

2018 IAPA Annual International Conference in Miami



The future for the professional services – embracing change to stay competitive

Walter Williams of Vine and Partners LLP was among more than 65 professional advisors from some 40 accounting firms in 24 countries attending IAPA's International Conference held in Miami, USA, 2-5 November. Vine and Partners is a member of IAPA, a leading international association of independent accounting, law and business advisory firms with 195 member firms in 67 countries.

The exclusive event connected IAPA's global members to network and strengthen new/existing business relationships around the world, to learn how to improve services to clients operating both nationally and across borders and to share the latest international developments in tax, law, fintech /blockchain and regulatory issues.

IAPA was delighted to welcome external speakers to enrich the event on a range of business management issues including 'The importance of brand management' by Michael Earmark, President & Chief of Branding and Strategy at ROC Nation and 'How to coach business advisors to success' by Lisa Tierney, Tierney Coaching & Consulting Inc...

Futurologist Dr James Bellini gave a fascinating presentation 'Horizon 2025 and Beyond. Are you ready for the challenges of a future disrupted world?' As the professional services undergo significant challenges with the introduction of disruptive technologies, James discussed how as professional advisors IAPA members can harness the opportunities and avoid the threats of a new world of Fintech, Legaltech and other game changing innovations.

This combination of technical expertise, sharing of best practice and professional insights is what makes the IAPA International conferences such a success. Teamed with networking social opportunities in and around the beautiful Miami South Beach area there was plenty of time for members to get to know each other in a relaxed setting and discuss future global business opportunities.

Walter Williams, Partner of Vine and Partners LLP, said, "As always it is the global networking and knowledge sharing with fellow members that we find so valuable at IAPA events. Meeting members face to face cements trusted relationships and our clients are pleased that we can call our international IAPA colleagues, in key business locations worldwide, at any time, for first-hand global business advice. As new technologies enter our working environment, we need to keep up with the latest in thought leadership to remain competitive. The additional business development discussions and presentations we participate in enable us to refresh our ideas on, for example, brand awareness and leadership issues that empower us to instigate change back in the office for the good of our firm, our employees and of course our clients".



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A senior partner with Vine and Partners LLP, Walter is a Chartered Accountant, Chartered Business Valuator (CBV) and Certified Exit Planner. His specialized areas of expertise all combine to offer clients a diverse set of skills that will assist in developing innovative strategies to grow and preserve their businesses.