

William Pitt-Julia B. Fee Sotheby's International Realty Sees 23 Agents and One Team Named Best in Area by REAL Trends

William Pitt-Julia B. Fee Sotheby's International Realty announced today that 23 agents and one team were ranked in the 2019 REAL Trends list of "America's Best" real estate professionals. REAL Trends, one of the most trusted sources of news, analysis and information in residential real estate, partnered with real estate training company Tom Ferry International to release this year's ranking of top performing agents in each state.

The list's four categories include individuals by transaction sides, individual by sales volume, teams by transaction sides and teams by sales volume. To qualify, agents had to close at least 50 transaction sides or \$20 million in sales volume, and teams had to close at least 75 transaction sides or \$30 million in volume. The ranking is based on performance in 2018. According to REAL Trends, agents named to the list represent less than 1.5 percent of all Realtors® in the nation.

In the individuals by volume category, 10 agents in New York and 9 in Connecticut were honored. The New York agents included Laura DeVita, Julia Bieber, Ellen Stern, Wendy Alper, Louis Katsoris, Jennifer Holmes and Alix Prince of Rye; Mimi Magarelli of Larchmont; Agnes Holzberg of Scarsdale; and Holly Mellstrom of Bronxville. The Connecticut agents included Ed Villeda of Stamford, Laura Freed Ancona of

Ridgefield, Cyd Hamer of Westport, Lorraine Amaral of Northern Fairfield, Margaret Muir of Madison, Bruce Baker of Darien, Ira Goldspiel of Kent, Rick Weiner of Essex, and Jules Gaughran-Etes of Guilford.

In the teams by volume category for Connecticut, the Sneddon Team of New Canaan ranked.

In the individual transaction sides category, three agents from Connecticut and one from New York were recognized. The Connecticut agents included Ed Villeda of Stamford, Northern Fairfield agent Lorraine Amaral, and Guilford agent Jules Gaughran-Etes. In New York, Agnes Holzberg of Scarsdale was recognized.

"Congratulations to all of our agents for this truly remarkable accomplishment," said Paul Breunich, President and CEO of William Pitt-Julia B. Fee Sotheby's International Realty. "Being recognized by a highly respected organization such as REAL Trends is an honor in and of itself. These accolades serve as a powerful endorsement of these extraordinary sales professionals, who provide exceptional service to their clients every day."

Sotheby's International Realty's worldwide network includes 990 offices throughout 72 countries and territories on six continents.

Nominations for Senior Hall of Fame Requested

Westchester County Executive George Latimer invites you to submit a nomination to the Westchester Senior Citizens Hall of Fame, now in its 37th year.

"The Senior Hall of Fame is a special tradition honoring seniors who give their time and energy to improve the quality of life in our community," Latimer said. "Don't miss this great opportunity to shine a light on seniors who merit special recognition for their contributions."

Nominations are due by September 13 and may be obtained online at westchestergov.com/seniors.

To be nominated, a person must: Be at least 60 years old and live in Westchester;

Made significant contributions to improve life in the county; Be an outstanding leader or advocate; Have professional achievements that reflect innovative solutions to fulfill unmet community needs (if nomination is based on paid professional work).

All nominations will be reviewed by a judging committee of past Senior Hall of Fame honorees, members from DSPS's Aging Network, the county's Senior Council and the Older Americans Act Advisory Council. Past Hall of Fame inductees are not eligible (see list of former inductees at westchestergov.com/seniors).

DSPS Commissioner Mae Carpenter said that the Seniors Hall of Fame is an important tradition because the senior community has helped Westchester to become known for its quality of life. "Today's older generation molded a way of life that reflects the caring and generosity of its people," she said.

Those selected will be inducted into the Senior Hall of Fame at a festive awards luncheon on Friday, December 6, in the Grand Ballroom of the Westchester Marriott Hotel in Tarrytown. The Westchester County Department of Senior Programs and Services (DSPS), Westchester County Parks and the Westchester Public/Private Partnership for Aging Services are hosting the gala.

Submit your nominations online at westchestergov.com/seniors or if you prefer to mail your nomination, contact Rose Cappa at rose@theeventdepartmentny.com or at (914) 747-0519. Rose Cappa is also the contact to learn how to become a Senior Hall of Fame sponsor or to sponsor a particular honoree.

For additional information, call (914) 813-6300 or visit www.westchestergov.com/seniors.



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