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Atlanta's Top-Producing Real Estate Team
Partners with Keller Williams Realty North Atlanta

Alpharetta, GA — Realtor Mark Spain and his award-winning team of 14 agents and staff have partnered with Keller Williams Realty North Atlanta. They are based out of the Keller Williams located at 5780 Windward Parkway in Alpharetta. The Mark Spain Team had been with RE/MAX International since 1997 and was annually honored as one of the top-producing real estate teams in Georgia and the entire United States. In addition, the team has been the #1 team with the several-thousand-member Atlanta Board of Realtors for the last seven consecutive years.

While at RE/MAX, Mark Spain earned every award available within the company, including the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2004 and being inducted into the RE/MAX Hall of Fame while in his early thirties. For their 2010 sales of 340 homes, the team was named one of the Top 20 Teams in the U.S. for all of RE/MAX International.

The Mark Spain Team surpassed \$1 billion in gross sales in 2006 and has received numerous industry accolades, including being named to a national list of top Realtors called The Real Estate Top 200 (compiled by the *Wall Street Journal* and real estate industry trade publication *Real Trends*) and twice being named one of the top 50 Realtors on the Rise in the nation by well-known trade publication, *Real Estate Magazine*.

“We are so proud to welcome Mark to the Keller Williams Realty family. His energy, influence and billion dollar sales record speak for themselves. It’s our honor to embrace him as a new partner,” said Gary Keller, co-founder and chairman, Keller Williams Realty.

Harry Hammond, the operating partner and principal broker for the Keller Williams North Atlanta market center, believes the company’s team-oriented atmosphere will be a good match for the Mark Spain Team. “Keller Williams is always looking for good people. We focus a lot on character and integrity. Mark joining our office will be a win-win for us both and we are ready to help him grow his team further.”

In 2009, Mark and his team expanded into the short sales and foreclosure prevention arena. Wanting to help educate consumers and distressed homeowners on their rights and options, the Mark Spain Team created <http://www.GreaterAtlantaForeclosureHelp.com>. The site offers tips on avoiding foreclosure, includes details on how a short sale differs from a foreclosure and offers free reports to help inform troubled Georgia homeowners.

Mark Spain is Short Sales and Foreclosure Resource (SFR) Certified by the National Association of Realtors and, in 2009, earned the prestigious Certified Distressed Property Expert (CDPE) designation. In early 2010, he attended and graduated from the Five Star Institute Center for Short Sale Success, all in an effort to better serve distressed homeowners.

An Atlanta native, Mark is a University of Georgia graduate. The Mark Spain Team specializes in assisting home buyers, sellers and distressed property owners in metro Atlanta at all price levels. To contact the Mark Spain Team, call 770-886-9000 or visit <http://www.markspain.com> to conduct an online home search of available metro Atlanta properties, request a free online home evaluation, sign up for a free monthly e-newsletter about the real estate market or, for details on how to have your home considered for a short sale, visit <http://www.GreaterAtlantaForeclosureHelp.com>.

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GROUP PHOTO: (left to right) Greg Wood, Lisa Wilson, Melba Franklin, Mark Spain, John Makarewicz, Ed Combs, Eric Morrison. Melba is part of the Keller Williams management team; all others are part of the Mark Spain Team.

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One of the Top Ranked Real Estate Teams in the U.S. Partners with Keller Williams Realty

The Top-Ranked Mark Spain Team Partners with Keller Williams Realty

SUMMARY:

Realtor Mark Spain and his team of 14 agents/staff have left RE/MAX to partner with Keller Williams Realty. Mark Spain is annually recognized as one of the top 200 teams in US (in the top 25), compiled by the *Wall Street Journal* and *Real Trends*.

BODY:

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