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June 21, 2022

I am the current Executive Director of the Alumni Foundation (2021-2023) and also held the position from 2002-2004. I have also been involved in hotel negotiations for our annual reunions as an officer of the organization.

I have learned from my previous experiences that it is extremely difficult and cumbersome to directly deal with hotel management. It takes a while for them to reply to inquiries and requesting appointments and having your phone calls answered in a timely manner is daunting.

But with Ms. Kellie Sabas handling the hotel negotiations, looking for the best rates and other specifications for a convention from meeting spaces to concessions, the whole process is stress free and seamlessly done. It was a “breeze” with Kellie Sabas as our advocate/intermediary in dealing with the different hotels.

Service provided by Ms. Sabas of Helms-Briscoe is exceptional and top notch.

With her professional experience, she is efficient and thorough and makes my job as Executive Director easy and stress free.

In my stint as Executive Director, brief as it is, Kellie is a difference maker in planning for our annual reunions. I highly recommend Ms. Sabas to any medical organizations, big or small as a hotel planner.

Sincerely,

Hernani S. Tansuche, MD

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I came to know Ms.Kellie Sabas when I became the president of our medical alumni foundation although I have heard about her and Helmsbriscoe, the company she represents.

Yearly, our group holds an annual reunion and scientific conventions in different cities all over the U.S, the last few years mostly in Las Vegas. Within a short period of time, Ms.Sabas was able to get proposal from several modern hotels saving us a lot of time and effort. She was very knowledgeable in what she does and her services are personalized, well focused and immediate.

Ms.Sabas would answer calls and texts within a reasonable time especially important matters that needed immediate action no what time of the day it is.

Ms.Sabas would even meet you personally and help the hotel personnel in walking you through to familiarize with the different areas of the hotel such as the hotel rooms and convention areas.

Towards this end, Ms.Sabas and Helmsbriscoe does wonder when it comes to getting the right venue and contract negotiation with efficiency and satisfaction.

Sincerely,

Cesar Jimenez, M.D.  
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October 8, 2020

I have worked with Ms. Kellie Sabas since I assumed this position in October 2017. I am so thankful as it has been three years of sheer efficiency.

Searching for convention venues across America is not that easy. Despite the availability of user friendly platforms nowadays, having oneself connected to the right person at the right time still makes a tremendous difference. Through the years we have gained very favorable agreements with various hotel establishments to our alumni's full satisfaction. By this I mean – getting the right sized space for various functions and adequately priced. In addition, getting the most bang for the buck we agree to pay for food and beverage and the anxiety triggered by last minute adjustments in hotel accommodation and rates. And that is just for the introduction.

The real test was the challenges we had to face brought about by this pandemic. Yes, as executive director I had to commit our organization to binding contracts with hotel organizations that we had to undo a step at a time. That task itself was not easy. It was all through Kellie's calm demeanor. Just like an interlocutor she dedicated the time helping unwind these agreements to a win, win. I cannot tell you how much relief there was as she became our real advocate. Even as a physician well-grounded in the pressures of my profession and now engaged in unfamiliar tasks – an anxietytic was not necessary. Her work was all done in good faith.

Yes – it is these three short years. Brief as it was she made a difference. It was all about the connection, the follow up and the time that was well spent. Besides in the midst of all these – she was doing other important tasks.

It was a great pleasure working with her.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gerard Q. C. Flores

Executive Director

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