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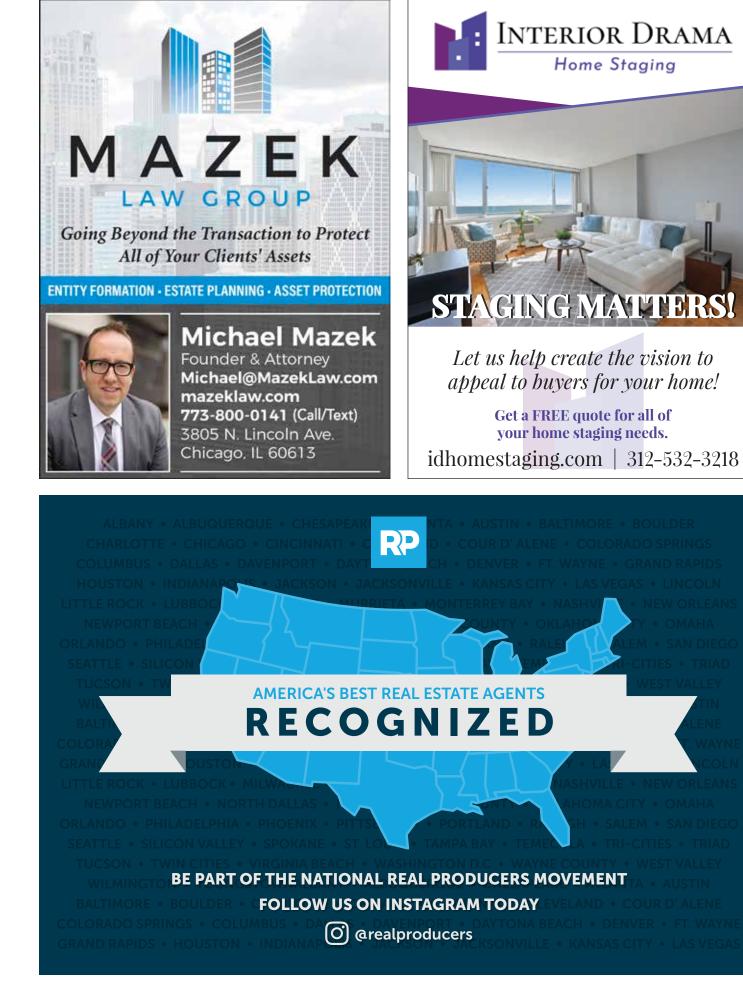
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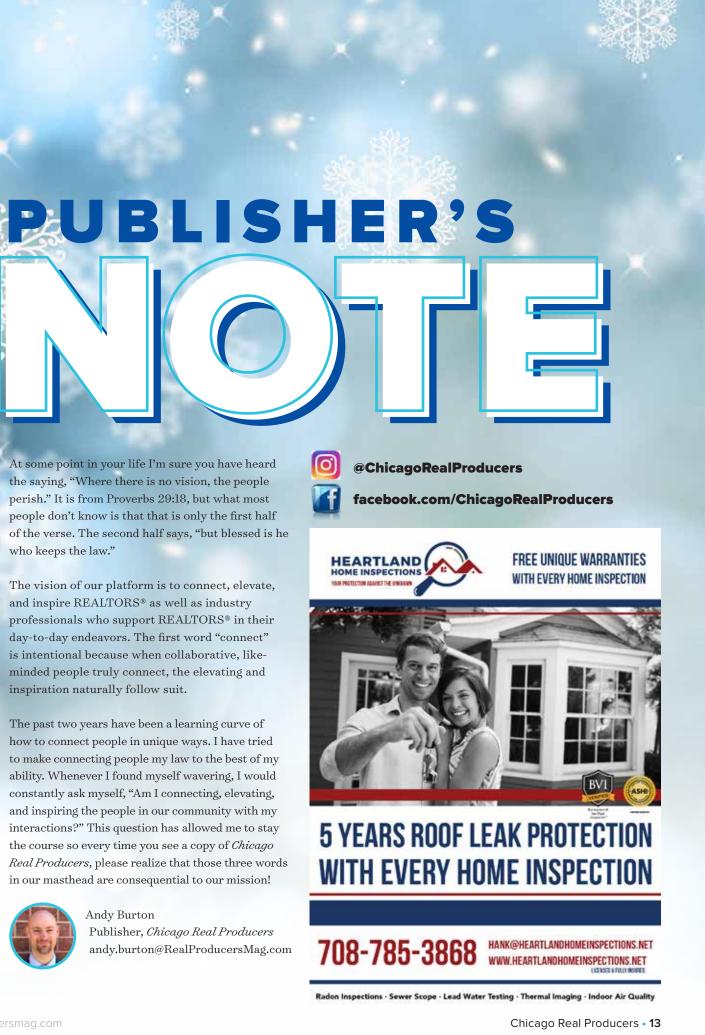
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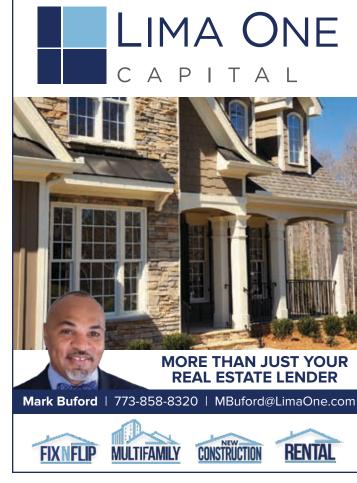


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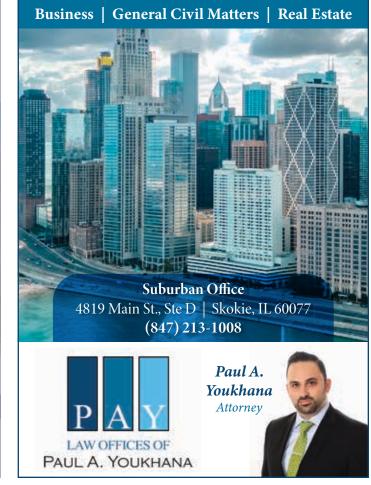


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"Our main objective is achieving satisfaction with anyone that we come in contact with—be it a client, a REALTOR® partner, or anyone else that is involved in the transaction," Alex emphasizes. "I constantly preach that mantra to the team to keep our main goal top of mind. Having a great team

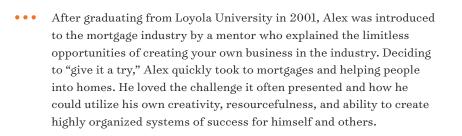
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is crucial, and I am blessed with a team that makes me look good to our clients and referral partners."

The discipline, patience, and sense of responsibility Alex brings to his business are traits he has been developing since he started learning the piano at age five. Born in the former Soviet Union, Alex moved to Chicago with his family when he was ten years old and he still speaks fluent Russian. Like nearly everyone growing up in Chicago during the 1990s, Alex was a huge Chicago Bulls fan and looked up to Michael Jordan; Alex saw his work ethic and dedication, as well as his astonishing achievement and talent. ...





"I pride myself in being resourceful and not taking no for an answer when there are alternative ways to get the deal done," Alex explains. "I get the most satisfaction when I'm able to find a solution where competitors said no to that client. That means I have made a meaningful impact on someone's life, which gives me immense pride in doing this business."

Alex's focus on people and relationships is best exemplified by the numerous partnerships he's created-from the very first REALTOR® partner he began working with in 2001 (whom he still works with to







this day) to the many others he has developed alo the way. Being very systems-oriented in his business has helped Alex stay on top of all his relation ships and remain consistent in everything he doe

"The key to my success is turning those things that originally brought me success into organize systems, like my CRM," he says. "Every day whe I come to work I know what I need to do becaus the day is already planned out by my scheduled tasks according to my CRM. I'm not driven by numbers on a daily basis. Instead, I want to build

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ong	winning habits that will produce results. If those
	habitual tasks are being done regardless of the mood
n-	of the day, success will be consistent."
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	Consistency is definitely a theme in Alex's life.
	Remember his childhood loves? He did stop learning the
ed	piano sometime in high school, but he's recently gone
en	back to it and is enjoying learning and cultivating his
е	skills again. He also still loves the Chicago Bulls, and he
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# Whenever You Know Better, You Do Better Health Tips for 2022



I cannot begin to talk about the new year without first recognizing how the past couple of years brought about a major disruption to all of us, both professionally and personally. For some of us, that's even more so true when it comes to the state of our health!

Many of us are now working at home and/ or homeschooling, and what's true for too many of us is we are not getting enough exercise. Plus, now it is winter in Chicago, which means we have an added layer against us: unsatisfactory weather.

Spending much of my time in the health and wellness industry, I have seen firsthand how the struggles listed above, when coupled with unhealthy nutrition, the consumption of too much alcohol and too many sweets, and/or the neglect of mental health will quickly combine and lead to feelings of depression or anxiety.

Eating properly and following a fitness routine is essential; they will help your mind and body. As I say, whenever you know better, you do better. Here are some healthy tips as we welcome in 2022:

1. It doesn't have to take all day. Even as our lives continue to evolve and change, one thing remains: we are short on time! Instead of scratching out your workout plan, be strategic. Here are the best workouts to do in thirty minutes or less:

## • HIIT classes

- Cardio dance workouts
- CrossFit WOD
- Running
- Virtual personal training
- Total body circuit

In these workouts, you'll burn calories, get a good stretch in, and feel invigorated and pumped, ready to take on your day, week, and year!

## 2. Rethink your workout

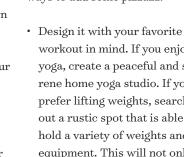
**space.** Many people are reluctant to work out in their homes because they are not used to doing it. However, when we think outside the

box, we can find several hidden spots that would be perfect for your own personal gym. This fall, I challenged my clients to share with us their at-home workout space. Here are some creative ways to add some pizzazz:

workout in mind. If you enjoy yoga, create a peaceful and serene home yoga studio. If you prefer lifting weights, search out a rustic spot that is able to hold a variety of weights and equipment. This will not only motivate you to get your sweat on, but it will encourage you to move in the ways that feel best

- · Get creative with the location. Do you have a base ment that is collecting old boxes? What about an attic that can easily be converted into a personal gym with no commute? Even carving out a nook in your living room and having that be your own personal workout space is beneficial.
  - Don't forget to decorate! After all, this is your space. Add greenery, lights, or motivational posters. While this is the perfect opportunity to let your personality shine, you can also use decorations to make the space more workable. Are you working out in a small room? Add mirrors to give it a more open feeling. Install shelves or hooks to hang equipment on the wall in creative ways.

3. It's all about nutrition. I know we don't like hearing this, but what we eat matters! You simply cannot work your way to a healthier you in 2022 if you are



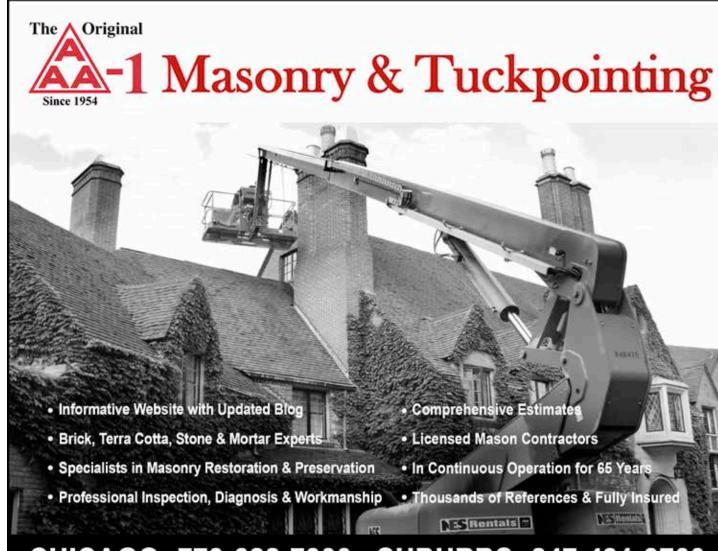
going to ignore what foods you choose. Proper preparation of healthy meals, frequency of eating, and appropriate ingredients are all important factors. I recommend finding a convenient and easy nutrition plan through a nutritional coaching program to find the best plan for your individual needs.

These are just a few of my favorite tips for 2022. My goal in sharing this information is to inspire and assist you, the Chicago Real *Producers* community, to take control of your health, to motivate you, and to inspire change-not only in your health but every aspect of your life. I believe in myself, so I know I can believe in you. Here's to a healthy 2022!

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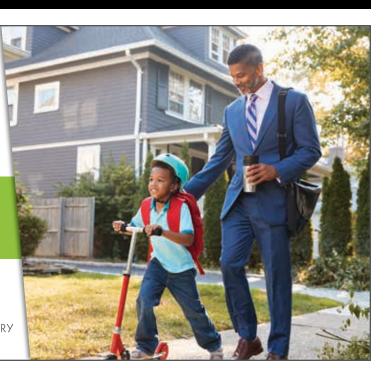
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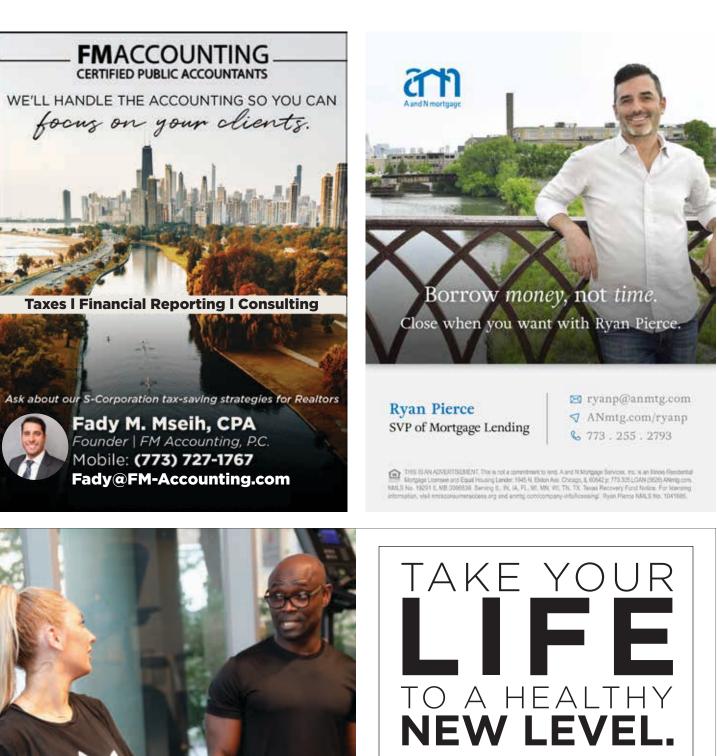
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# Christie Carinody DOING WHAT SHE LOVES

**Christie Carmody learned the** value of a good REALTOR® the hard way: she purchased her first condo without any planning or guidance from a real estate professional. The experience did two things for Christie. It not only made it clear to her how important the guidance from a trusted professional was. but it also ignited a passion for real estate that could only be quenched by becoming a REALTOR<sup>®</sup>.

"I became obsessed with following real estate," Christie explains. "I was already looking for a career that provided me with more job satisfaction in the form of helping and educating people. And we learned so many things after purchasing our condo that I felt becoming a REALTOR® was the perfect way to achieve that kind of satisfaction."

Christie is also a Certified Financial Planner<sup>®</sup>. Prior to becoming a REALTOR<sup>®</sup>, she was working as a financial analyst for a high-net-worth family office, assisting in the management of the family's assets and organizations, providing detailed information on investment options, and managing many other details in their lives—from travel to strategic financial decisions.

"Two of my favorite things about the job were creatively minimizing the tax effects for the different entities and handling all of the accounting details," she says. "I learned how to efficiently manage my time with very little direction and to think creatively."

Incredibly self-motivated with a strong work ethic, Christie was extremely excited by the idea of managing her own real estate business while having the opportunity to help people. She comes from a long line of women business owners and considers great customer service to be a family tradition.

Christie was born and raised outside a small, rural town in Ohio where her great-grandmother started a clothing store that was passed down to her grandmother, and later, to her mother. Christie started helping at the store during the busy holiday seasons when she was in high school.

"Watching my mom's dedication to her customers and running of her own small business was an amazing lesson. Little did I know how valuable that would be for my future career in real estate," she says.

Christie took the chance, after earning a degree in finance and a degree in human resource management, and moved to Chicago although it was the middle of the recession. She was twenty-two years old, had no money, no connections, and just a low paying job in retail management. Everything she has accomplished has been through hard work, a willingness to learn, and a fearlessness for trying new things

Christie approached real estate in the same way. She entered the business in 2003 and became a top producer within three years. She built her business on the long-standing family traditions of great customer service and running a business with the utmost integrity. As a result, her business has run almost entirely on referrals for the last fifteen years.



#### . . .

"To me, it's not about how long it takes, how much work I put in, or what the price point is. [Rather] It's all about putting myself in my clients' shoes, helping them make the right decisions for whatever they need or helping them solve a problem. Success to me comes one client at a time-helping one client achieve their goal, and having them refer me to someone else to help them achieve their goal. Having that true level of trust from my clients is what it is all about!" Christie explains.

While Christie has worked extremely hard to get to where she is now, she also says she could not have been successful without the support of her husband, Bryan. Inspired by Christie's leap of faith into a career that she absolutely loves and has a passion for, Bryan later made a similar leap into his current career as a professional voice actor. Their daughter, Claire, just started her freshman year at Amundsen High School, and, like Bryan, is a talented piano player.

As a family, they enjoy spending time with their newest addition, Lexie, a Cavapoo puppy, as well as going to concerts, traveling, riding their bikes, and watching movies. Christie loves experimenting with new recipes and feeding something delicious to her family and friends. She also loves to hike, so she can connect with nature and explore new locations; garden, swim in the ocean, and bike along the lake near their house.

With Christie's longevity and success in the business, she offers these tidbits of wisdom and encouragement to her colleagues: "Hard work *does* pay off. Don't be afraid to take chances, spend time with people that add value to your life, and spend your time doing things you love while learning something from every experience you have."

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# **NOMINATED BY: LEIGH MARCUS**

Name: Leigh Ann Wyatt Position/Title: Sr. Executive Assistant Office/Company: Leigh Marcus | @properties How long have you been working for/with the person who nominated you? 6 years How long have you been working in the real estate industry? 6 years

What did you do before you began working in your current position? I worked for a promotional marketing company (Jack Nadel International) creating fun, branded items for different companies. For example: We did the rally towels given out at the Chicago Cubs game. It was a lot of fun projects!

What does your typical workday look like?

The first thing I do to start the day is check emails. I prioritize what needs to be handled right away and what can be done later as well as anything that Leigh needs to be alerted to right away. Then I review Leigh's calendar and prepare him for any meetings he has that day. After that, the organized chaos ensues. No two days are the same for me. I juggle between handling clients and helping employee's problem solve and making sure Leigh's life and the office run smoothly.

How would you describe your job in one word? Fulfilling

## running

# Why do you think you excel at your job?

I think I excel because I am openminded and always willing to help. I've never been asked something and thought "that's not in my job description." Anything I can do to help keep the company moving forward, I'm happy to do. No job is too small.

# What is the most rewarding aspect of your job?

Seeing our clients happy! Whenever I see a testimonial or referral come in from a past client or friend it makes me smile because I know we helped another person get through what can be a stressful time.

# What is the most challenging aspect of your job?

While this is also a part that I



love, the ever-changing needs of our clients and employees keep me busy.

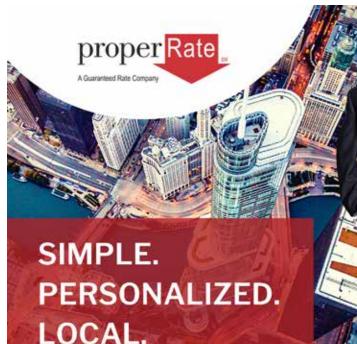
# What is one thing about you that others might find surprising or interesting?

I'm very competitive and I love sports. If you've ever been to a bar with that basketball game called Pop-A-Shot—it's my favorite! I always try to challenge the most athletic person in the place.

# When you're not working, what do you like to do for fun?

I LOVE traveling. There are very few places in the world I don't dream of going. My favorite place I've visited thus far has been Thailand. I got to hang with elephants in a sanctuary and it was magical!







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# How do you feel about being nominated as a Behind-the-Scenes All-Star?

I feel so honored! I truly love what I do and who I work for. I never expected to be nominated for something like this but am so grateful!

## Is there anything else you'd like to share about yourself, about your job, or about your relationship with the person who nominated you?

Leigh and Lindsey Marcus have become my family over the past six years. I couldn't imagine what my life would be like had I never met them. They make me a better person and inspire me to dream big!

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We started doing jam sessions in May of 2020 as a way to connect and add value to our CRP community while we couldn't meet together in person. Our jam sessions continue to be a success as we gather in small groups on Zoom, and we will continue these even as we start meeting in person. These sessions are designed to get a handful of experts on a call (both REALTORS® and Preferred Partners) to discuss what they are seeing in their industry and to help add value to the individuals who are able to tune

We have received great feedback about these events, so we are continuing to schedule them in the new year! Want to join one? Let us know by emailing us at andy.burton@realproducersmag.com.







in. This is a great way to meet people on a more personal level and to get to know what's happening in different industries in the real estate community.

The jam sessions have been filled with creative ways to encourage our Chicago Real Producers community to continue to engage, and they have served as a way to build relationships. Plus, it has been great seeing even more engagement as we have consistently been streaming sessions on Facebook Live!

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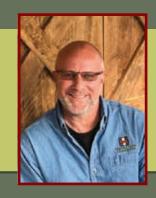
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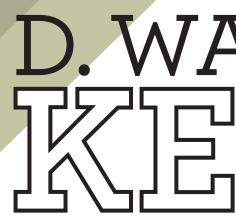
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# D. WAVELAND Helping Clients Find a Place to Drop Their Anchor

D. Waveland Kendt, known to most as Waveland, has had two careers but has lived many lives. Waveland grew up in Merrillville, Indiana, a small town in northwest Indiana. He loved coming to Chicago whenever possible for Cubs games, the Taste of Chicago, and lakefront visits, and knew he was destined to live here one day. He earned a degree in economics from Purdue University and spent the early part of his career working in the restaurant and bar industry.

"I owned a few bars called Cactus over the years," recalls Waveland. "One was in the old Cedar Hotel in the Gold Coast, and the largest location was near the Chicago Board of Trade. This was back in the late '80s and early '90s when pit trading still existed and there were tons of people working on the floor of the Board of Trade who would stop by the bar for a drink at the end of the day."

Though business was booming, Waveland was starting to outgrow the trade and knew he either needed to expand or sell. So he sold his bars, bought a boat, and sailed away. Waveland moved to St. Thomas and enjoyed boat life there for a few years. As a friend was getting ready to sail around the world, he asked if Waveland was interested in joining him. Waveland was, but he was also interested in spending more time with his then girlfriend and now wife, Tara. He mentioned the trip to her and asked if she would come.

cover story By Jennifer Mitchell Photos by Sonya Martin

> Tara responded that she would . . . but only if they were married! So the two lovebirds got married in August of 2004 and set sail soon after.

> "It was an incredible trip," states Waveland. "We sailed down the East Coast from New York to Central America and through the Panama Canal. We went on to the Galápagos Islands, the Marquesas Islands in the South Pacific, and on to Rangiroa, then Pape'ete, and got off in Bora Bora. It was a pretty small boat for four people, so by the time we hit Bora Bora, I think we were all ready for a break!"

> Once the crew returned to their home port, Waveland was ready for his next adventure in the form of a new career. He wasn't sure what he wanted to do, but he knew it didn't exist in Corporate America. As someone who had invested in Wicker Park in the early '90s and always negotiated his own business leases, he realized that real estate might be a good fit. So in 2006, he got his license. His first job, in early 2007, was selling the Helmut Jahn building at 600 N. Fairbanks for the developer.

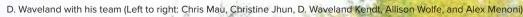
"It's funny because when I first started in real estate, the market was on fire," recalls Waveland "I sold seventeen units in one month. To reward myself, I bought a \$600 Montblanc<sup>™</sup> pen. One year later, in the middle of the worst real estate market crash since the Great Depression, I was packing a lunch because I didn't want to spend money on eating out!" . . .

Fortunately, things panned out for ... Waveland—or more accurately, he worked hard to make his career in real estate a success. But, for Waveland, that wasn't too much of a challenge. He loves to work hard and relates to the Thomas Jefferson quote, "I'm a greater believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it."

> According to Waveland, most successful REALTORS® work very hard, but they're able to work differently than lawyers, doctors, or finance professionals, thanks to the variable hours of the job.

> > "My wife is a CPS teacher and leaves for work early in the morning," explains Waveland. "So I am in charge of waking up our

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daughter, making her breakfast, and walking her to school. It's an amazing opportunity that I know very few fathers have, so I feel very fortunate to be able to do that each day."

Waveland's daughter, Mallory, is ten years old, and he loves going on walks through Lincoln Park with her, Tara, and their dachshund, Baxter. They also own a summer cottage on a nearby lake and spend as much time there as possible. Waveland's brother and Tara's sister also have houses on the lake, and they all love getting together for long boat rides (during which Waveland might just have himself a cigar).



••• Once a year, Waveland still races in the Chicago Yacht Club race to Mackinac Island and thoroughly enjoys the time on the water, away from the constant thrum of city life.

> But then he sails back to Chicago and drops anchor to continue building relationships with clients. And it's those relationships that fuel his passion and his success.

"The longer I'm in the business the more I see [that] it's all about relationships," says Waveland. "Keeping clients happy is the key to success, and when you see the look on a buyer's face when they realize that they actually own their dream home, it's extremely rewarding."

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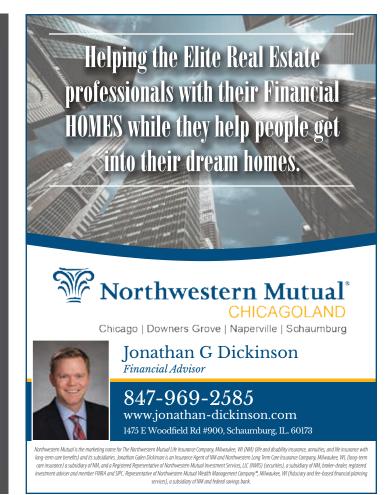
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# Sharing Expertise to Build **Generational Wealth**

Helping clients achieve financial independence through real estate is a passion of Shay Hata's. Raised in Alaska by a single mom who owned her own cookie store, Shay watched her mother work eighteen-hour days to provide for her children, and save every penny so Shay could attend ballet lessons. While they had little money, Shay's mom made sure to teach her children lessons that would set them up for success in life, such as making Shay open a Roth IRA as soon as she got her first babysitting gig.

Shay learned the value of hard work and courage. She went into the store at 4 am every day with her mom. She learned how to make cookies, learned math by working the cash register, and honed her customer service skills by selling soda and cookies to patrons. At fourteen, Shay had to fire the manager, whom she caught stealing, while her mother was out of town; she ran the shop on her own for several days until her mother returned.

Thanks to multiple scholarships, financial aid, and hard work, Shay obtained her undergraduate degree in history from Dartmouth



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College. She spent her twenties working hundred-hour weeks at a marketing and public relations firm in New York City. She was there when the Twin Towers fell, and she lost a friend that day. She realized life was too short not to have a career she loved. She moved to Minneapolis and founded two successful businesses. She sold them when she and her husband, Nobu, a REALTOR®, moved to Chicago after he was offered a job at the National Association of REALTORS<sup>®</sup>. Unsure of what to do next, Shay turned to him for advice. He suggested she try real estate. Shay gave it a go and found that she loved it.

"I have never enjoyed working for others," states Shay. "Since my mid-twenties, I've owned my own businesses, and I do best when working on my own. Being a REALTOR® is the perfect fit for me as it allows me to be a CEO while doing something I'm passionate about."

Shay was a natural, and she attributes her professional success to her commitment to working hard and her love of negotiating. (She's a graduate of Harvard's Program on Negotiation.) . . .



"Throughout my life, I've noticed that a lot of people have big dreams but aren't willing to do the hard work to get there," notes Shay. "Every day, I show up, do the work, have the hard conversations, and make small steps towards my goals. Eventually, those small steps add up and I'm able to achieve my dreams."

One of the aspects she loves most about real estate is that she gets to be part of the big moments in her clients' lives. She's often the first person to know when a client is pregnant, has a new job, or is going through a divorce. She loves supporting her clients in both good times and bad, and making sure their home supports their new life both practically and financially.

After almost a decade, Shay formed her own team, which consists of herself, two other REALTORS®, Lauren Calderone and David Zwarycz, and four assistants. They average 150+ transactions a year and serve clients in Chicago and the suburbs. "Lauren and David always put the clients' needs first, and are incredibly well-educated, smart, hardworking individuals. I couldn't feel luckier to be working with them," says Shay. The team is passionate about making the homebuying and selling experience as stress-free as possible, whether that means getting moving quotes for their clients,

helping them complete rehab work, or simply giving their honest opinion on houses or inspection negotiations.

But the team isn't just committed to making life easier for their clients; they're also committed to making the world a better place: they donate a percentage of each commission to a local animal rescue group, a local school, or a charity of their client's choice.

"My family didn't have a lot growing up, but I was always taught to share whatever I had with others," says Shay.

One of the things Shay is passionate about is sharing her real estate knowledge to help people build their own wealth through real estate. She is fiercely committed to the Financial Independence Retire Early (FIRE) movement, and she and her husband are teaching their five-year-old son, Oliver, this philosophy. "We require our son invest 40 percent of his \$5 weekly allowance in the stock market," explains Shay. "We research the stocks together, he picks one to invest in, then we track the stocks monthly. I'm working

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hard to teach my son about investing, saving, budgeting, and planning for retirement at an early age."

"It was up to Nobu and I to pay for college [ourselves]," continues Shay. "We don't want that for our son or our future grandchildren, so every year since our son was born we've bought a new investment property. Eventually, the profits can not only pay for our son's college education, but his future children's education, as well as our retirement."





Childhood friends, Shay and Nobu reconnected in the early 2000s after they walked past each other at the Anchorage airport. Shay, Nobu, and Oliver love riding bikes, going to children's museums and playgrounds, and traveling together. They also go to a new ethnic restaurant every week to expose Oliver to new foods and people from various cultures. Because at the end of the day, while Shay is incredibly passionate about real estate, what matters most to her is to raise a kind, hardworking, and financially independent son, and to have a happy, loving family.

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I'm in the market for a stroller. This will be my first baby, and short of snagging a cute onesie for a friend's baby shower, I don't have any experience buying baby gear. Stroller brands, prices, sizes, and features are all foreign to me. Do stroller stores exist or am I stuck with what's in stock at Target? Do I want the seat to be parent-facing or street-facing? What's better, three wheels or four? And how many cupholders are really necessary?

There's only one thing I'm certain of: I need a stroller, ASAP! So, I did what any freaked out parent-to-be does and scrolled through Instagram waiting for the stroller ads to pop up and guide me in the right direction. Sure enough, in a matter of moments I had information on Nuna, PB Kids, and Mockingbird, plus ads for baby clothes, car seats, diapers, nursing covers, and a ton of other things I hadn't even considered. I am well prepared to buy what I need for baby's arrival. Thanks, IG!

That stroller experience got me thinking about value and I drew three conclusions that we've implemented into our business over the past few months, and will be our focus for 2022 and beyond.

#### 1. Value defined

Recently, a friend asked me to define value. I'm no Merriam-Webster, but to me and my team, adding value is a simple concept: inspire people to take action on something they already want, then provide information and an easy avenue to actually do it. To put it another way, be a living, breathing Instagram ad!

As a young REALTOR® or new business owner, your number one job is to meet as many people as possible and make value deposits through service to others. We can serve people in a million different ways, and just like it is with financial investments, at first the deposits will probably be small: showing properties, answering questions about a transaction, connecting clients with a lender, making contractor recommendations, displaying your phone or email on a website, etc. Now imagine offering bits of value on a consistent basis to all clients. Over time, your value grows, just like an investor's compounding interest. Over time, the impact of your service will go up and your value will shoot through the roof.

As the owner of a growing team of agents and staff, my job is exactly the same: make consistent value deposits to my teammates by offering guidance, training, systems, and support so they can grow into the successful agents they envision themselves being, but couldn't tackle alone. The more opportunities I bring them to step into their own vision, the more value they bring to me, and the more money we all make over time.

#### 2. Value = money

Money is created through value, and value is developed by strategic thinking, not strategic doing. Most agents think the best way to make more money is by doing more or doing different. "I've changed the script I use with buyers \$200,000," or "I crushed that listing appointment. I can't believe and it worked!" is a complete misnomer. More they didn't hire me," might seem like helpful business thoughts, showings, updated LinkedIn profiles, more emails, but they could actually be slowing your potential to exponentially compound value interest (i.e., your bank account). Until your day fancy listing fliers, more open houses, new scripts, etc., are all good tasks, but they don't support a is packed with too many clients to serve, and your bank account growing mind or a growing business. Skill sets are is spilling over, being picky or cranky about how and to whom developed through doing, and so it's true that if you you add value is a disservice to your future business. You have the take massive action, you may see results increase right to add value to everyone you meet, independent of the return temporarily, tricking you into believing that results on your time, energy, and sound advice. come from the amount of action you take. However, Our newfound mission is to double down on value in every there comes a point in time where simply doing more of the same activities, even the ones you've seen success with, will block you from developing and family with no expectation for a return on the investments high value, and ultimately stunt your growth. we make. We aim to inspire our community to follow through

You have to keep going, keep giving, keep serving, and allow time for the value deposits to compound. Most agents give up making value contributions too soon and try to live off their short-term value interest before they have enough to sustain a longterm business, not to mention a cushy lifestyle. Twenty twenty-one has been a great year for most Chicagoland agents, but if we celebrate too soon and pull back serving others (forgetting that market conditions played a huge role in our business this year), we'll miss the chance to grow our value bank and create long-term sustainability and profit. It doesn't matter how much action you take. You cannot create a valuable experience for others when you're focused on your own actions.

If you intend to make more money through your growing business, you have to constantly get better at new things at different levels: high-quality thinking becomes your job. You'll see that true growth comes from first leveling-up your thinking, then building new skills around those beliefs.

#### 3. Value as an add, not an exchange

If you're on board with the belief that money comes directly from value, the next step is to forget about reaping your payoff. Unlike a financial investor, how and from where the return comes back to you is unpredictable and should be none of your business. If you expect to get an immediate return directly from the service you provide, you will probably notice confusion, resentment, and discouragement will start to show up. From that place, you may take actions that are inconsistent with value. I see this happen when agents start to discriminate where they're willing to add value. For example, "I won't work with a buyer whose budget is less than

Our newfound mission is to double down on value in every interaction we have with our clients, business partners, friends, and family with no expectation for a return on the investments we make. We aim to inspire our community to follow through on their own plans, and our job will be to help make those adventures accessible, smooth, and enjoyable—just like my stroller experience! Because the value we give today creates the business we have tomorrow.

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# Fully Enjoying the Journey

Tiffany Vondran loves real estate like she loves transaction is complete, she is always looking for ways to show playing pool. And she is fantastic at both. Not only them she cares, whether it's by throwing appreciation events or is she one of the top agents at Fulton Grace Realty, reaching out on birthdays and anniversaries. but, as a professional pool player, she competed in the World Pool Championship in Las Vegas two Tiffany wasn't always so forthright with people. She used to be years in a row and was even named MVP for her very modest and shy when meeting people at first, which was league in 2018. By being true to these two loves in one of the reasons why she avoided real estate sales-she didn't her life, Tiffany has carved quite a niche for herself want to be a "pushy salesperson." However, as soon as she realin both arenas, which has resulted in much success. ized real estate sales were more about developing relationships through delivering exemplary customer service, she instantly When it comes to real estate, Tiffany's love of settled in, and even found more of her voice in the process.

When it comes to real estate, Tiffany's love of people and forming relationships is the main reason for her success. She shows no partiality in helping the people she meets, whether they are renters looking for a new apartment or buyers looking for a luxury home. She focuses on helping each person achieve their goal, while becoming good friends through the process and remaining good friends after.

In fact, before Tiffany joined Fulton Grace Realty in 2019, she spent twelve years with @properties where she was the top rental agent, closing fifty rental transactions a year on top of her sales. Her long-term approach to relationships has resulted in a referral and repeat business ratio of over 90 percent, leading to sales such as the one she describes below:

"Earlier this year, I closed a \$1.7M deal with past renters who have been clients of mine for five years. I assisted them in finding their first two apartments when they were newly dating, then in purchasing their condo when they got engaged and married. This year, they sold their condo and purchased a luxury home. They have since gotten a dog, and are now planning to start a family," Tiffany explains.

"It's stories like this that I love and encourage me to continue building relationships with my clients," she continues. "If I open myself up to my clients and allow them to see me for me, they are more likely to build trust and a relationship with me going forward."

Tiffany cultivates those relationships by delivering a highly personable real estate experience that her clients find fun and enjoyable. Even after the

Before entering real estate sales in 2008, Tiffany was a real estate paralegal for two years. She grew up in a small town in Illinois, then went to college at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale where she earned her degree in paralegal studies. She wanted to eventually become an attorney, but she decided to work in the field for a few years first and joined a law firm in downtown Chicago.

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pared all the closing documents and handled contracts through closing.

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While she also worked in insurance claims with MetLife and received numerous awards for her customer service, she really enjoyed learning about real estate and wanted to learn more about the other side of the business. So, she enrolled to get her real estate license and made the switch to REALTOR<sup>®</sup> shortly thereafter.

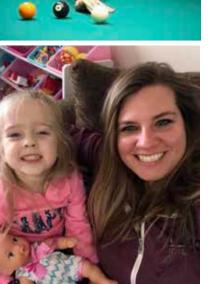
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When Tiffany is not connecting with one of her clients, she enjoys spending time at her Airbnb property in South Haven, Michigan, where she enjoys hiking, kayaking, and biking. She also enjoys spending time with

her two sisters and her six-year-old niece, Emily, who, after being diagnosed with leukemia in 2019, officially beat cancer this past July and ended her treatments.

In honor of Emily, Tiffany started an annual Christmas toy drive for Comer Children's Hospital. "Comer Children's Hospital was absolutely fantastic at making sure my niece was entertained and felt loved while she spent endless nights with them. The toy drive is an opportunity for me to give back to the hospital on behalf of my niece," she says.

As Tiffany continues to help everyone she can, no matter their circumstances, while fully enjoying and incorporating the things she loves to do every day in her life and in her business, she will continue to see much success.





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# Financia Check-Ur

he end of the year brings us many opportunities to reflect: ele. on our objectives, our blunders, our accomplishments. Think back to the goals you set for yourself at the beginning of this year; did you get where you wanted to go? If not, why? If so, congratulations, and what's next? There are lessons to be gleaned from both our failures and our achievements, particularly in the economic arena. A thorough **financial check-up** during this introspective time of year will help you establish a clear financial plan for 2022 and beyond!

Begin at the end. Take an honest look at where you ended up financially this year. Perhaps, you had a particular financial goal in mind for this year paying off a credit card, boosting your credit score, or putting more toward retirement. If you didn't get there, ask yourself what prevented you from meeting your target. Was it unrealistic?

Maybe you had a major life event that waylaid you (e.g., divorce, new baby, etc.). Be gentle with yourself here; it's been a tough couple of years for most!

Once you've done some reflecting on whether your financial goals were met and what you should do differently next year, dive into some forward-looking practices to help you get a clearer picture of your current financial health. Start with your **budget**. Is the budget you established for yourself at the year's beginning still adequate? Did you consistently over- or underspend in any areas? Adjust as needed for 2022. And, if you've stuck to your budget, you hopefully have a **surplus**, which can be thrown at debt or put away into savings. It's also a good time to double-check that you're maxing out your **401K contributions**. If that's not within your reach right now, strive to contribute at least as much as your employer will match.

Other areas to assess include credit card interest rates, stocks, and insurance policies. Many people don't know you can call your credit card company to negotiate a better interest rate, especially if you've been faithfully paying down your debt over the last 12 months. You might also use this time to study your stock portfolio; will you shift toward riskier or safer investments in 2022? Finally, review your insurance policies to ensure your coverages are still relevant. You may also qualify for new discounts and/or need to add major purchases made over the last year to your policy.

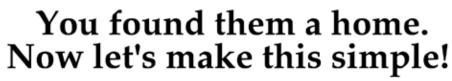
During this festive time of year, sitting down to examine your finances may sound like the ultimate killjoy. However, as you turn your thoughts toward resolutions for your physical, mental, and spiritual health, don't neglect your financial health!

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# LUCAS WEIDEN WITH DELJO HEATING & COOLING

Deljo Heating & Cooling is a leading residential One of the most important functions of the train-HVAC provider in Chicago specializing in residening center is to make sure technicians are up-todate on the latest HVAC technology. In the last tial service repairs, maintenance, and installation. But they aren't your run-of-the-mill HVAC contracseveral years, HVAC equipment has become very tor. They're committed to doing things differently, technically advanced. Lucas notes that anyone which is why they invest heavily in employee trainworking on this equipment needs to not only ing and development. And the investments have fully understand how to install and repair it, but paid off: Deljo has earned a reputation for being one also how to educate homeowners on using the of the most knowledgeable, technically proficient, equipment to create a comfortable home without and customer-focused HVAC companies in Chicago. negatively affecting their utility bill. . . .

"In our industry, there is no barrier to entry," explains Lucas Weiden, sales and marketing manager at Deljo. "Despite the fact that we're working with gas and electricity, someone with no experience, no history, and no company behind them can go buy a furnace and install it in someone's home. Too often, people look for the cheapest option for installation and repair of HVAC equipment, but there's so much risk in that. You have to go with someone who really knows what they're doing."

Lucas notes that the HVAC industry has the second-highest number of failed businesses in the United States after the restaurant industry, so he recommends hiring contractors that have a proven track record. "The next time you want to save a couple of bucks by going with that guy working out of his garage, ask yourself, 'Will this guy still be in business in five years when I have issues with the equipment?' Deljo has been in business for 100 years, and that longevity is proof of the Deljo Difference."

The company takes a great deal of pride in their ability to deliver a five-star experience from the moment they pick up the phone to the time when their technicians are leaving a happy customer's home. To ensure their technicians are fully trained on the latest technical best practices and on how to provide the best customer service, Deljo has invested in a state-of-the-art in-house training facility.

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This focus on training and the intentional investment in employees' careers are two of the things Lucas likes most about working for Deljo.

"Every employee at Deljo has a clear career path as well as the resources and training to follow that path as long as they want to," notes Lucas. "From the shop helpers to the field technicians, everyone is given incredible opportunities to grow with the company, and I think that's very exciting."

Lucas has been with the company for nine years, but the path he took to arrive at Deljo might surprise you. After graduating from Bradley University, Lucas worked in the financial services industry until the 2008 financial crisis. Needing a new path forward, he and his wife, Liz, moved from Chicago to central Illinois to help her family run their HVAC company.

"I had no experience in the industry at the time," said Lucas. "But after five years of working for my in-laws, I was involved in all areas of the company and loved helping them grow the business."

But Lucas and his wife eventually wanted to be back in Chicago. So after helping Liz's Too often, people look for the cheapest option for installation and repair of HVAC equipment, but there's so much risk in that. You have to go with someone who really knows what they're doing."

# **Deljo Core Values**

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Team Like Family
Do Whatever It Take
Humility (no jerks)

parents get the company on *INC*'s list of the 5,000early in his career that opened him up to more personalfastest-growing companies, they knew it was the<br/>right time for a move. Lucas secured the job at<br/>Deljo, and the rest is history.early in his career that opened him up to more personal<br/>and professional successes. He realized that by being in<br/>competition with himself, rather than with others, he<br/>could continue to make positive changes in his life.

When he's not helping Deljo grow its customerIt's this commitment to betterment and education thatbase, Lucas and Liz love to travel and spend timemakes Lucas a great member of the Deljo Heating &with friends and family. They also enjoy explor-Cooling team. A team that's focused on improvement foring different restaurants in the city together, andtheir customers and their people.

Lucas also loves watching and participating in sports and is currently training for a triathlon in





Palm Springs. But even in his spare time he has HVAC on his mind. You may recognize his voice from his podcast, *Between Two Furnaces*.

By just about anyone's definition, Lucas has had a very successful career, but like a true Deljo employee, he's constantly focused on bettering himself. One of the ways he stays motivated and focused is by sticking to a morning routine that includes a 5-5-20 exercise: he lists five things he's grateful for and five goals for the day, and then does twenty reps of an exercise.

He also had an "A-ha moment"

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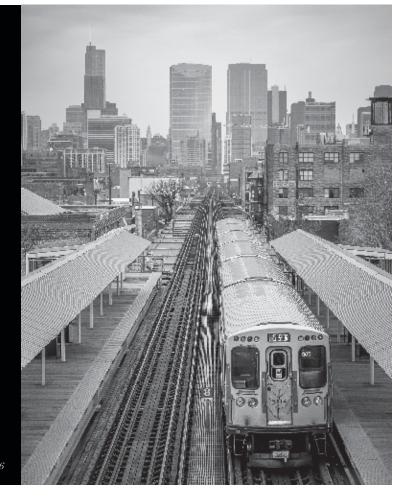


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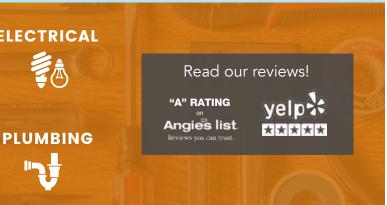


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20	Debra	Dobbs	39.5	\$42,252,340	24	\$18,028,000	63.5	\$60,280,340									
21	Ryan	Preuett	21.5	\$29,467,000	15.5	\$30,022,450	37	\$59,489,450									
22	Julie	Busby	36.5	\$25,619,650	44	\$31,319,563	80.5	\$56,939,213				÷					
23	Katharine	Waddell	45	\$27,340,000	41.5	\$27,829,650	86.5	\$55,169,650			[tPeo	าท		Painting	& Drywall   (	General F	landymen
24	Tommy	Choi	37	\$21,088,900	63.5	\$33,382,480	100.5	\$54,471,380							vvvv	w.nxitpe	ople.com
25	Joanne	Nemerovski	23	\$27,973,250	28	\$26,329,687	51	\$54,302,937								1	CONTRACTOR OF CO
26	Timothy	Sheahan	50.5	\$34,975,600	24.5	\$18,102,250	75	\$53,077,850		HANDYMEI		ITING	ELECTR				Autom
27	Timothy	Salm	23.5	\$49,247,095	6.5	\$3,513,750	30	\$52,760,845			(						
28	Emily	Phair	32	\$14,239,575	95	\$37,629,466	127	\$51,869,041	. 2						Rea	d our rev	iews!
29	Daniel	Close	36	\$17,121,200	47	\$31,401,713	83	\$48,522,913	Sunte						"A" RAT		elp 🍀 🗾
30	Bari	Levine	48	\$24,549,874	33	\$23,677,050	81	\$48,226,924	Tecale	DDV/MALL			DUUM		Angies	ilist 🙀	****
31	Konrad	Dabrowski	29	\$22,862,000	36.5	\$24,455,650	65.5	\$47,317,650		DRYWALL	CARP	ENTRY	PLUME		Reviews you ca	in trasc	
32	Daniel	Glick	33	\$23,422,250	30	\$21,984,200	63	\$45,406,450	-				<b>"</b> ]				
33	Sam	Shaffer	22.5	\$10,518,550	57.5	\$34,041,650	80	\$44,560,200		- Miller			And the second				
34	Keith	Brand	18	\$9,318,900	45	\$35,171,788	63	\$44,490,688		212 000 0200 1	nfa@fivitnaarda				2027 N. Hala	tod Chies	

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Melanie	Everett	17	\$5,911,680	72	\$31,356,975	89	\$37,268,655
Barbara	O'Connor	33	\$19,472,095	32.5	\$17,242,645	65.5	\$36,714,740
Eugene	Fu	20	\$18,347,600	42.5	\$18,286,965	62.5	\$36,634,565
Jill	Silverstein	13	\$6,722,250	41.5	\$29,705,740	54.5	\$36,427,990
Amanda	McMillan	44.5	\$21,978,400	23	\$14,328,627	67.5	\$36,307,027
Jason	O'Beirne	34	\$24,290,701	19	\$10,996,375	53	\$35,287,076
Colin	Hebson	21	\$15,440,500	32	\$19,830,200	53	\$35,270,700
Sarah	Ziehr	55	\$26,715,500	13	\$8,411,700	68	\$35,127,200
Robert	Sullivan	18.5	\$19,430,500	14	\$15,409,000	32.5	\$34,839,500
Elias	Masud	12.5	\$4,734,249	59.5	\$30,066,136	72	\$34,800,385
Robert	Picciariello	63	\$34,337,900	0	\$0	63	\$34,337,900
Lucas	Blahnik	16.5	\$8,113,750	32	\$26,214,650	48.5	\$34,328,400
Kelly	Parker	19	\$10,653,050	41	\$23,421,650	60	\$34,074,700
Vincent	Anzalone	24.5	\$19,460,792	16.5	\$13,810,000	41	\$33,270,792
Nancy	Tassone	22.5	\$26,699,500	6	\$6,265,000	28.5	\$32,964,500
Richard	Kasper	30.5	\$20,199,550	27.5	\$12,708,837	58	\$32,908,387
Dennis	Huyck	27	\$18,372,750	19.5	\$14,134,375	46.5	\$32,507,125
Owen	Duffy	42	\$21,746,815	23	\$10,509,500	65	\$32,256,315
Alishja	Ballard	31	\$16,926,050	25.5	\$15,116,611	56.5	\$32,042,661
Cadey	O'Leary	16	\$23,449,000	7	\$8,553,500	23	\$32,002,500
Michael	Maier	44	\$19,213,126	26	\$12,733,002	70	\$31,946,128
Nicholas	Colagiovanni	29.5	\$26,899,900	5	\$4,985,000	34.5	\$31,884,900
Rizwan	Gilani	19.5	\$9,744,185	34	\$21,692,750	53.5	\$31,436,935
Pamela	Rueve	17	\$22,298,000	11	\$9,069,000	28	\$31,367,000
Layching	Quek	5	\$2,397,500	45.5	\$28,736,650	50.5	\$31,134,150
Sherri	Hoke	16.5	\$20,382,158	10	\$10,718,000	26.5	\$31,100,158
Karen	Schwartz	32	\$14,939,000	30	\$16,126,999	62	\$31,065,999
Joseph	Kotoch	15.5	\$7,246,000	44	\$23,415,200	59.5	\$30,661,200
Matthew	Liss	24	\$15,723,250	18	\$14,426,500	42	\$30,149,750
Michael	Shenfeld	24.5	\$17,240,250	19	\$12,284,900	43.5	\$29,525,150
Scott	Berg	57	\$26,143,331	4	\$3,242,000	61	\$29,385,331
Juliana	Yeager	23	\$13,958,199	21	\$15,391,643	44	\$29,349,842
Elizabeth	Ballis	16	\$9,331,250	19	\$19,993,999	35	\$29,325,249
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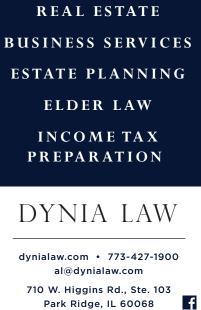
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01	Bruce	Glazer	24	\$14,695,000	18	\$11,467,250	42	\$26,162,250
	R. Matt	Leutheuser	11	\$24,010,000	3	\$1,841,500	14	\$25,851,500
3	Cory	Tanzer	35	\$12,670,248	30	\$12,763,899	65	\$25,434,147
104	Grace	Sergio	33.5	\$22,206,700	1	\$3,180,000	34.5	\$25,386,700
105	Laura	Meier	29	\$13,389,500	23	\$11,497,365	52	\$24,886,865
106	Mark	lcuss	16	\$14,073,472	9.5	\$10,778,000	25.5	\$24,851,472
107	Samantha	Porter	20	\$18,735,500	2	\$6,050,000	22	\$24,785,500
108	Brian	Moon	17	\$8,279,700	29	\$16,486,650	46	\$24,766,350
109	Linda	Levin	16	\$12,193,000	15	\$12,525,562	31	\$24,718,562
110	Lisa	Blume	15.5	\$6,890,000	34	\$17,786,372	49.5	\$24,676,372
111	Stephanie	Cutter	27	\$13,690,065	16	\$10,945,150	43	\$24,635,215
112	Christopher	Engelmann	9	\$3,721,900	43	\$20,710,100	52	\$24,432,000
113	Michael	Hall	25	\$17,076,450	13	\$7,355,000	38	\$24,431,450
114	Patrick	Shino	7	\$2,632,500	55	\$21,578,910	62	\$24,211,410
115	Santiago	Valdez	35.5	\$13,481,562	30	\$10,710,857	65.5	\$24,192,419
116	Sari	Levy	15.5	\$8,277,425	21.5	\$15,704,482	37	\$23,981,907
117	Nancy	Mcadam	15.5	\$12,140,975	10	\$11,766,500	25.5	\$23,907,475
118	Todd	Szwajkowski	25	\$11,686,575	25.5	\$11,998,000	50.5	\$23,684,575
119	Anthony	Torres	10	\$3,918,900	41	\$19,737,050	51	\$23,655,950
120	Shay	Hata	24.5	\$12,478,125	17	\$11,139,900	41.5	\$23,618,025
121	Philip	Skowron	16	\$17,018,502	6	\$6,546,000	22	\$23,564,502
122	Cynthia	Sodolski	21	\$13,412,900	18	\$10,048,400	39	\$23,461,300
123	Pasquale	Recchia	17.5	\$8,671,900	22	\$14,683,500	39.5	\$23,355,400
124	Amy	Duong	16	\$6,400,900	21.5	\$16,876,194	37.5	\$23,277,094
125	Steve	Dombar	0	\$0	40	\$23,256,750	40	\$23,256,750
126	lan	Schwartz	23.5	\$14,520,500	12.5	\$8,421,600	36	\$22,942,100
127	Joshua	Lipton	18.5	\$15,254,000	8.5	\$7,585,213	27	\$22,839,213
128	Benjamin	Lissner	11.5	\$5,367,500	33	\$17,469,400	44.5	\$22,836,900
129	Katherine	Malkin	8	\$17,965,000	5	\$4,670,000	13	\$22,635,000
130	Stephanie	LoVerde	25.5	\$11,693,100	18.5	\$10,826,900	44	\$22,520,000
131	Stephanie	Maloney	14	\$11,012,500	8	\$11,442,500	22	\$22,455,000
132	Stacey	Dombar	47	\$20,821,638	3	\$1,619,500	50	\$22,441,138
133	Gail	Spreen	38.5	\$17,057,500	10	\$5,327,500	48.5	\$22,385,000
134	Mehdi	Mova	14	\$8,803,400	23	\$13,565,600	37	\$22,369,000



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151	Edward	Jelinek	18.5	\$9,056,000	16	\$11,499,750	34.5	\$20,555,750	185	Steven	Powers	27.5	\$12,194,099	8	\$6,239,000	35.5	\$18,433,099
52	Jeffrey	Proctor	16.5	\$12,743,470	6	\$7,788,500	22.5	\$20,531,970	186	Lisa	Long-Brown	21	\$18,059,100	1	\$367,000	22	\$18,426,100
53	Brittany	Strale	4	\$1,888,900	33	\$18,593,250	37	\$20,482,150	187	Frank	Maguire	21	\$8,022,050	13	\$10,255,000	34	\$18,277,050
54	Anne	Killarney	27	\$20,461,899	0	\$0	27	\$20,461,899	188	Elizabeth	Caya	6	\$2,314,500	31	\$15,838,400	37	\$18,152,900
55	Robert	Yoshimura	23	\$9,093,800	19	\$11,303,900	42	\$20,397,700	189	Kyle	Jamicich	18	\$9,652,000	10	\$8,440,400	28	\$18,092,400
56	Laura	Торр	25	\$11,682,500	17	\$8,616,000	42	\$20,298,500	190	Sarah	Maxwell	13	\$7,205,213	16	\$10,883,300	29	\$18,088,513
57	Qiankun	Chen	27	\$8,903,650	30.5	\$11,375,100	57.5	\$20,278,750	191	Camille	Canales	8	\$4,177,437	28	\$13,817,000	36	\$17,994,437
58	Whitney	Wang	8.5	\$4,175,500	30	\$16,024,000	38.5	\$20,199,500	192	Steve	Genyk	17	\$13,536,000	5	\$4,407,500	22	\$17,943,500
59	Matthew	Engle	24	\$10,965,934	23	\$9,100,550	47	\$20,066,484	193	Stefanie	D'Agostino	46	\$15,313,107	4	\$2,613,000	50	\$17,926,107
60	Steven	Zaleski	13	\$10,969,500	9	\$8,892,000	22	\$19,861,500	194	Connie	Engel	23	\$10,180,000	13	\$7,745,900	36	\$17,925,900
61	Rachel	Krueger	13	\$11,799,000	7	\$8,022,400	20	\$19,821,400	195	Kimber	Galvin	6	\$3,369,700	27	\$14,385,800	33	\$17,755,500
62	Dawn	McKenna	12	\$13,484,275	9.5	\$6,321,000	21.5	\$19,805,275	196	Marzena	Frausto	0	\$0	30	\$17,587,075	30	\$17,587,075
63	Kathryn	Barry	14.5	\$6,871,500	24.5	\$12,921,300	39	\$19,792,800	197	Bradley	Brondyke	7.5	\$17,579,500	0	\$0	7.5	\$17,579,500
64	Susan	O'Connor	6.5	\$7,080,000	11	\$12,702,500	17.5	\$19,782,500	198	Paul	Gorney	4	\$3,799,000	7	\$13,750,500	11	\$17,549,500
5	Ashley	Bell	13	\$10,627,900	10	\$9,090,000	23	\$19,717,900	199	Daniel	Fowler	17	\$8,702,500	19	\$8,787,850	36	\$17,490,350
6	Reve'	Kendall	39.5	\$18,183,000	2	\$1,425,000	41.5	\$19,608,000	200	Deborah	Hess	14	\$7,106,950	26.5	\$10,368,500	40.5	\$17,475,450
7	Alex	Wolking	18.5	\$7,535,050	23	\$11,904,300	41.5	\$19,439,350									
8	Joseph	Chiappetta	17	\$7,358,360	23	\$12,061,617	40	\$19,419,977							he MLS within the date ridually, while others ma		
9	Erin	Mandel	14.5	\$11,870,000	13.5	\$7,549,865	28	\$19,419,865		÷	ducers does not alter on the agent's			nsibility for the	stats reported to/by the	e MLS. Data is	s based on
0	Margaret	Daday	15	\$7,196,000	20	\$12,206,500	35	\$19,402,500									
1	Lisa	Kalous	20.5	\$11,263,250	13.5	\$8,022,500	34	\$19,285,750									
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8	Michael	Saladino	26.5	\$11,248,600	22.5	\$7,627,650	49	\$18,876,250	RET WAS		50			HV	PERIE	NC	-
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01 Douglas	Smith	4.5	\$6,226,250	9	\$11,211,250	13.5	\$17,437,500		235	Emily	Smart Lemire	13	\$9,214,000	9	\$6,811,500	22	
202 Lisa	Huber	12	\$6,474,900	19	\$10,960,190	31	\$17,435,090		236	Greg	Nagel	16	\$10,567,000	7	\$5,445,000	23	
203 Christine	Lutz	13	\$12,975,670	4.5	\$4,456,848	17.5	\$17,432,518		237	Jennifer	Johnson	14.5	\$7,096,000	18.5	\$8,910,900	33	
204 Kate	Gaffey	6.5	\$4,376,000	25	\$13,015,500	31.5	\$17,391,500		238	Eric	Hublar	10	\$4,265,375	26	\$11,668,000	36	
205 Alice	Berger	15	\$10,584,750	11	\$6,784,500	26	\$17,369,250		239	Jeremiah	Fisher	6	\$2,656,500	22	\$13,257,500	28	
206 Nicole	Flores	20	\$10,102,000	12	\$7,144,000	32	\$17,246,000		240	Thomas	Campone	18	\$7,716,500	17	\$8,149,500	35	
207 Lisa	Petrik	11	\$3,812,000	34	\$13,416,550	45	\$17,228,550		241	James	Sheehan	12	\$8,583,900	13.5	\$7,165,000	25.5	
208 Xiaojing	Frost	6.5	\$2,777,750	24	\$14,421,209	30.5	\$17,198,959		242	Sheetal	Balani	4	\$3,001,000	7	\$12,692,661	11	
209 Mark	Buckner	6.5	\$2,807,500	26	\$14,354,900	32.5	\$17,162,400		243	Greg	Whelan	0	\$0	27	\$15,685,000	27	
210 Liz	Jones	13	\$6,641,275	20	\$10,380,000	33	\$17,021,275		244	Katie	Bishop	14	\$10,914,875	4	\$4,757,500	18	
211 Vincent	Lance	20	\$9,447,760	16.5	\$7,464,400	36.5	\$16,912,160		245	Brian	Pistorius	14	\$8,732,500	11	\$6,939,500	25	
212 Mark	Bystrowicz	11	\$13,863,465	6	\$3,040,500	17	\$16,903,965		246	Thomas	Moran	5	\$7,679,440	8	\$7,967,912	13	
213 Frank	Montro	63	\$13,219,750	20	\$3,677,075	83	\$16,896,825		247	Craig	Isacson	12	\$12,061,500	7	\$3,553,000	19	
214 Tara	Leinenweber	37.5	\$15,181,777	2	\$1,677,000	39.5	\$16,858,777		248	Laura	Rahilly	14	\$7,125,600	12.5	\$8,467,014	26.5	
215 Kelly	Angelopoulos	18	\$11,463,228	8	\$5,246,000	26	\$16,709,228		249	Gabrielle	Cavalier	5.5	\$15,542,500	0	\$0	5.5	
216 Janelle	Dennis	24.5	\$10,783,272	13.5	\$5,921,299	38	\$16,704,572		250	Michael	Hulett	18.5	\$10,529,256	8	\$5,013,000	26.5	
17 Jeanne	Martini	5	\$16,679,941	0	\$0	5	\$16,679,941	_									
18 Nathan	Binkley	15	\$8,515,500	13	\$8,142,500	28	\$16,658,000				ed directly from the MI onsible for submitting					•	
19 Carol	Collins	16.5	\$9,789,750	10	\$6,678,000	26.5	\$16,467,750				ducers does not alter not match the agent's			nsibility for the	stats reported to/by	the MLS. Data i	
20 Tim	Lorimer	15.5	\$8,561,000	11.5	\$7,873,000	27	\$16,434,000										
21 Peter	Moore	16	\$6,778,450	20	\$9,621,200	36	\$16,399,650	г	14				- CONVERT	11/ 140			_
22 Rafael	Murillo	7	\$4,038,500	9	\$12,354,925	16	\$16,393,425	1	6				Shi kild	be and			1
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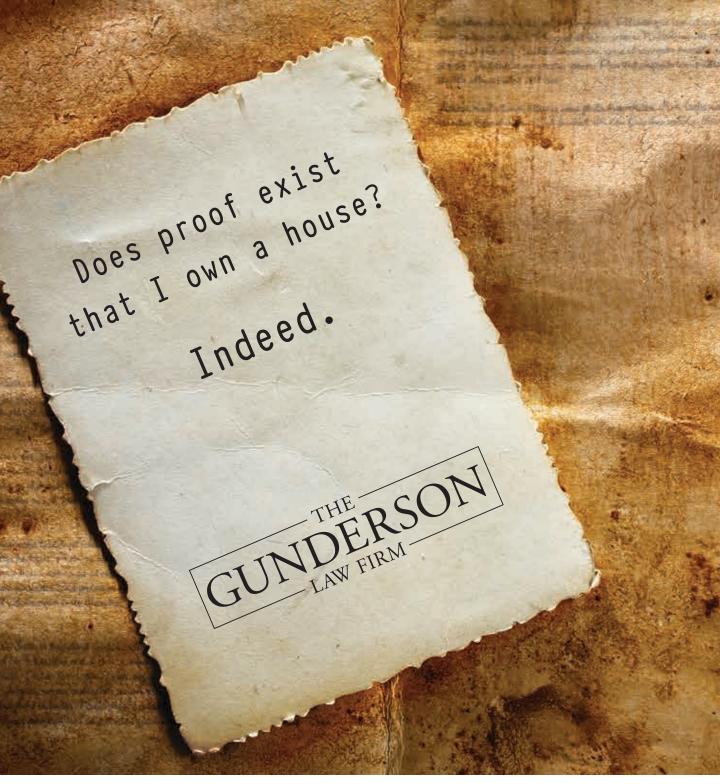
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