



MORTGAGE BANKERS ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA

Certified Mortgage Banker Profile



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My title is Senior Business Analyst for our Loan Origination Products and in that capacity I work with our clients collecting and defining business requirements and then translate that into functional requirements for our development team. I also work closely with our technologists to understand how to leverage new software technology for our clients benefit. I have developed the curriculum for and then delivered various internal and external training classes on both business and technology. I was privileged to provide the keynote presentation at our annual Client Conference as well as conduct breakout sessions on specific topics and roundtables.

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How long have you been a CMB? Are you a Master, Residential or Commercial CMB? When and why did you choose to become a Certified Mortgage Banker?

I received my Residential CMB at the National Convention in Boston on October 14, 2007. I began the process in 1985 by completing SOMB Course I and then started the final drive roughly 2 years ago when I reviewed my transcript and realized that I was within 15 points of the 150 required. I've worked with several CMB's in my career and have such a high regard and respect for this designation and those individuals that I wanted to join them in this achievement.

Since obtaining your CMB, what have you done to give back to the mortgage banking industry?

I participated as an examiner in the Oral Exam recently at the CREF Conference in Orlando. I've discussed my CMB accomplishment with co-workers and colleagues with the goal to encourage others and to serve as a sponsor. I attended the recent MISMO trimester meeting in Orlando and have become more actively involved in two working groups.

Other than the CMB designation, do you hold any other designations or awards inside or outside the mortgage banking industry?

I earned the Accredited Mortgage Professional (AMP) designation in March 2007.

Outside of mortgage banking, what are your other interests and/or hobbies? Do you volunteer for any community or school groups?

I coach Little League Baseball, play Basketball in a Men's League, Tennis and Volleyball with my wife and teenage children, and enjoy power walking with my wife. I have a large Butterfly garden and raise Monarch, Queen, and Fritillary Butterflies from Caterpillar through to release. I collect coins and Major League Baseball autographs in person through the Spring Season games here in Florida and I'm an active member of "Yankee Nation".

What would you say to others considering becoming a CMB Candidate? What were your challenges in becoming a CMB? What advice would you give to those considering becoming a CMB?

Do not let anything about the process intimidate you and quit procrastinating about getting started on the road to this prestigious designation. Enroll in the prep course and once you take that first step and really make that commitment the time will fly by and you'll truly benefit from this process as you round out your expertise. It is a tremendous personal achievement that will benefit you professionally and lead to career growth and the personal satisfaction from being in such select company is worth it all.

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