



Professional Profile: Helen Putterman, 2014

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Name: Helen Putterman

Title: President

Company: Cohen Real Estate

Location: Manhattan, N.Y.

Birthplace: Germany

Education: B.A.

First job outside of real estate: I taught social studies at Hicksville High School in Hicksville, N.Y.

First job in real estate or allied field: I worked for REDI, the company that first put out ownership information for all N.Y.C. real estate. After doing that for five years, I moved into brokerage, which was an easy transition having gotten to know most of the players in real estate through REDI.

What do you do now and what are you planning for the future? I oversee the full brokerage team at Cohen Real Estate. My focus is on growing Cohen's reach in N.Y.C. and across the country and strengthening our position as one of the nation's leading retail real estate brokerage firms.

How do you unwind from a busy day in real estate? I unwind by taking my dog, a standard poodle, for long walks in my neighborhood.

Favorite book or author: I don't have a favorite book or author, but I read all the time. My parents were survivors of the Holocaust and in the camps, so most of my reading consists of things that have to do with the Holocaust.

Favorite movie: Dr. Zhivago

One word to describe your work environment: Synergistic

Rules to live by in business: Always be as truthful as you can.

If you could invite one person to dinner (living or dead) who would it be and where would you go?
Elvis Presley

What is your dream job? I'm doing it today.