

# ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

## SPIRE awards ceremony is March 10

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### Milestone

The AI Business Excellence Awards named Newport Beach-based The Saywitz Co. as one of the best commercial real estate companies in North America for 2016. The award program recognizes top performers in various categories of business throughout the world.

### Coming Up

Commercial Real Estate Women, Orange County will honor local commercial real estate leaders during the fifth annual SPIRE Awards. The ceremony will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. March 10 at the Center Club in Costa Mesa. The keynote speakers will be Brandon Birtcher, chief executive of Goodman Birtcher North America, and Brooke Birtcher Gustafson, vice president of Birtcher North America. The cost to attend through Friday for CREW members is \$55; non-members pay \$75. After Friday, the cost is \$75 for members and \$95 for non-members.

### New Ventures

Weichert Real Estate Affiliates, a franchise division for Weichert Realtors, opened Weichert Realtors Coastal Castles, a San Clemente-based, independently owned and operated firm. Debbi Ferrari, who has 40 years experience in real estate, will direct the new office. Weichert has 13 offices in California, including locations in San Francisco and Sacramento.

Foster City-based real estate firm Legacy Partners broke ground on a five-story, 250-unit luxury apartment building at 580 Anton, Costa Mesa. The land was acquired in May 2015 in partnership with Prudential Real Estate Investors. The project is set to be finished by late fall 2017.

### On the Move

Tim Sorenson has been hired as senior vice president and director of retail residential lending for Santa Rosa-based Luther Burbank Savings. Based out of the Irvine office, Sorenson will be in charge of the Luther Burbank Mortgage division of the bank. He previously held senior positions with Wachovia, worked as California regional manager for national sales at JPMorgan Chase, and most recently served as managing director of residential lending for MUFG Union Bank.