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## BUSINESS

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### BUSINESS

#### PEOPLE IN BUSINESS



Taylor

**Jack Taylor**, managing director at Valbridge Property Advisors, has been elected to serve as president of the Houston Chapter of the Appraisal Institute for 2016.

**Brent Johnston** has been named Houston market president of PlainsCapital Bank as part of the Dallas-based bank's expansion here. Johnston will lead the bank's Houston operations from its new office in the Kirby Grove development at 2925 Richmond.

**Woody Woodard** has joined Ingroup as vice president. Woodard brings over 35 years' experience in the property and casualty insurance field to the firm.

Comcast announced the following appointments.

**John Phillips**, vice president of Comcast Business, will oversee management of the business team.

**Caroline Aspenson**, vice president of human resources, will oversee all aspects of human resources for Comcast's 2,500 employees in the Houston region.



Johnston



Woodard



Phillips



Aspenson



Hansen



Rushing



Wilkinson



Erickson



Faltaous

**Sam Hansen** has been promoted to senior vice president focusing on landlord representation of a portfolio of Class A and B office building for NAI Partners' Property Services Division.

**Holden Rushing** has been promoted to vice president focusing on national tenant representation, project leasing and development for NAI Partners' Industrial Corporate Services Division.

**Jake Wilkinson** has been promoted to senior associate focusing on tenant and buyer representation, as well as the listing of single-tenant facilities for NAI Partners' Industrial Services Division.

**Steven E. Erickson** has been promoted to chief



Davignon

**Mary Faltaous** has joined Smith Seckman Reid as an engineer in training in the firm's mechanical, electrical and plumbing group.

**Trendmaker Homes**, a member of the TRI Pointe Group, announced the promotion of **Rhoda Davignon** to vice



Pier

executive officer of Access Sciences. Access Sciences provides information management consulting and services.

**The Richland Cos.**, a Houston-based commercial real estate firm with operations in four states, announced the following additions to its Houston office: **Thomas Townsend**, acquisitions and asset manager; **Mitchell Covell**, director of leasing; **Eric Brown**, financial analyst; **Patricia**



Townsend

president of sales and marketing and **Collins Pier** to vice president of acquisitions and land development.



Covell

**"Jill" Waggoner**, financial analyst; and **Virginia Meriwether**, office manager and receptionist. In addition, Richland has promoted **Britta Clayton** to senior property manager, and **Donna Spell**, office manager, to the additional role of executive assistant to the president and CEO and to the chairman of the board.

**Scott Montopoli** returns to EY as a principal in Houston focused on international tax planning. Montopoli has advised multinationals on cross-border tax matters for more than 16 years with public accounting firms in Houston, Philadelphia, Atlanta and Miami.

Savills Studley has



Brown

hired **Noah Kruger** as managing director for its Houston office. Kruger will be responsible for cultivating and expanding business opportunities within the office and industrial markets.

**Baker Botts** announced that **Andrew M. Baker** has been reappointed as managing partner for a second term that expires in 2019.

**Half Associates**, an engineering/architecture consulting firm, has hired **James Shanks** as vice president. Shanks will be responsible for business development and management of land and site development projects in the Houston area.

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