



Jim Mark is one of the fortunate few that found his dream job – working in commercial real estate– at the age of 9 years old. He walked through properties with his dad, listened to dinner table discussions, and took a shift in the property maintenance department. Through all of this exposure, Jim learned how the business works from the inside out. Mentored by the best, he took away valuable lessons from these experiences that shape him as the skilled leader he is now: surround yourself with the best people, give back to your community, and do business with honesty and integrity.



M. James Mark,
Chief Executive Officer

Professional Experience

With 30 years of experience in all facets of commercial real estate, Jim’s business acumen is unquestioned. Although his family name is on the door, he is quick to share credit for the company’s success. This is team effort he says, not an individual one. He works with the best minds in the real estate business and together they’re more successful than they are apart.

Growing up in the family business, Jim’s had a hand in just about everything real estate-related including development, acquisition, leasing, management and construction. At age 12, he was hired to wash walls and awnings at Melvin Mark properties; at age 16, he worked in construction for several other companies.

By age 21, he’d branched out into construction bidding and maintenance supervision. With three decades of broad experience behind him, he has the confidence to handle any challenge, resolve any problem and find any solution.

He got his start with the company in 1981 as a leasing associate and paid his dues by brokering countless deals throughout the region. As he grew with the business, he took on more responsibility for setting a vision and plotting a course for the company’s future.



“Portland is a such a special place to live and work, and our company has been fortunate to find success here. Our achievements are the result of a team effort, not an individual one, thanks to the best minds in the real estate business working together under one roof. I’m honored to work alongside a talented team of incredible people who work very hard every day to deliver truly exceptional service.”

Jim expanded his influence beyond the company by becoming a leader in economic development and developing strategies to promote healthy regional growth. And he has continued to spearhead the company’s long tradition of corporate philanthropy by sharing financial support with many community nonprofits. He sits on the boards of three for-profit businesses, as well as the Portland Business Alliance Executive Board, and the Oregon Community Foundation and Oregon State Police Foundation boards. Today, he builds upon this foundation by looking for innovative strategies to expand the company’s growth, and finding brokerage and development opportunities to extend the company’s rich tradition of shaping the Portland skyline.

Community Leadership

- Greater Portland, Inc.
- Oregon Community Foundation board member
- The CORE Real Estate Network board member, past president
- Oregon State Police Foundation vice chair, board member
- US Bank Advisory board member
- Portland Building Owners & Managers Association member
- Campaign for Greater Portland Business co-chair, executive board member
- Randall Children’s Hospital at Legacy Emanuel Capital Campaign co-chair

Education, Awards, Certifications

- The Colorado College, Bachelor of Science in business administration