

## Kumon Experts Available for Interview

### **Dominique Ciccarelli, Ed. M.** – *Education Spokesperson, Materials & Instruction, Kumon North America*



Dominique Ciccarelli is the education spokesperson for Kumon North America and has been featured on television and radio news programs nationwide. She began her tenure with Kumon eight years ago as the director of a company-owned center in New York City instructing 200 students. Ms. Ciccarelli went on to launch a revamped training program for Kumon Instructors in the United States and Canada. Using her prior experience in qualitative research for an education non-profit, she then spearheaded new research of instruction in the Kumon Reading program. Ms. Ciccarelli holds a Bachelor of Science degree from New York University and a Master of Education degree from Harvard University.

### **Mary Mokris, Ph.D.** – *Manager, Spanish Materials, Kumon North America*



Dr. Mary Mokris is an education specialist for Kumon North America. She began her career at Kumon more than ten years ago as the director of a company-owned Kumon Center, instructing 200 math and reading students in Atlanta before being relocated to Kumon's headquarters in Teaneck, N.J. Dr. Mokris led Kumon's Reading Department, and worked to develop and revise the reading curriculum, which covers materials from preschool to high school.

Prior to joining Kumon, Dr. Mokris was a tenured Associate Professor of English Language and Literature at Peru State College in Peru, Nebraska for six years. Dr. Mokris holds a bachelor's degree from Columbia University, a master's from the University of Chicago, and a doctorate from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She also spent five years teaching at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro College, and High Point University. Dr. Mokris is a regular presenter at conferences and symposiums, and has published numerous articles in a variety of academic and popular publications.

### **Matt Lupsha** – *Manager, Office of the President, Kumon North America*



Matt Lupsha serves as the manager of the Office of the President for Kumon. In his more than 25-year tenure with Kumon, Mr. Lupsha has been critically involved in Kumon's mission to help all children fulfill their potential through education. He was instrumental in opening Kumon Centers in Harlem, Newark and other urban areas in the United States. Mr. Lupsha is a member of the Board of Directors of the Education Industry Association and serves as Chair of its Policy and Communications Committee. Mr. Lupsha holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Maryland and a Master of Arts from Boston University.

**Joe Nativo** - *Vice President of Finance & Executive Team Member, Kumon North America*



Joe Nativo serves as Vice President of Finance and a member of the Executive Team for Kumon North America. He oversees the corporate reporting and financial management for the North American operations. In his more than 20-year tenure with Kumon, Mr. Nativo has been critically involved in Kumon's mission to help all children fulfill their potential through education. In the last few years, he was instrumental in opening nine new Kumon Corporate Centers in New York City. Mr. Nativo is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accounts and the New Jersey Society of CPAs. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Rutgers University and a CPA license in the state of New Jersey.

**Robert Lichtenstein** – *Senior Vice President & Executive Team Member, Kumon North America*



Robert Lichtenstein serves as a Senior Vice President, member of the Executive Team and Corporate Counsel for Kumon North America. Prior to joining Kumon in 2007, among other positions, Mr. Lichtenstein served as Associate Professor at New York University's Real Estate Institute. In his career, Lichtenstein has provided legal counsel to major corporations and served as counsel to municipalities, as well as planning and zoning boards. He has lectured before professional groups including the International Franchise Association. He is a member of the Bar of New York and New Jersey as well as several Federal Courts including the Supreme Court of the United States. He holds a Bachelor of Art degree in government from America University and a Juris Doctorate from St. Johns University.