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National Property Management Company Announces Expansion into Chicagoland Market

Rick Graf, Central Region President of Pinnacle, a national leader in real estate management services, announces the appointment of Nick Helmer Jr. to open a new Chicagoland office in Illinois. In his new role, Mr. Helmer will oversee Pinnacle's current Chicagoland portfolio as well as spearhead Pinnacle's growth in the Chicago market.

Mr. Helmer (37) joins Pinnacle after 15 years of experience in both the legal and business aspects of real estate management and development. Prior to joining Pinnacle, Mr. Helmer personally supervised the development and management of approximately \$78 million dollars worth of real estate for both his own investment companies as well as for Inland Great Lakes, L.L.C. – one of The Inland Real Estate Group of Companies, Inc.

In addition, Mr. Helmer was a commercial real estate attorney for 7 years at the international real estate law firm of DLA Piper Rudnick LLP. While at Piper, Mr. Helmer handled hundreds of transactions including acquisitions and dispositions, development, construction, environmental, joint ventures, partnership and syndications, financing, public/private real estate ventures, securitized real estate, REIT's and REMIC and shopping centers. During his legal career Mr. Helmer acted as general counsel to two Chicago based multi-family development companies and, in addition to his role as legal counselor, was involved in the strategic planning, financing and development of numerous multi-family housing projects in Chicago.

Mr. Helmer will focus on growing the core business of Pinnacle – third party fee management of multi-family and commercial real estate – as well as expand into high-end condominium association management.

In addition to his extensive real estate experience, Mr. Helmer is licensed to practice law in the State of Illinois and holds an Illinois Real Estate Brokers license.

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