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## **RICHARD COURTNEY NAMED TENNESSEE REALTOR OF THE YEAR**

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (September 25, 2007)** – Richard Courtney of Fridrich & Clark Realty and current president of the Greater Nashville Association of Realtors has been named Realtor of the Year by the Tennessee Association of Realtors. TAR is the state trade association for real estate professionals with nearly 29,000 members. This is the first time ever that a sitting president of GNAR has been recognized with this award and the first time since 1990 that the award has been earned by a member of GNAR.

The Realtor of the Year award is given annually to the TAR Realtor member who has made the most significant contribution to the real estate profession and industry. The award was presented to Courtney at the TAR convention in Destin, Florida last week.

“It is a great pleasure to congratulate Richard on this well-deserved recognition,” said Steve Fridrich of Fridrich & Clark Realty and past president of GNAR. “Richard has demonstrated his commitment to the real estate industry at the local, state and national levels. And, he has demonstrated his commitment to the community by his many involvements in civic, social and charitable organizations. We are very proud of him and proud to have him as part of our company.”

Courtney serves as a Director of the National Association of Realtors and leads the Realtors Political Involvement Committee in Tennessee. He is a trustee for the Tennessee Realtors Political Action Committee and serves as a director of the state association, as well. At the local level, Courtney is a Life Member of

the GNAR Awards of Excellence program, a testimony to his success as a Realtor. He chaired and/or served on many of GNAR's committees, including Membership, Education, RPAC, and Affordable Housing.

"It is both a surprise and a great honor to receive this recognition from my peers across the state. I appreciate the award and am very humbled by receiving it," said Courtney. "The real estate profession has provided an exceptional professional career opportunity for me. Working with the Realtor Association at the local, state and national levels is a way to express my appreciation for the opportunities I have had professionally and help keep those same opportunities available for others pursuing careers as real estate professionals."

Other GNAR Presidents who received the TAR Realtor of the Year award (and the year they received the award) include: Herschel Greer (1962), James Harper (1965), Robert Freeman (1969), Carl Storey (1970), Lynn Greer (1972), Richard Freeman (1975), Ray Tarkington (1982), Shirley Zeitlin (1987), and Bill Manier (1990).

Founded in 1966, Fridrich & Clark Realty is a full service residential real estate firm with 180 full-time professional agents (26 licensed brokers and 154 affiliate brokers) and offices in West End, Music Row and Brentwood. More information about Fridrich & Clark can be found at [www.fridrichandclark.com](http://www.fridrichandclark.com)

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