

DCAR hires Shawn Hilgendorf as new Vice President of Government Affairs



The District of Columbia Association of REALTORS® (DCAR) has hired Shawn Hilgendorf as its new Vice President of Government Affairs. With over a decade of experience working at the Wilson Building, Shawn brings extensive expertise in housing policy and public service. He will lead DCAR's public policy efforts, focusing on advancing homeownership, vibrant neighborhoods, and strong communities. Shawn's leadership will be key in navigating upcoming housing reforms and budget challenges. [Read the full article to learn more about his background and plans for the future of DCAR.](#)

Mayor Muriel Bowser Unveils the Rebalancing Expectations for Neighbors, Tenants, and Landlords Act (RENTAL Act)

On Wednesday, February 12th, Mayor Muriel Bowser announced the Rebalancing Expectations for Neighbors, Tenants, and Landlords Act (RENTAL Act) to address challenges in the District's housing market. The bill proposes to shorten the eviction process, narrow the Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act (TOPA), permanently reform the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, and continue reforms at the D.C. Housing Authority. It would also expand eligibility for locally funded housing vouchers and give the Mayor more authority to acquire and dispose of properties for community development. As the Council considers this legislation, DCAR remains committed to advocating for balanced policies that meet the needs of property owners and tenants. [Read our concise summary for more details on the RENTAL Act and the next steps at the Council.](#)

Introducing the Global Real Estate Speaker Series

We're excited to launch the **Global Real Estate Speaker Series**, a quarterly hybrid event designed to help individuals navigate the world of international real estate investment. With the theme, *"Homes for Every Lifestyle: Live the Dream by Finding Your Home Around the World,"* we'll explore exciting real estate opportunities in some of the world's most desirable destinations.

What You Can Expect

Our goal is to equip attendees with the knowledge needed to make informed decisions when investing in international real estate, covering key topics such as understanding local property markets, navigating the buying process abroad, the benefits of owning property overseas, and lifestyle considerations in different countries.

Explore Dream Destinations

The series offers expert guidance on investing in dream locations like the Bahamas, Portugal, Panama, Costa Rica, Mexico, and Brazil. Join us in turning your global homeownership dreams into a reality!

*We look forward to welcoming you to our first session on March 27th, 2025.  
Let's find your perfect home and investment opportunity together!*

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**DATE:**MARCH 27TH, 2025  
**TIME:**1:00 PM EST  
**LOCATION:**1615 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE, NW, 3RD FLOOR  
(OR CONNECT VIA ZOOM)

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.

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