

APPLEGATE & THORNE-THOMSEN NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the A&TT Newsletter!

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

At Applegate & Thorne-Thomsen, our passion for affordable housing and community development is at the heart of everything we do. We're excited to launch this quarterly newsletter as a way to share the incredible work happening within our firm, highlight the projects that are making a difference, and stay connected with you—our community of clients, partners, alumni, and friends.

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We're thrilled to feature Matt Brett, one of our esteemed former partners, and catch up on his latest endeavors!

QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHTS

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO!



July

Ice Cream Social: A sweet send-off for our Ida Platt Fellow and summer associate as they head back to law school—best of luck!

IHC Golf Outing (pictured top right): We hit the greens as on-course lunch sponsors, networking with clients and colleagues.

August

Ping Pong Social: We welcomed new hires and got together before our annual bus tour with some friendly competition at Spin Social Club.

Mitty's Mission Possible Bus Tour (pictured bottom right): Our annual bus tour got a meaningful new name this year in honor of our late partner, Eric "Mitty" Mittereder. Read more about this on page 4 and check out [the video recap here](#).

Race Judicata (pictured top left): Our women's team dominated for the 2nd year in a row, taking home 1st place—go team!

September

Mercy Housing Lakefront's Moving Forward Together Event: We proudly sponsored this incredible event in support of affordable housing development.



MISSION MOMENT

Park Boulevard, located in the historic Bronzeville neighborhood, provides mixed-income housing, retail spaces, and community-centered amenities that honor the area's unique architectural and cultural heritage. Each phase builds upon a vision of inclusivity and accessibility. The accommodations include modern living facilities with easy access to parks, schools, local shops, and transit in the heart of Chicago.

PARK BOULEVARD 2B

- **A&TT Team:** Nicole Jackson, Margie Grassano, Glenn Graff, Greg Whitehead (for CHA)
- **Project Description:** 108-unit mixed-income, multi-family residential rental development with ground-floor retail across 4 buildings
- **Tenant Population:** Families
- **Number of Units:** 108 (68 LIHTC)

PARK BOULEVARD 3B

- **A&TT Team:** Nicole Jackson, Ben Meyer, Margie Grassano, Glenn Graff
- **Project Description:** 80-unit mixed-income, multi-family residential rental development across 2 five-story mid-rise buildings
- **Tenant Population:** Families
- **Number of Units:** 80 (68 LIHTC)

[Explore more of our impactful projects here!](#)



MITTY'S MISSION POSSIBLE

A&TT's ANNUAL BUS TOUR



Each year, our firm embarks on a bus tour to visit some of the affordable housing and community development projects we've had the privilege to work on. It's an opportunity to see the impact of our efforts, foster camaraderie among our team, and engage with clients, community members, and partners in the neighborhoods where our projects reside. This tradition has been a cornerstone of our firm for many years, but this year was particularly special as we renamed the tour, "Mitty's Mission Possible" in honor of our late colleague Eric "Mitty" Mittereder.

Eric was deeply dedicated to our mission and had a special love for the bus tour because it perfectly embodied his passion for affordable housing and the spirit of togetherness it fostered within the firm. Renaming the tour in his honor was a fitting tribute to his legacy, and this year's event truly captured his enthusiasm for our work and the impact it has on communities. We were grateful to be able to celebrate Eric and the work he cherished together with our colleagues and Eric's wife Alison.

To read more about this year's tour and to view the [video recap](#) click [here](#).

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

CATCH UP WITH ALUMNI MATT BRETT

Matt was a key part of the Applegate family, serving as a Developer and Equity Group Attorney from July 2010 to August 2023. Although he still resides in Chicago, he's taking on new challenges as General Counsel at 2Life Communities, a nonprofit affordable housing developer and operator, based in Boston, MA.

In his new role, Matt wears many hats—working on affordable housing financing, property management, landlord-tenant issues, construction, HR, nonprofit law, and even litigation.

Most notably, he overhauled the board of directors committee structure and rebuilt it to include new charters, member appointment procedures, and a streamlined reporting system.

Matt credits his time at Applegate for helping him build the confidence necessary to tackle complex legal issues, and he's especially grateful for the mentorship and support of his former colleagues. Of course, no look back would be complete without remembering the legendary office hijinks (Steve, we're looking at you) and classic pranks—cue the Heather Locklear poster and Operation Watermelon Sugar.

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A&TT Summer Outing 2023

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