

# Yashua Suarez

Edge Realty of Cabot

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**Yashua Suarez** is a licensed CE Educator, Executive Broker, and Chief Marketing Officer at Edge Realty in Central Arkansas. With more than six years of real estate experience and multiple awards from the North Pulaski Board of Realtors, he blends practical knowledge with innovative marketing strategies to help agents grow both their business and their brand.

Mr. Suarez regularly teaches CE-approved and non-CE courses on topics such as real estate marketing, branding, social media, and the use of AI tools such as ChatGPT and Gamma.app. Through his work with brokerages, associations, and real estate schools like Vivid Real Estate Learning Center, he has trained many agents across Arkansas and beyond. His sessions focus on making technology approachable and giving both educators and agents the confidence to implement creative strategies with purpose.

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# Carolyn Patterson

Arkansas Real Estate School

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As a co-owner of Arkansas Real Estate School and Danali Real Estate in Little Rock, **Carolyn Patterson** brings a unique blend of experience to the table, with a background in school administration and social work. Earning undergraduate and graduate degrees at Eastern Oklahoma State University and the University of Arkansas, and serving as a teacher and administrator in eastern Oklahoma and western Arkansas, she deeply understands our varied student needs and learning styles. With 12 years in real estate and real estate education, Ms. Patterson has cultivated her skills as a gifted problem solver, always striving to find the best solutions for clients and students.

Her warm and friendly personality helps her connect with people easily, and she has an intuitive approach to real estate education. Integrity is at the core of everything she does, ensuring that every interaction is handled with the utmost ethics and care. Whether a student is new to the real estate industry or they have been in for decades, Carolyn Patterson works to make the real estate education journey smooth and enjoyable.

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# Danny Been

## Arkansas Real Estate School

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**Danny Been** has poured his life into the real estate business for more than three decades. In addition to serving as the Principal Instructor and curriculum developer for ARES, Mr. Been is also the Principal Broker for DANALI Real Estate, Inc. As a student at Southeastern Oklahoma State University and later at the University of Arkansas, he sought to learn everything he had an opportunity to learn. That thirst for knowledge has carried into his real estate career, driving him to ensure he has the most current and accurate information at his disposal to pass on to his students.

Mr. Been maintains a keen awareness and up-to-date knowledge in real estate law and ethics and impresses upon his students the importance of practicing real estate according to the highest standards. As a practicing broker, he has the opportunity to experience and understand the real estate industry on a daily basis. When he can pull himself away from business, Danny enjoys spending time in the garden or relaxing with family. He is an avid fly fisherman and loves exploring the natural beauty of Arkansas.

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# Kim Gaines

## Aspire Real Estate Academy

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**Kim Gaines** was born and raised in Central Arkansas. She discovered her passion for real estate in 2017. She earned Rookie of the Year in 2018 and achieved her Broker's license and Relocation certification in 2023. Ms. Gaines joined McGraw REALTORS® for its supportive, family-like culture and their love for helping clients navigate one of the most important decisions of their lives.

Beyond serving her clients, she is passionate about mentoring the next generation of real estate professionals. Ms. Gaines began teaching real estate classes for McGraw in June 2023, then founded Aspire Real Estate Academy in 2025.

She enjoys giving back to the community and volunteering with the Bryant High School Band, where she serves as President of the Band Parent Organization.

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# Cheryl Gentry

## Cheryl Gentry Real Estate Academy

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**Cheryl Gentry** is recognized for her lengthy commitments to excellence, integrity, and service. As an Executive Broker licensed in both Arkansas and Oklahoma, she brings a wealth of knowledge and leadership to every transaction. She holds multiple prestigious designations, including Certified Residential Specialist (CRS), Accredited Buyer's Representative (ABR), Graduate, REALTOR® Institute (GRI), and Graduate of the REALTOR® Leadership Academy (GRLA) – credentials that reflect her dedication to continual growth and professionalism.

She served as Director of the Crawford County Board of Realtors in 2016, Vice President in 2017, and President in 2018, the same year she was honored as REALTOR® of the Year. She is currently serving as the 2025 Vice President for the Western River Valley Board of Directors. Her contributions continued through her service on the Arkansas Realtors Association's Board of Directors, Risk Reduction Committee, and Professional Development Committees starting in 2019. She currently serves as the 2025 Zone 4 Director.

While Ms. Gentry's professional accolades are impressive, her heart is rooted in family, faith, and community. She treasures time spent with her children and grandchildren and serves as the pianist at her local church. Whether she's mentoring future real estate professionals through the Cheryl Gentry Real Estate Academy or helping clients navigate the market, she brings experience, compassion, and a genuine desire to make a difference in the lives of others.

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# Andrea Alford

CEO, Arkansas REALTORS® Association

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**Andrea Alford** is the CEO of the Arkansas REALTORS® Association. After 16 years with the Arkansas Real Estate Commission, she thought she had seen just about everything the industry could throw her way — and most of it twice. With a degree in music (a credential only ever questioned once, by a particularly curious real estate instructor), she's long been attuned to the rhythm of real estate, from regulation to education and now, REALTOR® leadership.

Today, as CEO of Arkansas REALTORS®, Ms. Alford finds herself guiding a new chorus — different tempo, familiar tune — alongside both longtime colleagues and fresh faces to the profession. It's a blend of old friends and new voices, all part of the same amazing community she's been proud to serve throughout her career.

She brings the same steady tempo, dry wit, and genuine care for the profession that have defined her career, even when the volume gets turned up and somebody's drumstick goes flying through the air.

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# Heather Keenan

## Risk Reduction

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**Heather Keenan** is the Risk Reduction Chair and Director-at-Large of the Northwest Arkansas Board of REALTORS®. She was REALTOR® of the Year in 2024 and honored on the national stage at NAR NXT in Boston. She is a member of Omega Tau Rho, the honorary fraternity comprised of professionals who have made significant contributions to the industry.



# Tim Grooms

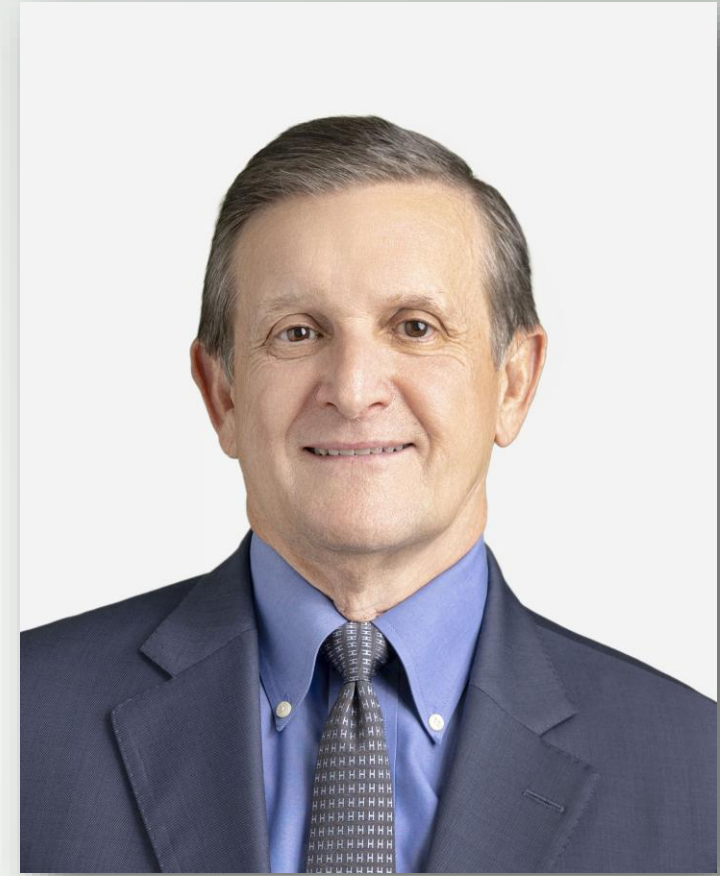
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**Tim Grooms** is widely recognized for his high-value and high-complexity real estate work as well as his dedication and commitment to his clients. He represents a diverse clientele including banks, health care providers, real estate developers, owners, and brokers in a broad range of transactional matters. With significant experience in both real estate and commercial lending, Mr. Grooms regularly advises and has successfully negotiated hundreds of retail, office, and commercial purchase and sale agreements and leases, in addition to commercial loans to these industries on behalf of state and regional banks, national retailers, developers, landlords, and tenants throughout Arkansas and the Mid-South.

Mr. Grooms has experience as counsel to lenders and developers regarding numerous high-profile projects, including steel mill and lithium projects, retail shopping centers, mixed-use developments, multi-family complexes (including affordable housing), office buildings, educational institutions, hotels, hospitals, and medical clinics. Mr. Grooms was instrumental in drafting Arkansas's state banking code and landlord-tenant laws, along with numerous other legislative efforts related to banking and real estate. A respected speaker and educator, Mr. Grooms frequently lectures to industry professionals and regulators on topics including banking regulation, commercial loan documentation, real estate brokerage issues, real estate, title insurance, and leasing. He regularly presents at events for the International Council of Shopping Centers, Arkansas REALTORS® Association, Arkansas Bankers Association, Arkansas Community Bankers, and other industry and professional groups.

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# Jeremy Sloan

ArcBest Technologies

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**Jeremy Sloan** is a software engineer and Fellow at ArcBest Technologies in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He has worked for ArcBest for 30 years in a variety of roles, including application developer, systems administrator, IoT solution implementor, and systems programmer.

He also works in the cybersecurity field, focusing on application security and online privacy. In April 2025, he earned a Master of Information and Cybersecurity degree from University of California, Berkeley.

Mr. Sloan lives in Greenwood, Arkansas, with his wife Patty and their two daughters Ashley and Nicole.

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# Eva Moser

Real Estate Pro School

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**Eva Moser** has been helping people find their place in Northwest Arkansas since 1997 with a heart for service and an eye for detail.

She's the proud owner of Real Estate Pro NWA and Real Estate Pro School, where she gets to do what she loves most: serve clients, teach future and current agents, and share what she's learned from her career in real estate.

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# Beth Cupp Noe

Black River Technical College

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**Beth Cupp Noe** has been a licensed REALTOR® since 2000. She obtained her broker's license in 2002 and has been a Principal Broker for most of those years. She is an Owner and Broker of PRIME Real Estate Partners in Paragould and has been a real estate instructor for Black River Technical College the past 12 years. A lifelong resident of northeast Arkansas, Ms. Noe is deeply involved in her community and church and takes great pride in her hometown. She enjoys spending time with her family and working in the nursery at her church. She has been married to her husband, Dale Noe, for 1 1/2 years. Beth has two children and three grandchildren.

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# Maurice Taylor

## Vivid Real Estate Learning Center

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**Maurice Taylor** is a Broker at REMAX Real Estate Connection in Cabot, Arkansas. He is also a member of the REALTORS® Multi-Million Dollar Club, recognizing him for outstanding sales performance. He has spent 20 years in the business, was named 'Realtor of the Year' by the North Pulaski Board of Realtors in 2008, and 'Realtor of the Year' by the Little Rock Board of Realtors in 2011. He's served in various leadership positions with the North Pulaski Board of Realtors, the Little Rock Board of Realtors, and the Board of Directors of the Arkansas REALTORS® Association (ARA).

He's Past President of the ARA and is a leader in the National Association of REALTORS®. Mr. Taylor is passionate about education and holds numerous certifications and designations, including GRI, ABR, SRES, CRS, CRB, SRS, GREEN, At Home with Diversity, Military Relocation Professional, Pricing Strategy Advisor, Short Sales and Foreclosure Resources, and Real Estate Negotiations Expert. He instructs agent and broker pre- and post-license courses as well as CE, in Arkansas and across the country.

A former elected official, Mr. Taylor served as a member of the North Little Rock City Council for 16 years. He is a retired Army Master Sergeant who served in the military for 25 years. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, two Army Commendation Medals, and an Army Achievement Medal.

His passions are mentoring, community service, and leading the charge for private property rights and homeownership. In his spare time he loves reading and listening to books, podcasts, and of course music. He also enjoys cooking and working out but most of all traveling and hanging out with the family.

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# Scott Miller

## Lindsey School of Real Estate

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With an acclaimed career spanning more than three decades in the realm of real estate, **Scott Miller** is a highly regarded educator who is armed with a comprehensive understanding of real estate principles, market dynamics, and legal intricacies. He has dedicated the past 17+ years to shaping the careers of aspiring professionals by providing the knowledge and skills needed to navigate the complex landscape of the real estate industry.

Growing up in a real estate family, Mr. Miller has amassed a wealth of experience in various facets of the profession, including real estate appraisal, mortgage underwriting, residential and commercial sales, property management, development, and real estate investment. In addition to his practical experience, his passion for education has led to positions as Associate Instructor at the Lindsey School of Real Estate as well as Instructor at the University of Arkansas. He has fostered a learning environment that not only imparts knowledge but also inspires a deep appreciation for the nuances of the real estate business.

Beyond the classroom, Mr. Miller serves on the Professional Development and Risk Reduction Committees with the Arkansas REALTORS® Association, the latter of which he is a past chairman. He is also an active participant with industry associations while contributing insights and expertise to further elevate the standards of real estate education. He is also a musical entertainer and continues to be a sought-after educator and entertainer with local boards as well as at the state level. Whether as an instructor, entertainer, mentor, or industry leader, Mr. Miller continues to leave an indelible mark on the world of real estate, shaping the future one student at a time.

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# Rigo Gomez

Lindsey School of Real Estate

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**Rigo Gomez** is Senior Vice President, Sales Manager, and Director of Educational Services for Lindsey & Associates, Inc. in Fayetteville. In this capacity, he is responsible for providing sales training, contract reviews, and problem resolution for the REALTORS® affiliated with Lindsey.

He also has the role of Principal Instructor for the Lindsey School of Real Estate. As a certified and licensed real estate instructor, Mr. Gomez has responsibilities for the management and direction of the school, as well as creating and delivery of various courses, including Continuing Education, pre- and post-salesperson topics, and Arkansas Law.

He enjoys teaching and sharing his experience with others.

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