

Mike's involvement with real estate sales, acquisitions, and property management began after getting an Oregon Real Estate License in 1978. He started managing single-family homes in 1979 and expanded that business to 181 active units by the mid 80's...a mix that included single-family homes, duplexes, and commercial/industrial sites. After 23 years of self-employment in sales, acquisitions, and management, he retired from real estate to chase an IT passion and completed a post-graduate Applied Information Technology program in 2001...one month after the dotcom crash of March 2001. After 4 months of unsuccessful job searching in the declining IT industry, he joined the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) as the Real Estate Manager for the Southwest Region. In 2005 he went to Olympia as the Real Estate Services Deputy Director and in 2008 was appointed to the Real Estate Services Director position. In 2011 he was offered the opportunity to join the Columbia River Crossing Project management team as the Specialty Services Director responsible for Access Management, Utilities, Agreements, and Right-of-Way. He took advantage of that opportunity to get his family back together in the Portland metro area. Of course, as some know, that project lost its funding in 2013, and Mike has the proud (?) honor of being the first to receive an official lay-off letter. So, after 12 years, he's gone full circle and now finds himself back at the Southwest Region Real Estate Services Manager position.