



For Immediate Release:

COLDWELL BANKER DEVONSHIRE REALTY TO HOST CB PRESIDENT JIM GILLESPIE DURING HIS CENTRAL IL VISIT TO RECEIVE THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF APPLIED SCIENCES DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD.

Champaign, IL - October 6, 2009 - Jim Gillespie, President and Chief Executive Officer of Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC, will be visiting the Central IL area to speak to nearly two hundred Coldwell Banker Devonshire Realty - Realtor sales associates, managers, staff and other area dignitaries about the national housing market. Jim is joining Coldwell Banker Devonshire Realty as a guest speaker at their Annual Fall Sales Rally event which is being held in Bloomington.

Gillespie, one of the housing industry's top spokespeople who is routinely interviewed by such outlets as CNBC, Fox Business Channel, CNNMoney.com, New York Times and others, will speak about how real estate remains a local business with each market differing greatly.

Jim will also be receiving **The University of Illinois College of Applied Sciences Distinguished Alumni Award** during his visit. The AHS Distinguished Alumni Awards, established in 2007 during the College's 50th anniversary, are given annually to recognize College of Applied Health Sciences alumni who have made outstanding contributions in their professional, personal, and civic lives. Recipients are honored each year during a ceremony and reception during Homecoming Weekend. (For more information: <http://www.ahs.illinois.edu/Alumni/AlumniAwards.aspx>)

"We are excited to have Jim attend our event to speak to our agents and are very fortunate to have him visit our company multiple times each year. Our company and agents benefit from his continued leadership at Coldwell Banker and within the real estate industry..." Tom Harrington, Jr., CEO of Coldwell Banker Devonshire Realty.

About Coldwell Banker Devonshire Realty:

Coldwell Banker Devonshire Realty (www.cbdevonshire.com) was founded in 1977 by George T. Shapland and Thomas E. Harrington, Sr. Over the years, the company has expanded from a one office operation to a network of 26 Coldwell Banker Devonshire Realty offices and nearly 600 independent agents serving Central Illinois as well as Central & Northeast Florida. Devonshire Realty is among the top ten Coldwell Banker affiliates nationwide and a Coldwell Banker Chairman's Circle company ranked 7th largest in the nation.

Coldwell Banker Devonshire Realty is a member of the Devonshire Group, L.L.C., which is located at 201 W. Springfield Avenue in Champaign, IL.

The Devonshire Group consists of several companies providing extensive experience in the interrelated fields of real estate for Central Illinois:

Engineering services, Architectural services, Residential & Commercial real estate brokerage & property management services, Mortgage & Title services. Our unique grouping of companies provides clients with a SINGLE SOURCE for a full spectrum of expertise - in-house, in one stop.

About Coldwell Banker:

Since 1906, the **Coldwell Banker**® organization has been a premier full-service real estate provider. In 2007, Franchise Times magazine's prestigious Top 200 issue ranked the **Coldwell Banker** system No. 1 in real estate for the eighth straight year and 12th among franchisors in all industries. The **Coldwell Banker** System has approximately 3,600 residential real estate offices and 110,300 sales associates in 47 countries and territories. The **Coldwell Banker** System is a leader in the industry in residential and commercial real estate, and in niche markets such as resort, new home and luxury property through its **Coldwell Banker Previews International**® division. It is a pioneer in consumer services with its **Coldwell Banker Concierge**® Service Program and award-winning Web site, www.coldwellbanker.com. Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC is a subsidiary of Realogy Corporation, a global provider of real estate and relocation services. **Coldwell Banker**® is a registered trademark licensed to Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC. Each office is independently owned and operated.

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Media is invited to a press conference at which Jim Gillespie will be available for interview.

Date: **Friday, October 9th**
Time: **8:15 AM CST**
Location: **Doubletree Hotel & Conference Center, 10 Brickyard Drive, Bloomington IL 61701**

****Please be ready to BEGIN at 8:15AM as we will be on a tight schedule to complete the press conference and begin the event. Feel free to arrive earlier and/or call/email with any questions or request for further specifications.**