InfraTech”) Fund.

- Sourced and due diligence deals, market analysis of technologies and term sheet negotiation support for \$5-\$30M minority investments in growth companies that either serve or disrupt infrastructure technology such as (a) power & utilities, (b) transportation & logistics, (c) telecom, (d) the built environment, or (e) social infrastructure (education & healthcare).

eMerge Americas

CEO

2018 - 2023 (5 years)

Miami/Fort Lauderdale Area

- Chief executive of a venture-backed platform dedicated to transforming Miami into the tech hub of the Americas, which has had cumulative economic impacts of \$1.368 billion in the State of Florida, according to the Washington Economics Group.

- Led the affiliated nonprofit organizations – the 501(c)3 Technology & Innovation Foundation of the Americas and the 501(c)6 Technology Foundation of the Americas, focused on fostering innovation and entrepreneurship across the Americas.

- Organized a premier global tech conference held annually at the Miami Beach Convention Center, attracting more than 20,000 attendees and 4,000 unique companies from 50 countries.

- Launched, co-authored and published the "eMerge Insights" report series, a biannual publication tracking investment trends and venture activity in partnership with Florida International University and Knight Foundation.
- Secured partnerships with leading technology companies, such as Facebook, Google, Cisco, Citrix, Microsoft, SAP, and VMWare, as well other global brands, such as NBCUniversal, Citi, Visa, GE, and Ford.
- In a strategic partnership with NBCUniversal, eMerge's programming reaches millions of viewers around the world with shows like CNBC's Fast Money, Squawk Alley and Power Lunch broadcasting live from the event.

Georgetown University

Senior Fellow, Beeck Center for Social Impact & Innovation

2018 - 2019 (1 year)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

- Served as senior fellow and part-time faculty at the Beeck Center on Social Impact and Innovation, focusing on (1) innovative tools that leverage the power of capital, data, technology and policy to improve lives, and (2) applying cross-disciplinary, citizen-centric approach to building solutions for communities.
- Lectured on social entrepreneurship and ecosystem building, and led research on organizing models that drive accountability and collaboration in cancer space drawing on comparative experiences in the AIDS movement and other disease-related causes that spawned social movements for policy reform.

Biden Cancer Initiative

Advisor

2018 - 2019 (1 year)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

- Served as advisor on organizing and mobilizing support from stakeholders in the cancer space - including industry leaders, patients, caregivers, advocates, community organizers and research professionals.
- Led the organizing of more than 450 Biden Cancer Community Summits across the U.S. to focus national attention and urgency to create actionable solutions in the fight against cancer.
- Founded by President Joe Biden and Dr. Jill Biden, the Biden Cancer Initiative seeks to develop and drive implementation of solutions to accelerate progress in cancer prevention, detection, diagnosis, research, and care, and to reduce disparities in cancer outcomes.

StartUp Health

Entrepreneur In Residence

2018 - 2018 (less than a year)

Greater New York City Area

- Served as an Entrepreneur-In-Residence and Global Director at a NYC-based venture fund/accelerator organizing, supporting and investing in entrepreneurs focused on accomplishing "Health Moonshots" - like curing cancer - and transforming the health and well-being of everyone in the World.
- Scouted and developed new market expansion plans for the largest portfolio of digital health companies across the globe, currently 200+ companies in 20+ countries across six continents.

L1BRE

CEO

2016 - 2018 (2 years)

Miami, FL - Mexico City, Mexico

- Chief executive of a venture-backed tech company that aims to transform urban mobility with operations in the U.S. and Mexico.
- Led an accomplished 45-member management team with experience developing enterprise platforms in the homeland security, transportation, cyber security and financial sectors.
- Raised \$28 million in venture funding and executed strategic partnerships with AT&T, Telcel, Ingram Micro, HERE Maps, and VMWare to deploy a proprietary platform for the largest taxi fleet in the world, with 138,000 cabs in circulation, to provide a more efficient and secure user experience for an average of 2.2 million daily riders.

Clearpath (acquired by L1BRE)

President & CEO

2013 - 2016 (3 years)

Miami, FL - Washington, DC

- Chief executive of a venture-backed tech company revolutionizing the confusing, costly and paper-based immigration filing process - just as TurboTax transformed tax filing, which was acquired by L1BRE in 2016.
- Led and managed sales and marketing, product development, business operations, and investor relations, including raising \$5 million in venture capital and angel funding and executing partnerships with LegalZoom, H&R Block, and Univision.
- Previously, head of business development leading go-to-market strategies and managing direct-to-consumer roll-out with a variety of stakeholders that have a vested interest in the U.S. immigration process, including national

nonprofits, community-based organizations, religious groups, professional services firms and private media companies.

Community Change

Advisor

2014 - 2015 (1 year)

Washington, United States

- Served as advisor to the Executive Director and senior leadership of the Center for Community Change on the creation and launch of a national immigrant association dedicated to serving, engaging, and representing immigrants.
- Led and managed the development of member association benefits and services in coordination with the Center for Community Change, Accelerate Change, Fair Immigration Reform Movement Coalition, SEIU and partner groups.

The White House

White House Fellow, Office of Public Engagement and Intergovernmental Affairs

2011 - 2012 (1 year)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

- Appointed by President Barack Obama as one of fifteen 2011-2012 White House Fellows, America's prestigious and competitive nonpartisan leadership and public service program founded in 1964.
- Served as the White House Fellow for President Obama's Domestic Policy Advisor working on Latino outreach and immigration policy in the White House Office of Public Engagement and Intergovernmental Affairs, including the historic roll out of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).
- Developed and organized the first-ever "White House Conference on Connecting the Americas," which included the participation of then-U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, several cabinet secretaries and high-level business and government leaders from throughout the Americas in lead up to the 2012 Summit of the Americas.
- Spearheaded the White House Business Council's competitiveness series, organizing industry leaders sector-by-sector focused on spurring job creation and promoting long-term economic competitiveness.

Jackson Health System

Advisor

2010 - 2010 (less than a year)

Miami/Fort Lauderdale Area

- Served as advisor to the President & CEO of South Florida's largest academic public safety-net health system.
- Co-led strategic re-engineering plan for the health system, and developed a public affairs strategy and syndication plan to enable constructive, collaborative engagement with internal and external stakeholders.

Liberty Power Corp.

Manager of Business Development & Partnerships

2007 - 2010 (3 years)

- Led sales and business development for national accounts and strategic partnerships, generating on average annual revenues of \$14.7 million, for the fastest-growing Hispanic-owned business and independent retail electric provider in the U.S.
- Managed all government accounts and partnerships, including the U.S. Navy and several municipalities.
- Directly assisted the President & CEO in prospecting and sourcing business development opportunities.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Special Assistant to the Director of U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services

2007 - 2007 (less than a year)

- Led and managed strategic and crisis communications for agency-wide reform initiatives.
- Coordinated briefing materials for USCIS Director and DHS senior staff.

U.S. Department of State

Cuba Task Force, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs

2006 - 2007 (1 year)

- Served as aide to the U.S. Commerce Secretary and detailed to Office of the Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs to help coordinate the Federal Interagency Cuba Task Force.
- Developed public diplomacy and strategic communications plans, and authored daily situational reports and senior-level briefing papers.

U.S. Department of Commerce

Regional Manager for Trade Advocacy; Confidential Assistant, Office of the Secretary of Commerce

2005 - 2007 (2 years)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

- Led U.S. Government's support for commercial bids on foreign government-issued tenders in Latin America.
- Managed high-volume, cross-sector trade caseload valued at \$1.5 billion in U.S. export content.
- Coordinated briefing materials for the U.S. Secretary of Commerce and DOC senior staff.

Squire Patton Boggs

International and Government Affairs Specialist

2003 - 2005 (2 years)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

- Assisted senior partners and consultants on research and client matters for high profile cases before U.S. and foreign government agencies.
- Served as liaison between Miami and Washington, DC, offices.

Garrigues

Academic Clerk

2004 - 2004 (less than a year)

Madrid Area, Spain

- Assisted in the coordination of business development opportunities for U.S. and Latin American market expansion.
- Served as a liaison and facilitated client referrals between the firms of Garrigues and Steel Hector & Davis (now Squire Patton Boggs).

The White House

White House Intern

2003 - 2003 (less than a year)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

- Assisted in coordinating research, briefings, events and meetings for President George W. Bush's White House senior staff.
- Assisted in Latino outreach and stakeholder management.

Stroeter, Royster, & Ohno Advogados (acquired by Squire Patton Boggs)

Academic Clerk

2002 - 2002 (less than a year)

- Led the review of affidavits and statements for a high-profile, international stolen art case.
- Researched and drafted briefing papers on Brazilian federal government regulations for commercial oil exploration.

Kiwanis International
Key Club International Vice-President
2000 - 2001 (1 year)
Indianapolis, Indiana Area

- Co-led the largest high school community service organization in the world (250,000 members internationally).
- Assisted in the development of a strategic plan for 15 years to cultivate the future generation of servant leaders through the vehicle of community service.

Steel Hector & Davis LLP
Intern
2000 - 2001 (1 year)
Miami, Florida, United States

- Assisted the firm's chairman, managing partner, and senior partners on research, client matters and administrative support to finance myself through college.

Education

Georgetown University
B.A., Government, Portuguese · (2001 - 2005)

Universidad Complutense de Madrid
Study Abroad, Political Science, Economics, Art · (2004 - 2004)

Universidad Miguel de Cervantes
Certificate in International Relations and Public Administration · (2004 - 2004)

Belen Jesuit Preparatory School
· (1997 - 2001)