

# NEWS RELEASE

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## REALTOR® ASSOCIATION OF PIONEER VALLEY ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF REALTOR® OF THE YEAR and AFFILIATE OF THE YEAR

**Springfield, Mass. December 19, 2023** – The REALTOR® Association of Pioneer Valley announced its annual award winners at the association's Holiday Luncheon on December 14, 2023, at the MassMutual Center, Springfield.

The 2023 award winners are:

- REALTOR® of the Year: Vincent Walsh, Coldwell Banker Realty
- Affiliate of the Year: Christine Webster, Attorney, Begley & Webster, LLC

The "Realtor® of the Year Award" is the highest recognition The Association can bestow on a REALTOR® member. It is given to a member based on association activity, community activity outside the association, and business activity.



L-R: Lori Beth Chase, President, Vincent Walsh of Coldwell Banker Realty

A REALTOR® since 1992, Vincent Walsh of Coldwell Banker Realty served as President of the RAPV Board of Directors in 2011. He has also served on the Grievance, Government Affairs, Professional Standards, and YPN Committees. He continues to serve on the RAPV Board of Directors.

Vincent has given back to the community through his involvement by being nominated for and approved by the Springfield City Council and holding the Realtor seat on the Springfield Historical Commission for nearly 12 years. He is a member of the US Holocaust Memorial Museum and the USO.

He is a supporter of the VFW, Habitat for Humanity, American Cancer Society, Heart Association, and St. Jude Children's Hospital. He continues to serve his customers and clients with honesty, integrity, and fairness.

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The "Affiliate of the Year Award" is the highest recognition the association can bestow on an Affiliate member. It is given based on affiliate membership activities related to the Association, community service in activities outside the association, and business activity.

A member of RAPV since 2005, Christine Webster, Attorney at Begley & Webster, LLC, has served on the Affiliate-Realtor and Professional Development Committees.

Webster has demonstrated tremendous support to the association and community outreach and volunteered in RAPV's seminars held by the Affiliate-Realtor committee and the Professional Development Committee's "If the Realtor Had Only Known" sessions. She also provides guidance to all REALTORS who seek assistance in transactions and answering legal questions.

Her community activities include being a City of Westfield Zoning Board of Appeal member and St. Mary's Parish of Westfield's Finance Committee. She's a volunteer preparing meals for the homeless and has been involved in fundraising for schools and parish. ■



L-R: Christine Webster, Attorney, Begley & Webster, LLC, Lori Beth Chase, President,



### About the REALTOR® Association of Pioneer Valley:

Organized in 1915, the REALTOR® Association of Pioneer Valley is a professional trade organization with more than 1,800 members. The term REALTOR® is registered as the exclusive designation of members of the National Association of REALTORS® who subscribe to a strict code of ethics and enjoy continuing education programs.