

## **Business:**

## B. Ronnell Nolan

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Ronnell Nolan founded Health Agents for America, Incorporated (HAFA) and The Nolan Group. She currently serves on the Louisiana Department of Insurance Agent Advisory Board and was appointed by the Commissioner of Insurance, Jim Donelon. She serves as a consultant for the Medical Tourism Association International Healthcare Consumers Coalition and also the Louisiana Health Care Commission. In 2013, she obtained her Certified Health Care Reform Specialist (CHRS) designation. She also obtained her Health Insurance Associate (HIA) designation. Ronnell is a licensed life and health insurance agent and a licensed lobbyist. She was sponsored by Senator Sharon Weston Broome into Quota International, an organization of professional and business women who have become a force in areas such as healthcare and education.

In May 2014, Ms. Nolan was the featured cover story of the Employee Benefit Adviser. She is regularly quoted by the Wall Street Journal, USA Today, LifeHealthPro, BenefitsPro, Employee Benefit Adviser, The Advocate and many other local Louisiana media outlets. In September 2014, she was awarded the "Influential Women in Employee Benefits" by the Employee Benefit Adviser.

As president and chief executive officer of HAFA, Ms. Nolan recognized the need for a new association geared toward representing the interests of agents and brokers nationally. Currently, HAFA represents agents and brokers in 26 states. Since

the inception of HAFA in November 2012, Ms. Nolan has proactively engaged in policy discussions with the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the United States Department of Health & Human Services and the Federal Marketplace in Washington, D.C. She is currently working with United States Senator Bill Cassidy on equalizing the playing field for agents and brokers. In addition, she has worked on several legislative instruments, such as the S.2179 Enhancing Access for Agents and Brokers Act and S.1729 Expanded Consumer Choice Act with former United States Senator Mary Landrieu. Ms. Nolan is also proud of the hard work put forth during the 2013 Louisiana Legislative Regular Session, with the successful passage of House Bill 414 (Act No. 283) and Senate Bill 101 (Act No. 349). She also helped with the successful passage of House Bill 989 (Act No. 217) from the 2012 Regular Session.

Ms. Nolan has been a highly sought after speaker at countless events on the topic of the Affordable Care Act. Some of her speaking engagements have included the Employer Healthcare and Benefits Congress Conference, Employer Global Health Congress, The Knowledge Congress, African Methodist Episcopal Church Conference, Lorman Healthcare Reform for Employers, Louisiana Department of Insurance Conference and Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, just to name a few.