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***Leading strategist, immigrant advocate, talent coach,  
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Denise I. Martinez is Chief Executive Officer of nexxos llc, a strategy consulting firm driving organizational effectiveness through transformation, growth, and performance. nexxos llc, brings together over 75 years of experience engaging diverse stakeholders across government, foundations, non-for-profits, and other institutions to amplify impact and deliver results.

In 2013, Dr. Martinez also founded Vira Law, LLC, a Chicago-based law firm dedicated to serving Illinois families looking to build wealth through real estate, business enterprises, and investments. The word “Vira” originates from the Latin root word Virago, meaning female warrior, and it speaks to her approach in advocating for her client’s rights and interests.

Before launching her law practice, Dr. Martinez worked in the public sector as a Senior Advisor to the Governor and the Director of the Governor’s Office of New Americans, managing multimillion dollar grants and ensuring equitable access to state services. She successfully led the Community Dialogues initiative to engage thousands of residents in “hard to reach” communities across the state. She has also served for over 10 years as a nonprofit board member in several leadership roles.

A lifelong Chicagoan, she holds a Juris Doctorate from the Illinois Institute of Technology’s Chicago-Kent College of Law, and a Bachelor’s degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.