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William Ely Villafañe Ramos is a 40-year-old lawyer from Utuado, Puerto Rico. Father of two and husband of a psychologist who has been his faithful companion throughout his political and professional career. Son of an ex baseball player, accounting clerk in the automotive industry and a retired teacher of the education public system.

In his adolescence, he was a young Catholic, who attended Luis Muñoz Rivera High School where he founded and served as editor of the student newspaper “Despierta Juventud”. He also established and presided student councils, administered student cooperatives, and was a member of Puerto Rico’s Congress Leaders. Villafañe was also a missionary, a speaker of Christian retreats, a civic leader, and a baseball player.

He was admitted to the University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus where he obtained his bachelor’s degree in accounting. Afterwards, he obtained his Juris Doctor from the Inter American University of Puerto Rico, School of Law.

He began his public service career at the age of 21 in the House of Representatives Treasury Committee, he considers this experience sobering and endearing of what the Government of Puerto Rico is. Villafañe also led the legislative commissions of Housing & Urban Development, Comptroller Reports, and Family & Communities, among others.

Has led efforts in advising and establishing public policy to Agencies and Departments of Puerto Rico’s Government; specifically, the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources, the Office of the Commissioner of Municipal Affairs and the Housing Finance Authority. Then, he became Chief of Staff at the Public Service Commission, where he developed the necessary tools to expand his perspective and executive skills.

In 2016, after governor Ricardo Rosselló’s nomination, he was appointed as Secretary General of the New Progressive Party and on November 11, 2016 he was introduced as the Executive Director of the Governments Incoming Transition Committee.

On November 28, 2016, the Governor, Ricardo Rosselló Nevares appointed Mr. William Ely Villafañe Ramos as his Chief of Staff. Then, in February 2017, he was appointed as the States Chief Administrative & Operating Officer.