## **Larry Lowenthal**

## Real Estate Expert Witness - Broker

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- Retained as an expert for dozens of lawsuits involving failed or troubled real estate transactions in ten states, usually involving brokers. Also many commission disputes. <u>Testified at 20 depositions and 6 trials</u>.
- Earned a degree in Economics from the <u>University of Chicago</u> (home town *Go Cubs!*) as an Illinois State Scholar. Completed courses in accounting and statistics in the Graduate School of Business.
- Obtained a Florida real estate broker's license in 1978.
- Was Active member of local South Florida Board of Realtors from 1990 to late 2017.
- Participated in hundreds of closed transactions, served nearly two thousand customers.
- Past Member, <u>Professional Standards Committee</u>, sitting on ethics and arbitration hearing panels,
- for South Broward Board of Realtors. Arbitrations decide procuring cause. (8 years)
- Past member & Chair, <u>Grievance Committee</u>, examining and analyzing over 250 ethics complaints and arbitration requests as a grand jury might. (Member at least 12 years.)
- Initiated effort convincing <u>National Association of Realtors</u> that entering false content in MLS about properties is unethical, resulting in new added Ethics Interpretation "Case #2-19: Deceptive MLS".
- Past Member, Professional Standards Forum, Florida Realtors (two years).
- Former Member, Government Affairs Committee. (Was asked to chair it, but declined.)
- Past Chair, <u>MLS Committee</u> (Multiple Listing Service) & delegate to 11<sup>th</sup> District MLS committee.
  Initiated a revolutionary change to the mapping system which was copied by the entire district.
- Past co-vice-chair, Communications Committee.
- Former member, Standard Forms Committee, creating forms and contracts for transactions
- Nominated for 2007 "Realtor of the Year" award.
- Invested hundreds of hours of <u>continuing education</u> covering Florida law, ethics, commercial real estate, relocation issues, commercial leasing, fair housing, and financing.

### Additional background & recognition

- Past Member, Alumni Schools Committee, interviewed over 100 students seeking admission to U. of Chicago
- Former Adjunct Professor, <u>Broward College</u> teaching Business Writing to Continuing-Ed evening students.
- <u>Vision Broward</u>, a long-range planning group for Broward County. Member of the Creative Industries Task Force, 2003-2004 and co-chair of the "Image" subcommittee.
- Former President and director, <u>Greater Fort Lauderdale Advertising Federation</u> (during my first career). and winner of its <u>Silver Medal</u> for lifetime contributions to the profession
- Past judge for Silver Knight Awards in the music performance category
- Past president, VP, director of <u>Rock Creek Homeowners' Association</u>: 10 years, about 2,000 families
- Past guest columnist on homeowner association issues, Miami Herald (compensated).
- Former Chair of the Cooper City Appearance Board. 4 years.
- Former Member, Board of Directors, Better Business Bureau.for Broward County.
- Former Member, <u>Superintendent's Committee On Public Education</u> (Broward County Schools).
- Former Guest lecturer on creative advertising, Broward College.
- Former Community Professor, Nova Southeastern University, teaching Economics to adults in night classes.
- Nominated by Judge Mort Abrams (dec.) for Silver Medal, Broward Bar Association

#### Personal

Married to Jan, a retired school psychologist. In mid-2017, we moved from South Florida with our cat to a forested community in Gainesville where we find ourselves surrounded by Gators. Our son and his family live in Chicago.