



THE RITZ-CARLTON

SARASOTA

**LESLIE BLOZNALIS ELLIS JOINS THE RITZ-CARLTON, SARASOTA  
AS DIRECTOR OF GROUP AND CATERING SALES**

*Bloznalis Ellis Brings Three Decades Of Hospitality Sales Expertise To Her Role*

**SARASOTA, Fla. (Oct. 2023)** – [The Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota](https://www.ritzcarlton.com/sarasota), the area’s premier 5-star resort and luxury landmark, is pleased to announce the appointment of Leslie Bloznalis Ellis as the property’s Director of Group and Catering Sales. In her role, Bloznalis Ellis will spearhead sales for the hotel’s group events, as well as oversee weddings, social events, and corporate catering gatherings.

“Leslie’s proven ability to develop creative solutions to meet aggressive sales challenges will give our hotel a strong advantage,” said Shannon Hadley, Director of Sales and Marketing. “We look forward to incorporating her innovative strategies as we move towards 2024.”

A dynamic and enthusiastic sales executive, Bloznalis Ellis began her career with the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay before joining the Marriott brand at Renaissance Vinoy Resort & Golf Club in 2007. A loyal talent for the past 16 years, Bloznalis Ellis excelled in various positions within the company before joining the Tampa Marriott Water Street in 2013. Bloznalis Ellis was part of the opening team at the JW Marriott Tampa Water Street and then transitioned to the Assistant Director of Sales for the Water Street Collection, successfully leading her team to the South Sales Team of the Year in 2021.

“I’m thrilled to join the Ladies and Gentlemen of The Ritz Carlton, Sarasota,” Bloznalis Ellis said. “The Ritz-Carlton brand is the pinnacle of the hospitality industry, and I am honored to further elevate this exceptional property to provide both guests and Sarasota locals with my wide range of experiences and new perspectives.”

For more information or reservations, please visit <http://www.ritzcarlton.com/sarasota>.

**About The Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota**

A luxury landmark on Florida's central Gulf coast, The Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota is conveniently located near the city center overlooking Sarasota Bay, just minutes from premier arts venues, nature sanctuaries, distinctive shopping, fishing and watersports. Named one of the Top Golf Resorts in the World by Condé Nast Traveler, this destination resort is also home to The Ritz-Carlton Spa, Sarasota, named the #3 Spa in the U.S. and Canada by the readers of Travel + Leisure magazine. In addition to a Gulf-front Beach Club, Tom Fazio-designed Golf Club, Spa and Wellness Center, children’s recreation programs and 276 guest rooms with Ritz-Carlton Club Level accommodations, The Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota offers 291 Residences and a private country club-style Membership.

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