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2018 Ones to Watch: Matt Dzbanek, Director at Ariel Property Advisors' Capital Services Division

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Name: Matt Dzbanek

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Year that you entered your current field? 2011

How did you get your start in your current field?

Both of my parents are architects, so I grew up with blueprints on the walls as artwork. I have many fond memories of being driven around New York City while they quizzed me on architectural terms. After graduating from Washington University in St. Louis, I interned at a major developer in the city. It is there where I found my passion for the real estate industry. After experiencing a few different facets of the business, I realized that mortgage brokerage paired my natural ability to speak to anyone with my finance background.

Who or what do you attribute to your success?

The industry has a lot of day-to-day ups and downs and I would not be able to weather it without the unwavering support of my parents, sister and girlfriend. They have always been there for me to pick me up on bad days and celebrate my successes. The mentoring of Richard Brancato, Sean R. Kelly, and Paul McCormick has played a pivotal role in my achievements.

How do you manage the work/life balance?

I believe that a strong work/life balance is important and is something that is not easily attained. During my career I have found that if I make real connections with my colleagues and people in the industry, my work begins to feel like home. So whether I am in the office, out with clients, or working remotely, I always feel like I am at home and with family.