

Carmela Laurella opens own firm

Longtime Boston real estate agent Carmela Laurella has opened her own brokerage firm, to be known as CL Waterfront Properties LLC and located at Lewis Wharf, 28 Atlantic Ave.

"It's a new year, a new decade and a new venture," she said.

Laurella has specialized in listing and selling high-end homes in the North End and on the Waterfront, which she calls Boston's Gold Coast, for more than seven-and-a-half years and has been recognized as a top broker for the past several years.

Boston Common magazine listed her among the top five brokers in Boston in late 2008, and last summer, the Boston Globe described her as the most knowledgeable agent on the waterfront.

She has been working in the real estate industry for more than 25 years and most recently was affiliated with Otis & Ahearn Real Estate and previously had worked for Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. She is a former licensed broker/dealer and past member of NASD and SIPC.

She is an active member of the Greater Boston Real Estate Board, the North End Chamber of Commerce and St. Leonard's Church.

Working with her are three agents – Dave Costello, Chris Thoman and Stacey Zukowski – who have been part of her core group during the past year, she said.

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