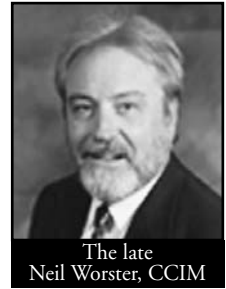


“Background of the Neil Worster Leadership Award”

The late Neil Worster acquired the CCIM designation in 1980. He was one of the founding members of the Oklahoma CCIM Chapter when there were only a dozen CCIM designees in the entire state of Oklahoma. Neil Worster CCIM was one of our best examples of volunteer leadership which is the fundamental reason Oklahoma boasts one of the strongest CCIM Chapters in the nation. In an effort to begin recognizing individuals who have recently made outstanding volunteer leadership contributions to the Oklahoma CCIM Chapter, the “Neil Worster Leadership Award” has been established.



In the early days of the of the Oklahoma CCIM Chapter history there were very few educational programs for commercial real estate practitioners approved by the Oklahoma Real Estate Commission for CE credit. One of the contributions of Neil Worster CCIM was to spearhead the application for the Oklahoma CCIM Chapter to be approved as an official school for the Oklahoma Real Estate Commission (OREC).

After serving twice as president of the Oklahoma CCIM Chapter, (1982 & 1988) Neil Worster CCIM was president of the Norman Board of REALTORS in 1989, and he also received the “State Educator of the Year” award from the Oklahoma Association of Realtors in 1989. Neil Worster CCIM was president of the Oklahoma Association of Realtors (OAR) in 1997. He was also honored by OAR as the “REALTOR of the Year” in 2001, and in recognition of 30 years of valued service to the REALTOR community, he was awarded LIFE Membership status in OAR.

Neil Worster CCIM, was also a real estate instructor for NAR, OAR, the Oklahoma CCIM Chapter, and the University of Oklahoma. He presented courses on Ethics, Contract Law, Disclosure, and Professional Standards. The late Neil Worster CCIM, made volunteer leadership contributions to the OK/CCIM Chapter during his entire professional career, and in 2007 he was also the recipient (posthumously) of the Oklahoma CCIM Chapter Leadership Award.