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I have an Industrial Engineering education with experience in project, process, operations and people management, ergonomics and more. I'm analytical yet creative, communicative yet technical, people-oriented yet self-driven, a quick learner who is dedicated, and a leader who can also follow. I enjoy being challenged and having fun, strive to be healthy and active, love volunteering, running, yoga, nutrition, music, reading, traveling, cooking, photography, Badger Football, and a dose of sarcasm! I'm seeking a challenging and rewarding opportunity with a company striving to inspire and improve peoples' lives while working together as a team challenging each other and having fun.

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Al and Michelle Franz have founded three companies in the areas of IT software development and consulting, residential real estate, and accounting and tax service for small and mid-size companies. We are always interested in hearing from fellow entrepreneurs about partnership opportunities. To learn more about our companies and qualifications please visit [franz.org](http://franz.org).

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Tara Gimmer Photography is a commercial photography studio in the SODO district of Seattle. Tara has 16 years of experience making people comfortable and at ease in front of the camera. Through this process the true essence of a person always shows through. Tara works with companies like Barnes and Noble to create top selling author photos and with individuals who need the same winning representation for their small businesses. In addition to commercial portraits Tara shoots fashion, advertising and fine art photography.

# **Jen Goetze**

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I am a seasoned marketing professional with 15 years in the industry. As a consultant, I offer a flexible alternative for companies who don't want to make the commitment of hiring a full-time employee. I have access to a pool of experienced creative resources (graphic designers, developers, etc.) that produce top-notch marketing deliverables without the overhead of an agency.

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15 years in real estate development and acquisitions for anyone who may need or knows others who need someone with these skills (banks, lenders, investors).

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I am a full service real estate agent living in Ballard and focused on the in city neighborhoods of Seattle. I have been in real estate since 1997 and am currently part of the Black and Pickett team in the new Keller Williams office in Wallingford. Our team is Redefining Full Service. Our listings sell faster and for more money because our service includes free staging, free landscaping, free house cleaning and free professional photography so your house looks it's absolute best when it hits the market. Working with our buyers we take the time to educate them on more than just the current market and home buying process but also on the basics of functional houses and dysfunctional houses. Our goal is that they end up with a house that will serve them well throughout their ownership. I am also a Built Green certified agent, knowledgeable and supportive of the Green movement in home ownership.

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With so many people unemployed right now, they are facing questions about whether to access their 401-k, what the tax ramifications are for doing so, how to avoid penalty taxes if they do, whether to roll it over into an IRA, and if so what kind? As a Financial Advisor for 22 years, these are the issues I help my clients with. I would like to help my fellow Badgers to find appropriate solutions for them as well.

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Graduate School as a Career Alternative. I will briefly present considerations when applying to graduate schools and funding opportunities for those considering furthering their education. Peter W. Johnson, Associate Professor - Department of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences University of Washington.

# **Barb Korducki**

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In today's complex real estate market you need an experienced real estate team. I have been licensed since 1990 and have been recognized as a top Realtor by Seattle Magazine. I am affiliated with Prudential Northwest Realty but am a member of the Re/max International Hall of Fame. I am one of fewer than 100 Realtors in Washington who is a Certified Negotiation Expert. I have a team of escrow agents, lenders, inspectors, attorneys, relocation experts and title companies to help make sure you have a smooth transaction whether you are buying or selling. If you are leaving the area, I can help with outgoing referrals. I also do consulting work and have been teaching real estate classes in the Seattle area since 1994.

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Seattle Pet Pals is a dog training and pet care business. We conduct public dog training classes, private pet dog problem behavior consultations, and provide dog walking and pet sitting services when you are away. We are licensed, bonded and insured and have been in business since 2003. Our original business mascot, our pet dog, was named Lambeau!

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Greenfield Advisors (formerly Mundy Associates) specializes in complex real estate valuations and market research, with an emphasis on expert witness work in large scale litigation cases involving contaminated sites and on trophy property valuations. The firm has an international practice and has been involved in such high profile cases as the Exxon Valdez and several Hurricane Katrina cases as well as the Hearst Ranch at San Simeon and the Farnsworth House. At present, John Kilpatrick, principle and CEO, is taking the firm into broader investment, wealth management and development advising roles. Greenfield Advisors boasts three Wisconsin alumni on staff.

# Jeff Neuzil

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Hello fellow Badgers. I grew up in a small town near Green Bay and graduated from Madison in 1993 with a degree in Business / Real Estate. I have been a full time agent in the Seattle market since 1997. I specialize in West Seattle, but also work extensively in Burien, Ballard, and the north end. I work with buyers and sellers of all types from first time buyers to empty nesters. I look forward to helping you with your real estate needs and questions.

# **Scott Novak**

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I will be graduating from the "other" UW this Spring with my MBA. I am seeking opportunities in both project management and marketing. Prior to the MBA program I worked for non-profit healthcare related organizations, but am not exclusively seeking out the non-profit sector for employment at the present time.

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I currently work as a supervisor for a clinical DNA sequencing laboratory, responsible for supervising 11 technologists. Although I enjoy my work, recent advances in DNA technology and automation have "dumbed down" my daily work and will ultimately limit advancement within the laboratory. My strengths are my interpersonal skills (motivating staff, resolving conflicts), my technical writing/editing abilities, and my broad background in genetics, molecular biology, medical genomics, biostatistics and environmental science. The ideal job would allow me to use my skills in a team setting to improve communication and efficiency between biologists, statisticians and computer scientists in a research or biotech environment.

# Ken Sparks

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A lifetime of "networking" how have times changed? Over 20 years without a cold call or advertisement. Where do we go from here?

# Bill Swedish

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My passion is in helping organizations and individuals be successful and achieve their dreams. How can that happen in today's economy? I am a consultant, coach, and trainer. I will briefly describe what I do and ways I can be of help to either businesses or individuals. Go Badgers!!

# **Steven Tholl**

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Seasoned treasury professional with extensive experience in banking, risk management, finance, investment analysis, capital markets and balance sheet management. Excellent ability to understand risk/return tradeoffs due to exceptional financial modeling skills combined with sound business judgment derived from a treasury and regulatory background. Excellent analytical, leadership and mentoring skills.

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Recognized by Seattle magazine as a Top Lawyer (tax law), Seattle Business Monthly magazine as a Best Business Lawyer (tax law), and Washington Law & Politics magazine as a Rising Star, Karl focuses on general business and corporation law with a heavy emphasis on federal and state taxes. Working with business clients of all sizes and at different stages of their development, he cultivates a team approach with the client's financial and other professional advisors to strategize for growth and identify solutions that address the client's legal, tax, and operational issues. He also routinely represents clients before the Internal Revenue Service and the Washington Department of Revenue.

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I graduated in 2005 (BS Chemistry) and went on for graduate work in Energy and Earth Resources (EER) at The University of Texas at Austin (Expected 2009). EER is an interdisciplinary program that teaches students to understand the political, business, and technical facets of a company. The education has given me the opportunity to work in various capacities, ranging from a chemist in research lab to an analyst at a private equity firm. I am finishing up my thesis this semester and I am now available for full time employment, ideally in energy project development.

# **Ann Wopat**

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I am a voice professor at Seattle University. The goal of this workshop is to strengthen and project your most desirable voice - one that is heard and communicates who you are. Whether you are a stage actor, teacher, public speaker, lawyer, minister, or simply want to be more effective when communicating in a group setting, you can benefit from understanding the mechanics of vocal production to increase vocal power and color. Work will include analysis of the breath mechanism (anatomy and physiology of respiration), connection of breath support, and projection of sound. Integrating these aspects of vocal production in situations in and out of the office will help create a strong, healthy voice for life. I have many years of experience in personal, one-on-one lessons and enjoy working in group settings, as well. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Robert Zeinemann is practicing land-use, environmental and municipal law on a contract basis while looking for the right full-time job that fits his interests. He received an M.A. (?96) in public affairs from UW-Madison and worked in Madison as a land-use planner before attending law school (Marquette) in 2003. He has experience working in a law firm and in government. Robert moved to Seattle in 2007 for his wife's new job and is interested in networking with anyone involved in land-use, environmental, legal or public policy issues. Robert has lectured or published on municipal law, climate change, urban growth and governance issues, and is admitted into the Washington and Wisconsin Bars and the American Institute of Certified Planners.

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I am a career management coach, charging hourly fees, and have a company with a 20 year record of coaching the winners in some pretty important contests. The job market is a tough one right now, but at the upper levels it always is. I help people find a new position faster and smarter than they would on their own...my idol is Vince Lombardi. He helped really talented people do it better, too, against some great competition.

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I graduated from the undergrad business school in December 2007 with a finance degree. I moved out to Seattle to work Russell Investments as an analyst in Russell's global equities group.

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I'm currently serving with Washington Mutual, Inc. ("WMI") the holding company for Washington Mutual Bank ("WMB"). As background, WMB was seized by the FDIC and then promptly sold to JPMorgan Chase. Following the FDIC seizure, WMI filed for bankruptcy in Sept., 2008. However, WMI owns two reinsurance companies that I manage. We are looking to maximize the value of those entities on behalf of the WMI bankruptcy estate. Following the unwind of those activities, I'll be looking for a new chapter in my work life. I have extensive experience in managing financial and investment-related activities - both for-profit enterprises and, on a volunteer basis, for non-profits. My education includes a Ph.D. from the Univ of Wisc-Madison (Business).