

# Live is Better

**Duane Gomer** is Owner and Founder of Duane Gomer, Inc. ("DGI"), a California Education Provider. The company was formed in 1963 in the San Fernando Valley as a Real Estate Syndication and Property Management firm. To build the company Duane taught at the UCLA Extension at the Anderson School of Business and wrote a weekly Real Estate column for the Daily News.

After 15 successful years, in 1978 the company went in a different direction. Enjoying students more than tenants, DGI became sponsors of California Department of Real Estate Courses. The company moved to Mission Viejo in 1985 and was also approved to present California Notary Licensing and Federal Approved Mortgage Loan Origination Courses. All classes are available online and as correspondence home study, but DGI is best known for their LIVE presentations. (LIVE IS BETTER).

Today, the corporation employs a staff of 10 W-2's and 22 1099's as speakers. This outstanding cadre of speakers presents LIVE classes from Santa Rosa to Chula Vista. In one month last year they presented over seventy classes.

Duane's entrepreneurial journey started in Racine, WI. Park High School and then to Indiana University to play tennis and basketball. After Indiana he secured a prestigious teaching assistantship with Dr. Ralph Barnes at UCLA. After completing his MBA, he became a Navy Supply Corp Officer and served in Germany at the Rhine River Patrol.

Coming back to California he passed tests for his Insurance, NASD, and Real Estate Licenses and went to work for two years at Forest E. Olson in Van Nuys as Director of Property Management and a

Commercial Salesperson. He left Forest E. Olson to start his own company over 56 years ago.

Some honors Duane has gathered of which he is proud; Big Ten Medal at IU (most outstanding senior athlete), Valedictorian at Navy Supply Corp School, All Navy Tennis Team. Eight State Tennis Championships, Hall of Fame Youth Football Coach, Six Little League and Pony Championships, Beta Gamma Sigma, set Wisconsin Community College Basketball scoring record, college level basketball official and Realtor Emeritis.

Duane is a long time friend of CSUF Entrepreneurship and has helped out in the classroom many times. DJ, his co-owner wife, and Duane live in Coto de Caza, California. They enjoy their four children, Debra Struhs, David Gomer and wife Lisa, Danny Gomer, and Melissa Moore and of course, more importantly they dote on their five grandchildren; Lindsey, Ashley, Kaylee, Grant and Brooklyn.

