

## 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. Testified at 16 depositions and 6 trials.
- Earned a degree in Economics from the University of Chicago (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, Professional Standards Committee, sitting on ethics and arbitration hearing panels, for South Broward Board of Realtors. Arbitrations decide procuring cause. (8 years)
- Past member & Chair, Grievance Committee, examining and analyzing over 250 ethics complaints and arbitration requests as a grand jury might. (Member at least 12 years.)
- Initiated effort convincing National Association of Realtors 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, MLS Committee (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 continuing education covering Florida law, ethics, commercial real estate, relocation issues, commercial leasing, fair housing, and financing.

### Additional background & recognition

- Past Member, Alumni Schools Committee, interviewed students seeking admission to University of Chicago
- Former Adjunct Professor, Broward College teaching Business Writing to Continuing-Ed evening students.
- Vision Broward, member of the Creative Industries Task Force, 2003-2004 and co-chair of the “Image” subcommittee.
- Former President and director, Greater Fort Lauderdale Advertising Federation (in my first career). and winner of its Silver Medal for lifetime contributions to the profession
- Past judge for Silver Knight Awards in the music performance category
- Past president & director of the Rock Creek Homeowners' Association: About 2,000 families
- Past guest columnist on homeowner association issues, Miami Herald (compensated).
  
- Former Chair of the Cooper City Appearance Board.
- Former Member, Board of Directors, Better Business Bureau.for Broward County.
- Former Member, Superintendent's Committee On Public Education (Broward County Schools).
- Former Guest lecturer on creative advertising, Broward College.
- Former Community Professor at Nova 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 the Summer of '17, we moved with our cat to a forested community in Gainesville where we find ourselves surrounded by Gators. Our son and his young family live in Chicago.