



OLIVE WELL

Where All Live Well

# WHAT IS OLIVE WELL?

We believe finding a new home is so much more than searching for a place to rest your head at night. A home is where we collect our most precious memories and our most sensitive secrets. It's where we celebrate our greatest accomplishments and unpack our most devastating failures. At Olive Well, we are more than just facilitators of real estate, we guide people on the precarious adventure of leaving one home and transitioning to the next...

Home is not just about your four walls, home is about getting the most out of your neighborhood. With an emphasis on design, health, wellness and exploration, Olive Well strives to strengthen the relationship between home and community. We believe that to build a sense of partnership between these two spaces is to redefine what "home" means to all of us.

Welcome to Olive Well — #WhereAllLiveWell

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# MEET THE TEAM







# LAUREN MITRICK WOOD

Years in Real Estate:  
17

Hometown:  
Wilmette, IL

Favorite Chicago Hangout:  
The rooftop of The Robey

A Chicago native, Lauren is a third generation Realtor who grew up in a real estate family. She specializes in residential sales as well as leasing and works with a myriad of clients including first time-buyers, sellers, investors and renters in Chicago and up through the North Shore. Lauren is committed to the industry and has served on many boards and committees including the board of directors for both the Chicago Association of Realtors and the National Association

of Realtors (NAR). For her work in the industry, Forbes Magazine and NAR selected her as one of their “30 Under 30s” from young professionals across the country. She currently resides in Bucktown with her husband Charlie and their dog Cooper. Always keeping up with new design trends and trying them out in her home, Lauren loves interior decorating. Check out the Olive Well website to see Lauren’s home tour and learn more decorating tips in the about section.



# CHARLIE WOOD

Years in Real Estate:

7

Hometown:

Lake Forest, IL

Favorite Chicago Hangout:

Tricycle in Bucktown

Born in Philadelphia and raised in Lake Forest, it seems Charlie was destined for a life of travel and adventure. After attending Carleton College in Minnesota, Charlie spent a number of years working as a professional model in cities such as New York, Miami, Los Angeles, Milan, and Cape Town, South Africa. He also spent a year teaching English in China. Shortly after meeting his now wife, Lauren, Charlie got his license and joined forces with Lauren to make

real estate a family affair. Now in his seventh year in the real estate business, Charlie has focused his work on Chicago and the North Shore. While he continues to model part time, real estate has become his focus as his career moves into the future. Charlie grew up in Lake Forest and currently lives in Bucktown with his wife and their dog, Cooper. He enjoys such things as home-brewing beer, rock climbing, live music, and leading a healthy active lifestyle.



# CHERYL MITRICK

Years in Real Estate:  
35

Hometown:  
Glenview, IL

Favorite Chicago Hangout:  
Frank's boat

Cheryl is a second generation Realtor who has been working in the Chicagoland real estate industry for over 30 years. Prior to starting her career in real estate she was a commodity trader at the Mercantile Exchange. Cheryl ran her own real estate company, Real Tek Realty, with her husband, Frank, for 25 years prior to coming to Compass. Today she keeps it all in the family, working with her daughter, husband, and son-in-law. Cheryl graduated

from the University of Illinois with a degree in finance and has sat on the board of directors for their alumni association. She has also spent a lot of time volunteering with the Chicago Association of Realtors in various capacities over the years. She currently resides in Lake Forest with her husband and their two Jack Russell terriers. She enjoys hiking, boating and spending time with her family at their vacation home in Florida.



# FRANK MITRICK

Years in Real Estate:  
35

Hometown:  
Chicago, IL

Favorite Chicago Hangout:  
His boat named "An Appointment"

Frank started his real estate career as a condo conversion pioneer when he worked at American Invsco in the 80's. He was the youngest manager for the company at the time and helped convert 15 major high-rises in Chicago accounting for well over 2,000 units. Together, with his wife Cheryl Mitrick, they started Real Tek Realty, where they launched their own rental, sales, and management divisions. Through the years Frank has found a passion for

rehabbing condos and single family homes, many of which he has kept for his personal real estate portfolio. Growing up caddying at Beverly Country Club in Chicago, Frank has always been passionate about golf. He went on to receive a golf scholarship to play at the University of Montevallo in Alabama. In his downtime you can find Frank driving his boat around Fox Lake with his wife and two Jack Russels — no doubt sporting a fedora.



# ERIN AISTON

Years in Real Estate:

3

Hometown:

Glencoe, IL

Favorite Chicago Hangout:

Ravinia Food Trucks

Born in NYC and raised on the North Shore of Chicago, Erin studied business management at Western Illinois University before being drawn to life along the Southern California coast. During her time in San Diego, Erin worked at Francis Parker School as a facility and business operations manager and oversaw a \$29 million construction phase for the school. She got married, climbed several of the highest peaks in the American West, and gave birth to two wonderful girls. As her daughters grew, the

desire to live closer to family began to outweigh the pull of the mountains and ocean. In mid-2015, Erin and her family packed up their camping gear and took a circuitous road trip home to Chicago. Shortly thereafter, she started working as an administrative assistant for Lauren Mitrick Wood. Erin then received her real estate license in 2017 and is excited to bring her technological expertise, knowledge of the local market, and versatility to the Compass team.



# TORI GWIN

Years in Real Estate:

3

Hometown:

Newton, MA

Favorite Chicago Hangout:

Esterio and Parsons

Always passionate about real estate and home design, Tori decided to take the plunge into real estate after teaching in New York City and Chicago for seven years. She feels privileged to combine this passion and her love of working with people to serve her community. She has fallen in love with this robust and dynamic city and cannot imagine living anywhere else. Tori studied Psychology and Studio Art at the University of Vermont and has a Masters Degree in Education from Lesley University in Cambridge, MA. Her background in education has equipped Tori with amazing organization, communication

and leadership skills that translate into her work as an agent. She is constantly doing her homework, analyzing market trends, and obsessing over comps to best inform and serve her clients. Tori resides in Logan Square with her husband and their German Shepard, Mason. In her free time she loves exploring Chicago neighborhoods and food scene, hiking, volunteering at community schools and spending time at her beach house in Cape Cod with her family. Check out the Olive Well website to see Tori's home tour and learn more decorating tips in the about section.



# LAURA MITRICK

Years in Real Estate:

5

Hometown:

Homewood-Flossmoor, IL

Favorite Chicago Hangout:

Any of the dog beaches

Driven by her love for organization, system efficiency, personal connections in business, and the Chicagoland area, Laura found her home in the world of real estate. Laura's decade-long experience in hospitality coupled with her Bachelor of Arts degree in Organizational Management and Change Leadership provides her with the outstanding professional skills needed when working with buyers and sellers. Living in Lincoln Park with her fiancé,

their dog Ike, a 200+ pound English Mastiff, and Annie, a soon-to-be-250-pound English Mastiff, Laura is the resident expert on creative solutions to living in the big city with gigantic pets. Outside of real estate, Laura dedicates a large portion of her time advocating on behalf of individuals with special needs and spends time with her family at their lake house in Sister Lakes, Michigan whenever she can. Ask Laura about her green thumb and her love of succulents.



# CASEYANN REID

Years in Real Estate:

3

Hometown:

Hyde Park, IL

Favorite Chicago Hangout:

Ja' Grille

CaseyAnn was born and raised in Jamaica and moved to Chicago at a young age. She has had the opportunity to sample many of Chicago's favorite neighborhoods, having lived in Hyde Park, Rogers Park, and Old Town. Early on, CaseyAnn immersed herself in the artistic world and later launched a local t-shirt company, donating a portion of every sale to various Jamaican charities. She even puts aside an additional percentage to assemble care packages for Chicago's homeless community. CaseyAnn has truly embraced her creative journey and continues to passionately unite her love of art and service, through both her t-shirt brand and Chicago real estate. It is her keen creative eye and immeasurable city knowledge that gives her the opportunity to sincerely connect with her clients, understand their buying and selling goals, and provide a genuinely memorable experience. CaseyAnn is full of passion and embodies the island spirit throughout every leg of her journey. She has learned to appreciate the simple things in life and embrace those who share her passions.



# DEMEKO TAYLOR

Years in Real Estate:

8

Hometown:

Wheaton, IL

Favorite Chicago Hangout:

Boating on Lake Michigan

Demeko Taylor spent over a decade in securities and investment banking before he left the corporate world to pursue a career in real estate. He grew up in the Western suburbs of Chicago and attended Columbia College where he received a bachelor's degree in Marketing Communications and Public Relations. Last year, Demeko

brought his extensive knowledge of the Chicago and the suburbs to the team, as well as his trademark sense of humor and sense of style. He currently resides in the Gold Coast with his husband Koko and their dog Maddie. If the sun is shining and the weather is warm, chances are you can find Demeko relaxing on the lakefront.



# ERIC GRANT

Years in (Professional) Theater:  
4

Hometown:  
Bloomfield, MI

Favorite Chicago Hangout:  
The Art Institute

Eric is the only member of the Olive Well team who's not a licensed agent. In fact, Eric is not an agent at all! He received a degree in film producing and screenwriting from the University of Michigan, where his playwriting earned him the coveted Hopwood Award for Drama. His journey with Olive Well began as a part-time assistant for Lauren, and has turned into working full time as the team's lead copywriter

and marketing specialist. Eric's work has been seen in Chicago at The Second City's De Maat and Skybox theaters and he is currently co-writing and directing a new web series set in the Jewish suburbs of the Windy City. This year he just bought his first condo and sadly learned that his mother was right: his taste for mid-century modern design is too expensive for his own good.



# AROUND TOWN

The first thing anybody asks when moving to Chicago is, “What’s the best neighborhood for me?” We’ve enlisted Carly Martin of Clementine Studio to create hand-painted maps for each area of the city. Through these maps, Olive Well is able to highlight the very best of each community, through in-depth interviews, photoshoots, and even exclusive deals. New maps and partnerships are always in the works, so check back often at [OliveWell.com](http://OliveWell.com)!

We started with one of our favorite neighborhoods, Bucktown. Here’s just a taste of the kind of businesses you can expect to find through the ongoing project...



Olive Well is all about details, details, details, and Bow & Arrow Collection might be the most detail-oriented shop in the neighborhood. It feels wrong to describe this expertly curated boutique as a “party store,” but it really is exactly that: a place to find everything you need for the perfect party. From gift ideas to decorations to a private party room available for rent, Bow & Arrow feels like walking into an Instagram page designed especially for you.

To see more photographs and read our interview with the shop's owners, the Galanti sisters, visit [OliveWell.com](http://OliveWell.com)



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# BOW & ARROW

# Sweat Home CHICAGO



Cheri Byrd fell in love with working out on the Megaformer Fitness system—a low-impact, cardio-intensive exercise machine—and decided to open her own studio in the heart of Bucktown. Cheri is the ultimate upstart, seeing a void in the Bucktown community that needed to be fulfilled, and taking things into her own hands to make it happen. CHI50 is all about inclusivity and community. It's about making newcomers feel as welcome as longtime veterans to the classes. Olive Well strives to lift up business owners who emphasize wellness and giving back to the community, and Cheri is no exception.

To see more photographs and read our interview with Cheri, visit [OliveWell.com](https://www.OliveWell.com)



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Show this page at CHI50 to redeem a special offer for a **free** first class and 15% off retail items!

# CHI50



When we embarked to create Olive Well, we knew we wanted to enlist local artists for an array of projects. The first time we saw Carly Martin's work, it was love at first sight. The Bucktown-based artist can do it all, but it's her watercolor prints that attracted us the most. Not only did she paint our team portraits, but she is also working hard on our project to map every neighborhood in Chicago!

To see more photographs and read our interview with Carly, visit [OliveWell.com](http://OliveWell.com)



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Use offer code [olivewell](#) for 20% off prints from [TheClementineStudio.com](#)!

CLEMENTINE STUDIO



Whoever thought a former Jiffy Lube couldn't be anything but a place to park a car never met Piper Parker. She saw the space and realized the potential to open up a yoga studio where summer months mean opening the garage doors and letting in the fresh air. It's not just that Zen Yoga Garage offers a variety of classes for all skill levels that attracted Olive Well, it's that the studio feels uniquely Bucktown. The neighbors seem to think so too, with loyal clients returning over and over since the very first day in business.

To see more photographs and read our interview with Piper, visit [OliveWell.com](http://OliveWell.com)



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Show this page at the Garage to redeem a special offer for **two weeks** of classes for just **\$29!**

# ZEN YOGA GARAGE



# OUR CLIENTS

In addition to supporting local businesses with the map project, Olive Well is excited to announce our ongoing interview series focusing on our clients. From the first meeting to the closing, from recommending contractors to the housewarming and beyond, our clients stay with us for years and years, as much for our expertise as for the relationships we form. We are so grateful to have the opportunity to sit down with them, learn more about why they chose where they live and showcase their design tips.

Here's just a taste of the kind of profiles you can expect to find throughout the project...





MEET  
THE  
MORANS



# KATIE & BRIAN MORAN

## Best decorating tip?

Simple and cozy, it's all about the details.

## Favorite neighborhood coffee spot?

Ipsento



Katie & Brian Moran thought Lauren Mitrick Wood was crazy when she planned an open house for their Lincoln Park townhome in the middle of a snowstorm. The next night, they had three offers. When they decided to move to Bucktown, Katie says they looked for a home with plenty of character and practicality. The biggest selling point? The bright, open playroom with plenty of sunlight for their two adorable sons to have fun and spend quality family time all year long.

To see more photos and read our interview with the Morans, visit [OliveWell.com](http://OliveWell.com)









# MEET THE FANGMANS



# THE FANGMANS

## Best decorating tip?

If you love it, buy it. You will find a spot for it.

## Favorite neighborhood dinner spot?

Chicago Fire House



Like so many other Chicagoans, the Fangmans moved to the city a decade ago, and never looked back. They fell in love and moved to South Loop, and not just for the amazing views and proximity to Museum Campus. “There are also a ton of community-focused events.” Lauren says. They perfected their new home with major renovations, and even though the countertops took longer than anticipated (resulting in a lot of nights out for dinner), Lauren and Aaron now enjoy their spacious kitchen as the perfect spot for entertaining friends or spending quality time with their daughter and their pup.

To see more photos and read our interview with the Fangmans, visit [OliveWell.com](http://OliveWell.com)







# COMPASS CARES

Olive Well has always been proud to be a part of Compass Real Estate. We're even prouder now that Compass has created Compass Cares, an exceptional way to give back to our beloved Chicago community. \$1 of every rental deal, and \$15 of every sale is donated to a local organization that means a lot to us.

Olive Well has decided to use Compass Cares to donate to Bootstrap Villages, an outstanding initiative which aims to provide housing for the unhoused in Chicago, especially in neighborhoods where housing and other services are currently unavailable. Bootstrap Villages goes above and beyond the call, enlisting Chicago architects to design housing that is safe and secure for unhoused individuals and families.

We encourage everyone to join us in helping Bootstrap Villages reach its goal to secure and fund its first site in the South Side neighborhood of Englewood. You can learn more about Bootstrap Villages by visiting our website.

# THANK YOU

We want to extend our warmest gratitude to all the friends, family, and colleagues who have supported all of our agents as we've made this transition into Olive Well. We can't wait to see what the future holds for our group, and we hope you continue to join us as we grow.

Special thanks to Alina Tsvor for the incredible photography work throughout this book.