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Importantly, he has hands-on experience in the syndication business, having been the sponsor of sixteen investment groups and by raising equity from investors through registered representatives in the broker-dealer community. He was responsible for the organization of these investment groups, the acquisition, management, and disposition of the real estate, and the communications with the investors.

Awarded the CCIM (Certified Commercial Investment Member of the CCIM Institute) designation in 1977, Gene continues to serve as a member of the CCIM faculty. In 2002, he was awarded the Robert L. Ward *Instructor of the Year Award* from the CCIM Institute. In 2005, Gene was awarded the Victor L. Lyon Distinguished Service Award for his many years of outstanding contribution to the education program of the CCIM Institute.

Gene invites your inquiry into his consultation and legal services provided by his law firm. He works with real estate professionals throughout the country who are considering entering the group investment business or are already in the business, assisting them with the development and implementation of a strategic plan. Gene offers legal and real estate services to his group investment clients including the formation of the legal entity chosen

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Articles

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“Building a Powerful Portfolio” *Commercial Investment Real Estate*, a member publication of the CCIM Institute March/April 2003 (Contributing Author)
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“Gaining from Group Investments” *Commercial Investment Real Estate*, a member publication of the CCIM Institute March/April 2002
<http://www.ccim.com/magazine/>

Speaking Engagements

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Multiple speaking engagements for Rich Dad, Poor Dad Seminars

Tenant-In-Common Association Symposium, San Diego, CA

Tenant-In-Common Association Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV

CCIM National Conference, Scottsdale, AZ

Tenant-In-Common Association Annual Conference, Salt Lake City, UT

CCIM National Conference, Reston, VA

CCIM National Conference, San Antonio, TX

CCIM/IREM Commercial Real Estate 2003, Orlando, FL

CCIM National Conference, Chicago, IL

CCIM National Conference, Denver, CO

CCIM National Conference, Reston, VA

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FOREWARD TO THE THIRD EDITION

When I wrote the First Edition of *It's a Whole New Business!* I wrote it for the real estate professional who was interested in exploring the opportunities available through the formation of investment groups to acquire, operate, and dispose of investment real estate. I found that the book also appealed to those real estate professionals who have completed several group investments and want to expand their activity in the group investment industry.

In the Second Edition, I expanded certain sections that, through discussions with readers and through interactions with people who attended my workshops, I came to realize were of more interest to my readers than I had originally thought. Through my work in writing private placement memorandums during this period I have also identified the areas that need the most attention when working with new or experienced group sponsors.

Since the publication of the First Edition, the group investment industry has also had some major events, such as the IRS issuing **Rev. Proc. 2002-22** and the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD) releasing **NASD Notice to Members 05-18** and the passage of **The JOBS ACT**.

Who would have predicted that the tenant-in-common industry would grow to an annual volume some suggest is in excess of \$7 billion and then practically disappear? Now, the SEC reports that the volume in the private placement industry annually exceeds \$1 trillion with 90% of that volume coming through Regulation D, Rule 506 offerings. Will regulatory crowdfunding ever become law?

In this Third Edition, I have greatly expanded the chapter on securities to include information from the **JOBS ACT** and added a new chapter dealing with **How a Sponsor Can Make Money** in the syndication business.

In the group investment industry, people who form groups are called *syndicators* or *sponsors* and the terms are used interchangeably throughout this book.

In this book, certain Sections of Federal Securities Law and the Internal Revenue Code are included. You will recognize them because the type font will look like this: **IRC Section 1221**

You will see output from a computer analysis of group ownership of investment real estate generated from **planEASe@Windows**. This is the software I use in syndication analysis for clients. For information regarding **planEASe@Windows**, visit their Web site www.planease.com.

TIP: Throughout this book, a TROWBRIDGE IMPORTANT TIP (TIP) will appear in this format. These TIPS add my practical insights to the technical material presented.