



Mark Kolar

Senior Vice President Chicago

Professional Experience

Mark Kolar is a Senior Vice President at Cresa with over twenty years of experience advising organizations across suburban Chicago on transformative real estate strategies. His work often involves partnering with executive teams to challenge existing systems and unlock long-term value through optimized real estate solutions.

As a former commercial lender, Mark brings a deep understanding of financial structures, lending markets, and landlord capitalization—expertise that has become increasingly critical given the current challenges facing many property owners. This insight allows him to anticipate risks, identify leverage points, and negotiate from a position of knowledge rarely matched by other brokers.

Known for his clarity, candor, and commitment to his clients, Mark combines creativity, persistence, and financial acumen to deliver measurable results. He is an active contributor to his community, serving as a board member of the Schaumburg Business Association, regional/state judge for Illinois DECA, and committee leader for the SBA Scholarship Education Fund.

Committee Achievements

- Board Chairman & Executive Board Member, Schaumburg Business Association
- Roosevelt University Counsel of Advisors
- Board member of Malawi Youth Education Fund. This organization was created by Mark's son & daughter-in-law to fund the education of economically challenged students in the northern areas of Malawi.
- Involvement in many community organizations including YMCA, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Habitat for Humanity, and the American Cancer Society.
- Mark is an accomplished triathlete, runner, and cyclist. He has completed several Ironman, marathons, & triathlons. He and his wife Paula live with their four children in Northbrook, Illinois

Education

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