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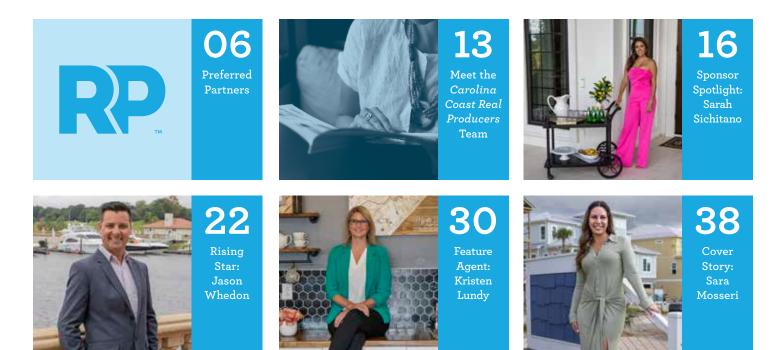


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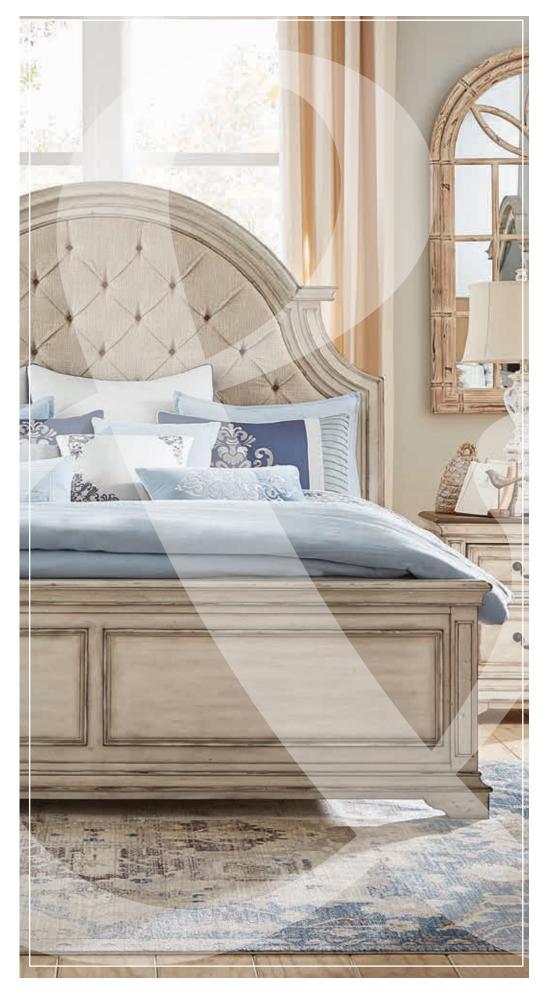
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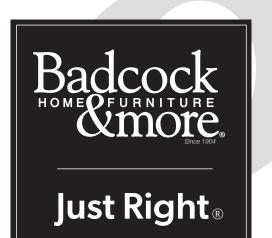
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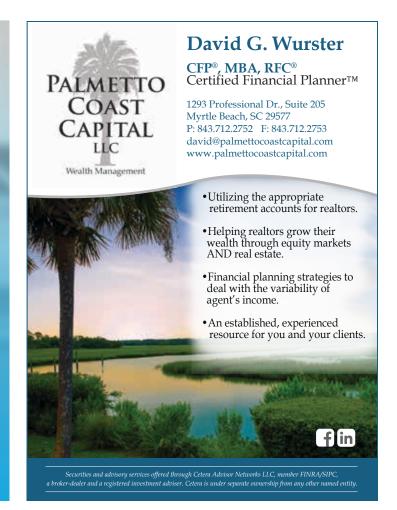




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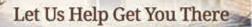


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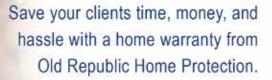
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### **GETTING HER START**

Sarah was born and raised in Whiteville, NC. She earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Meredith College, then earned my master's in Business Management and Leadership at Liberty University.

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"Growing up with entrepreneurial parents lead me to the business world. The insurance business had been presented to me multiple times and knew it interested me. I ultimately took a job working as an agent and realized I had a passion for insurance and helping others understand insurance," she remembers.

"After several years of working in the industry, I felt it was time to open my own agency. I wanted to be able to help more individuals by using a wide range of carriers to do so."

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Those who have had the chance to work with Sarah appreciate her commitment to delivering superior service.

"I strive to always be extremely prompt, build quality relationships with clients and referral partners, and truly make sure individuals understand their coverage - what they may need and what they may not need," she explains.

There have been plenty of changes in the insurance agent through time to be sure. One change that Sarah points out is the advent of new carriers who have entered the market while others have left the scene.

"Another change is the rising and falling rates through the years," she points out. "Also, the underwriting conditions have brought changes as the market gets stricter."

#### FAMILY HIGHLIGHTS

Away from work, Sarah's life is made much richer by her family, including her husband, Mikey Sichitano, and their two daughters — 3-year-old Milania and 1-year-old Audrianna.

In their free time, Sarah and her family like to be outdoors ... enjoying the beach together, boating and exploring other activities in Myrtle Beach.

They also like to hang out with their friends, enjoy nice dinners together and travel to new destinations.

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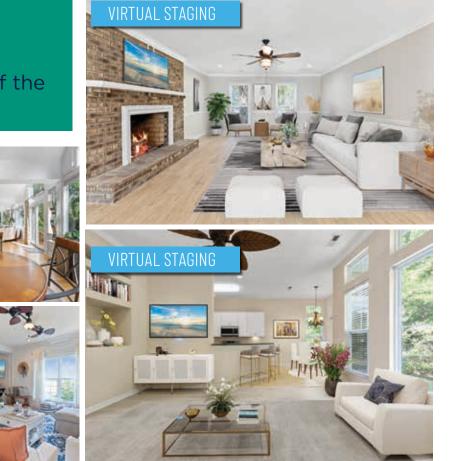


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As a REALTOR<sup>®</sup> with The Coastal Group at Grand Strand Coastal Realty, Jason enjoys being a "connector." Not just connecting people with properties and properties with people, but, sometimes, people with people.

"I love to assist purchasers and homeowners with their real estate objective. Whether that be to find their dream home where they will be able to create a house full of memories or assisting them with their real estate investments in order to restructure or reposition their portfolio and holdings," Jason says.

"I really enjoy mentoring my colleagues and industry peers, which I believe is one of the reasons I have had so much traction in the business and specifically in our area," says Jason. "I enjoy working through the transaction and negotiation with the other parties rather than against them; it is something that has helped me in my former life and has continued to provide great success in my current career."

### Building a Rewarding Life

Jason earned his real estate license in 2018. His story began as a child growing up in Michigan. As he came of age, Jason attended Ferris State University, where he obtained an associate's degree and bachelor's degree in Printing Management. From there, Jason spent the next



15 years on the road working within the printing trade, where he was one of the top sales professionals for one of the world's largest print technology manufacturers, overseeing much of the southeastern United States Market Territory.

"Sales and cost accounting were two of my main focus areas for my client/company. I believe these are the skill sets that have provided tremendous advantages which have carried over into my current career as a real estate professional," he says. "Being relatable and personable, while also being able to analyze data, statistics and communicate those effectively, is a great benefit to our clients and their strategies."

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#### Seeing and Fulfilling a Need

After moving from Michigan to Myrtle Beach, Jason recognized there was strong demand for services for the many absentee owners here, so he started a company to accommodate that need.

"We thought of it in the beginning as someone to watch over one's investment property or second home, flushing the toilets, running the water, but quickly it became so much more than that. We scaled very quickly," says Jason. During this process of providing the Home Watch Services, Jason was encouraged by multiple clients to become a licensed real estate professional. "We found that our clients discovered our services made their absentee ownership so easy, their focus quickly became seeking new inventory."

### A Natural Fit

"When I first sat down to meet with Jason Potter, Broker-in-Charge of Grand Strand Coastal Realty, I knew I had found my home within the industry. The team's core values, faith-centered beliefs, and commitment to our clients and the community are something I wanted to be part of. Since coming onboard just over a year ago, I have not looked back and am super excited about our future impacts," says Jason.

#### Thriving Success

Since 2021, Jason and his team, The Coastal Group, have had more than 75 home transactions all along the Grand Strand.

Success is not always in the sales numbers. Jason's heart and pride lay within his home, his 'home team." Jason treasures his time with his amazing wife, Mandy, wife of 21 years who has been the rock in his life. Jason has four amazing kids, two of which are off to college and two still at home.

"Eliza, we could not be prouder of ... she is finishing her nursing degree. Ashton is an incredible entrepreneur already, this early in life, and I know he will do amazing



things while attending CCU for this first semester. Spencer is our kind-hearted freshman in high school, whose smile brightens the room. Myles, well, he is number four and blends in and often can be seen as a member of the 'trio' hanging out with mom and dad, traveling and living life adventures."

In his free time, Jason enjoys playing a round of golf on one of our many wonderful courses here along the Grand Strand, as well as strolling around on the golf cart or with his feet in the sand for a day at the beach.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Jason and wife, Mandy; Jason's beautiful family!; They love hanging out with their youngest!

"Always keep your efforts and drive focused on others, on your clients' needs rather than your own. Act as a true professional in all areas and aspects of your life; remember, just because you don't see them doesn't mean they aren't watching you. Lastly, remember what you are doing for a living and remind yourself daily. It is a blessing and honor to do what you do for the people you do it for; they are counting on you ... remember that."

"I just love spending time with those that I love. As the kids get older, whenever they can find the time, then I make the time for them," says Jason. As Jason reflects on this time as a professional in the real estate industry, as well as what lies ahead, he offers some helpful tips for others who are encouraged to take the next step for their own real estate careers.



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Kristen Lundy demonstrates that kind of day-in, After she moved to the area, Kristen eventually became day-out commitment to fulfilling the needs of Executive Director of Miss Ruby's Kids, a nonprofit in those around her as a **REALTOR**<sup>®</sup> with Century 21 Georgetown in 2014. Prior to moving to South Carolina, she had worked in nonprofit fundraising. Since moving here, she Broadhurst. The results are truly rewarding. has also served as Senior Director of Development for the "I love providing my clients with a great Myrtle Beach American Heart Association.

experience ... sharing in the joy that a client obtains when we close on the home of their **OPENING A NEW DOOR** dreams or selling their home for the highest and In time, Kristen was ready for a change of pace. During the best price possible with limited stress," Kristen process of considering her next steps in life, the possibility of says. "For me, it's about fulfilling my clients' real estate came up. "I worked hard in all of my careers, but needs, and meeting their expectations is the I knew I could give my family a better quality of life if I was most rewarding part of my business." working for myself in a career that has no cap," Kristen says.



### **CONTINUOUS GROWTH**

In the process of what she does, Kristen enjoys a passionate pursuit of continuously learning and bettering herself so that she can provide her clients with her best.

"Education is hands-down my favorite part of what I do. There is always so much to learn. In our ever-changing industry, you always have the opportunity to learn, be better informed and teach others," she says.

Kristen has deep gratitude for those who have helped her grow through time, including Jamie Broadhurst and Amanda Unerli at Century 21.

"They have been invaluable in my development and education and a tremendous asset to my continued growth and success," Kristen says. "I want to provide the best service and experience to my clients, and with education, I feel I can accomplish this."

### **FINDING HER NEW HOME**

Kristen grew up in the Northeast ... in Bergen County, NJ, and the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania. After high school, Kristen went on to earn her Bachelor of Science degree in Rehabilitation Services at East Stroudsburg University.

"My parents lived in the Poconos, and when my father passed away, my mom decided to move to Myrtle Beach. I always admired her for being so brave," Kristen remembers. "I vacationed with her here several times a year, for over 10 years, but knew in my first few visits that I wanted to live here in Myrtle Beach as well."

"My sister is a REALTOR® in New Hampshire, and I always loved to hear her stories about successes and about her happy clients, but mostly loved to hear about the challenges she faced in some transactions and how she worked tirelessly to find solutions so her clients could overcome these challenges."

The passion Kristen has for her work is easy to see. "Working hard to improve the lives of others is what I am most passionate about, but living paycheck to paycheck as a single mom of twins was exhausting. I needed to change that, not just for them, but for me as well."

Kristen earned her real estate license in October 2020. Since then, she has spared little time in making her mark and providing her clients and those around her with a lasting impact. In the process, she has recorded an impressive total of over \$11.2 million in sales volume since getting into the business.

#### WONDERFUL LIFE

Away from work, Kristen looks forward to time spent with her family, including her husband, Rick Lundy, who works as a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones. She also cherishes moments spent with her 15-year-old twin daughters — Kassidy, who is involved in cheerleading, and Kyla, who is a competitive swimmer.

In her free time, Kristen enjoys time at the beach. She and her family share a love of travel and exploring new cultures and places to eat. They also are big college football fans. Kristen also loves hosting parties and meals, as well as spending time with her dog, Gizmo.

In addition, Kristen is a pioneer of the first Women's Council of REALTORS® Grand Strand. As she looks to the future, Kristen is excited about the prospects of continuing to pursue new levels of success in real estate. Along the way, she will not take any shortcuts.

As she says with a smile, "Real estate will continue to challenge me but also allow me to keep learning, growing and serving my clients' needs at the highest level of professionalism possible, and these opportunities are what drive me and fulfill me day to day, week to week and year to year."





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### LIGHTING THE WAY FORWARD





Sara is very close with her sisters



Sara loves time with her pups, Biggie and Faith



Sara adores her twin niece and nephew!

hen you are making your way through unfamiliar territory, there can be many pitfalls and surprises along the way. Your ability to make it through successfully can be enhanced when you have better visibility of what lies ahead.

This is an area where Sara Mosseri makes a lasting impact every day.

Sara is a Myrtle Beach native and has been a REALTOR® for a decade. She closed over 70 transactions and 20 million in sales in 2021 and is on track to produce even more volume for 2022!

As a REALTOR<sup>®</sup> with Resourceful Realty, Sara takes pride in lighting the way forward for those around her.

"The most rewarding part of my business is assisting first-time home buyers, especially those with whom I have gone to school and grown up with. I love helping them build their credit, obtaining a good mortgage, and finding the perfect first place," Sara says.

"I find great happiness in being able to be a part of helping clients purchase real estate; it is a huge accomplishment to take pride in!



### GOAL-ORIENTED DRIVE

As a goal-oriented individual, Sara has long had her sights set on the future. "I started working at the age of 13, so I have an early retirement goal! Real estate will give me the opportunity to obtain this goal of mine," Sara says.

"My plan is to build capital and obtain as many investments and rental properties as possible. This way, when I retire, not only will I still have a steady income to support my lifestyle, but I will also have built generational wealth."

### FIRST STEPS

As she began her working career, Sara started in the hospitality industry doing short-term rental reservations and revenue management.

"I purchased my first property when I was 23, which sparked my interest in making a career change. I became a REALTOR® because of the growth potential I could see. I have also always loved beautiful homes and appreciated architecture," Sara points out.

"My clients and colleagues are extremely impressed in how knowledgeable I am regarding all aspects of real estate. When other agents entrust me with their own personal purchases and sales, I consider that to be the highest form of a compliment!

### MOVING FORWARD

A big part of Sara's success today was shaped by the challenges and hurdles that she faced in the past.

"When I got into real estate a decade ago, most brokerages encouraged you to focus on a single specialty. I considered this as setting limitations on my business and what I wanted to do. By creating Resourceful Realty — a full-service real estate resource company — with my mother, Shelyn Lee, my business became limitless," Sara explains.





"My clients appreciate that I am capable of assisting them in all real estate aspects, whether it be their personal residence, commercial, investment properties or even development."

"Something most are not aware of is that I have had to start over multiple times, I have had many setbacks and have made many mistakes. I am far from perfect! It is what we choose to do when we are down that matters most!"

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While Sara helps her clients achieve their goals, she has applied her experience and expertise in her own life, as well.

"Currently, I am most passionate about personally investing in real estate," Sara says. "I have taken all that I have learned from working with investors and have applied it personally. I truly enjoy purchasing properties. It is quite fulfilling!" HEART OF LI

Family is at the heart of life for Sara, including her two older sisters, Rita and Jennifer. "We are all very close in age and share many friends. I recently became an aunt to twins, who are my absolute world! My family keeps me motivated to do well," Sara says. "I want them to always have whatever they desire! We often enjoy taking trips together, traveling to new destinations!"

In her free time, Sara has a passion for being outdoors, going on new adventures, exploring and experiencing diverse cultures. Sara also enjoys spending her spare time hanging out with her dogs. She has two Cane Corso Italian mastiffs named Biggie and Faith.

### LEADING BY EXAMPL

As Sara thinks back on her career in real estate, she offers helpful advice to those who are getting their own start in the business.

"The best advice I can give an up-and-coming top producer is to simply be authentic. Be genuine. Be honest. Be open to learning opportunities," Sara says.

"Always have your clients' best interest in mind. Never put your paycheck first. By having pure intentions, you will be repaid tenfold."

With her genuine, self-made, hard-working demeanor, Sara is also caring and generous with her time and knowledge. As a result, she lights the path forward for her clients.

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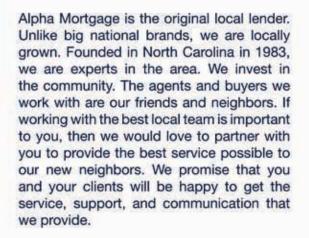
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