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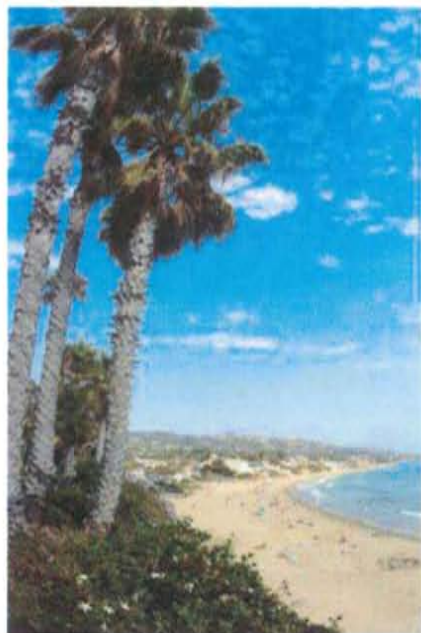
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2011 Orange County Five Star Real Estate Agents

Five Star Professional partnered with *Orange Coast* magazine to determine the real estate agents in the Orange County area who provide exceptional service and overall satisfaction. The Five Star Professional research team contacted clients, peers and industry experts and asked if they had experience working with a real estate agent. Those who participated in the research provided the name of a real estate agent and rated that individual according to criteria such as integrity, communication and customer service. The survey data was collected and

scored, resulting in the list of 2011 Orange County Five Star Real Estate Agents. The research methodology allows no more than 7 percent of real estate agents to be named a Five Star Real Estate Agent. This year's winners are listed and profiled in the following pages.

“I can still remember my first house purchase. It was scary; however, it also held the freedom of creating the home I wanted — and it also turned out to be a great investment over time.”

— Five Star award winner

Research DISCLOSURES

- Five Star Professional surveyed Orange County area residents who purchased a home priced at more than \$150,000 within a 21-month period (May 2009 to February 2011) and 1,000 subscribers of *Orange Coast* magazine. An additional 250 surveys were sent to mortgage and title companies.

- The final list of 2011 Orange County Five Star Real Estate Agents is a select group, representing less than 2% of real estate agents in the area.
- The 2011 Five Star Real Estate Agents do not pay a fee to be included in the research or the final list.
- Each real estate agent is screened against state governing bodies to verify that licenses are current and no disciplinary actions are pending. The list is reviewed by a panel of industry experts before it is finalized. Safeguards are built into the review process to reduce the ability to influence the final list on the basis of company affiliation.
- The inclusion of a real estate agent on the Five Star Real Estate Agent list should not be construed as an endorsement by Five Star Professional or *Orange Coast* magazine.
- The research process incorporates a statistically valid sample in order to identify the real estate agents in the local market who score highest in overall satisfaction. Real estate agents are not included on the list unless their score is statistically valid.
- For more information on the Five Star award and the research/selection methodology, go to: fivestarpromotional.com.



The Five Star award goes to real estate agents rated highest in overall satisfaction by clients, peers and industry experts.



List compiled by Five Star Professional. All agents are sorted by city and listed alphabetically by last name.

Cindy St. Jacques · First Team Real Estate

Megan Varga · HOM Real Estate Group

Ghada Wadi · Keller Williams Realty/Newport Estates

Jamie Wilkinson · RE/MAX Premier Realty
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Michael Wu · Keller Williams Elite Realty

Ken Yonemitsu · First Team Real Estate

La Habra Heights

Jan Fiore · Coldwell Banker Excellence

Lynne Rolnik · Evergreen Realty Page 10

La Palma

Kim Zander · RE/MAX Tiffany Real Estate

Ladera Ranch

Cathie Berlin · Coast to Canyon Real Estate

Shelley Black · Veranda Realty

Karen Gabriel · Coldwell Banker Real Estate

Mandi Moran · First Team Real Estate

Rita Moriarty · Front Street Realty

Kim Rubin · Realty One Group Page 8

Matt Trudell · Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage

Elissa Vaught · Vernazza Realty Page 10

Alex Vellandi · Orange County Property Company

Laguna Beach

Jim Allensworth · Coldwell Banker

Jim Brophy · Associated Realtors

Sue Derr · HOM Real Estate Group

Michael Gosselin · Surterre Properties

Dot Hammer · Harcourts Prime Properties

Amanda Horton · Surterre Properties

Frank Hufnagel · Surterre Properties

Lily Jackson · Prudential California Realty

Les Jenison · Coldwell Banker

Gloria Jewell · Coast Sotheby's International Realty

Paula Knauff · Coast Sotheby's International Realty

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Dean Lueck · First Team Real Estate

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Laura Oliver · RE/MAX Fine Homes/Canaday Group

Eustorgio Villa · Prudential California Realty

Valerie Wallace · Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage

Annamaria Weeks · Scotcha Properties

Laguna Hills

Jordan Bennett · Keller Williams Realty

Carol Josepher · NOVA Real Estate Services

Laguna Niguel

Jose Alkon · First Team Real Estate

Marilyn Balaban · S C Real Estate

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Suzanne Branson · Prudential California Realty

Jan Byrne · First Team Real Estate

Angela Creech · Redfin Corporation Page 9

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Michael Emerson · Newman Realty

Mary Garibay · First Team Real Estate

Karen Hakola · Regency Real Estate Brokers

Liz Hansche · Prudential California Realty
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Christina Hoferer · Pacific Premier Properties

Lisa Hopkins · Harcourts TCG Real Estate

Sylvia Madrigal · Coast Realty Group

Paula Manas · RE/MAX Select One

Lori McGuire · RE/MAX Select One/The McGuire Team

Anu Rettig · Harcourts TCG Real Estate

Steve Rettig · Harcourts TCG Real Estate

Monika Scott · RE/MAX Select One

John Sturdevant · Regency Real Estate Brokers

Diane Waldecker · Regency Real Estate Brokers

Deborah Walz · Hallmark West Real Estate

Sari Ward · Prudential California Realty

Brian Wilson · Prudential California Realty

Jean Yeck · Coldwell Banker Real Estate

Chris Zoch · First Team Real Estate

Laguna Woods

Gail Foor · Laguna Woods Properties

Diane McMahon · Laguna Woods Properties

Lake Forest

Dod Bateman · Regency Real Estate Brokers

Daniel Greve · Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage

Jackie Stashik · Keller Williams Realty

Wendy Webb · Advanced Real Estate Services

Long Beach

Debra Feldman · RE/MAX College Park

Heine Selzer · American Realty Brokers

Los Alamitos

Brian Cline · CLC Realty Group

Robert Feldman · RE/MAX College Park

Mission Viejo

Kevin Aaronson · Keller Williams Realty

Debra Aitkens · First Team Real Estate

Ahmad Arshi · Regency Real Estate Brokers

Linda Bethmann · First Team Real Estate

Janice Chafin · CENTURY 21 Beachside

Melissa Dano · RE/MAX Premier Realty

Vicki Goodell · Keller Williams Realty

Donna Hinshaw · Gallery Real Estate Services

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Dave Myszko · Associated Realtors/Orange County Golf Course Homes

Dan Sekely · Go Realty of California

Rita Tayenaka · Coast to Canyon Real Estate

Wade Wright · Daniel Realty & Investments
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Monarch Beach

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Cynthia Montinola · Altera Real Estate

John L. Williams · Harcourts Prime Properties

Newport Beach

Debbie Bradbury · Prudential California Realty

Doug Clark · Pacific Western Properties

Brad Coleman · Metro Estates

Charles Colesworthy · Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage

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