

# BOMA/Chicago Mentorship Program Mentor & Mentee Testimonials

## **Diana Ciepiela (Mentee), Property Administrator at JLL**

BOMA/Chicago's mentorship program is a great addition to the RPA designation process. Whether you are a seasoned CRE professional or new to the industry, it is always nice to have a CRE expert (from another PM company) help you with class-related questions or issues and questions that arise on the job. The mentorship program is what you make of it. I was towards the end of my RPA when I joined the mentorship program. I had been in the CRE industry for about six years and even though my mentor and I did not meet very often, we each knew that if we needed to reach out, we could. I highly recommend this program.

## **Thomas Rountree (Mentee), Chief Engineer at Cushman & Wakefield**

Being able to have a lifeline in the field of asset management is knowing you have options, resources and people that are there to help you. BOMA/Chicago's mentorship program is just that – having someone you can reach out to and pick their brain. Whether it be work or career-related, the program allows you to form a learning relationship with a senior-level CRE professional. Since joining the program, I have had the opportunity to ask the tough questions and push new boundaries in my career.

## **Alexa Stritecky (Mentee), Property Administrator at GlenStar Asset Management**

I joined the mentorship program at the start of my RPA journey. This program has given me insight into the RPA program and classes and has also given me a great professional connection in the form of a mentor from another PM company. My mentor has pushed me to look into and explore opportunities that I wasn't aware of. In addition to being a mentor, he has been a priceless resource with extensive knowledge in the industry. I would highly recommend joining this mentorship program!

## **Loriann Duffy (Mentor), Director of Property Operations at Northwestern Memorial HealthCare**

It has been a great experience meeting and discussing career goals with my mentee. Many of the challenges she is facing are ones that I have encountered in my past. I appreciate the opportunity to provide guidance to those looking to advance themselves in the real estate industry.

## **Mike Giese (Mentor), Senior Vice President at GlenStar Asset Management**

The BOMA/Chicago mentor program enabled me to share my own experiences as well as those that other real estate professionals generously shared with me. I have also learned a lot from my mentee. I encourage all RPA grads to become a mentor.

## **Charlie Moriarty (Mentor), General Manager at the The Feil Organization**

Hearing about the struggles and accomplishments of someone new in the industry is refreshing. Long dormant ideas have come to the forefront giving me a renewed and better perspective on some aspects of my own work. Just as importantly, I have gained a new friend, which is always great.

To learn more about the mentor program, please reach out to  
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