



2022 Walks of Life Honoree

Ryan Marrie

In 2006, Ryan Marrie signed on as the first employee of Ohio Real Title, a company launched by two Cleveland lawyers in 2005. The firm was founded by Marrie's father-in-law, Donald McFadden, and Manbir Sandhu, the title company's CEO.

As the title company's current president, Marrie now runs an agency that has 135 employees and 9 offices in Ohio and has expanded into Florida. Ohio Real Title was recently selected one of America's fastest growing businesses by Inc. magazine. In order to be considered for the list, a company must be privately held and have generated at least \$2 million in revenue in 2020. Ohio Real Title easily topped that number and last year had revenue of \$26 million, which Marrie said makes the company the largest real estate title agency in Ohio.

Marrie, 44, grew up in South Euclid and attended Brush High School. He majored in Broadcast Journalism and Political Science at Ohio State University and interned at WTAM Radio. After graduation, he spent a year-and-a-half as a sports reporter and anchor at WMFD, a television station in Mansfield, before switching to his present career "as an assistant to an assistant" at First American Title in 2001.

Despite the challenges of the coronavirus pandemic, Marrie described his company's last two years as the "most successful years in our 16 years of existence." The company's office in Naples, Florida, opened in September 2021. He attributes the company's success to finding committed employees; the workforce includes a balance of experienced title professionals and those who have joined from outside the industry, including college interns. He said his company then gives the staff the resources to take care of each other and their clients.

Ohio Real Title has supported The Cleveland Pops Orchestra, University Hospitals Rainbow and Babies, Seidman Cancer Center, and Child Free Care Fund. Marrie joined the board of the Cleveland Pops Orchestra and currently serves as development co-chair. As president of The Mayfield Sand Ridge Club, he successfully negotiated and navigated the sale of the Club to local business leader Monte Ahuja.

Marrie's grandfather, Thomas Marrie, immigrated from Tourmakeady in County Mayo to Cleveland, finding work here as a trolley car conductor. He and his wife, Winifred Heraghty, a native of County Galway, were married in Cleveland in 1932.

Marrie met his wife Terri while lifeguarding at Bexley Pool in South Euclid. Terri is a teacher at Hawken Middle School. The couple has a daughter, Claire, 18, a freshman at Northwestern University, and a son, Connor, 16, a sophomore at Hawkins Upper School. The family lives in Highland Heights.