

# **Curriculum Vitae** Will Puente PhD, MBA, JD Candidate

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**Academic Education** 



**Doctor of Philosophy in Leadership Studies** Our Lady of the Lake University November 2020



Juris Doctor Southern University Law Center August 2021-Present



Master of Business Administration

Marketing Concentration University of Houston-Victoria December 2014



Bachelor of Science in Commerce and Business Administration University of Alabama August 2010

# Dissertation

# <u>The Relationship Between Startup Entrepreneurs'</u> <u>Emotional Intelligence and Their Self-Reported Transformational Leadership</u>

OLLU IRB and Dissertation Proposal Committee approved in February 2020

OLLU Committee Defense passed in October 2020

OLLU Pre-Public Defense passed in October 2020

OLLU Public Defense passed in November 2020

# **Business Lecturing Experience**

University of Houston Lecturer of Technology DIGM 3357 Content Strategy and Development – Hybrid Summer 2020 VIDEO LECTURE EXAMPLE

- Plan and develop a marketing strategy
- Conduct user experience research
- Create personas for audience development write a positioning statement for a company
- Learn how to create an authentic brand story
- Produce a marketing campaign for social media
- Promote, maintain, and iterate company's content
- Track and analyze social media content

# Lone Star College System

# Adjunct

BMGT-2303 Problem Solving & Decision Making – Online Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016.

- Lecture over decision exercises that will prepare future managers of small staffs
- Lecture Business Principles of strategy
- Test student's ability to comprehend business terms
- Work with companies in the surrounding area to volunteer information for our class

# Lone Star College System

Adjunct

BUSI-1301 Principles of Business – Face to Face Fall 2016

- Lecture over all aspects of Business (Accounting, Finance, Marketing, Management, MIS, etc.)
- Projects over possible small business scenarios while utilizing Business Principles
- Test student's ability to comprehend business terms

Lone Star College System Adjunct MRKG-2333 Principles of Selling – Online Fall 2016 VIDEO LECTURE EXAMPLE

- Lecture over resource-based selling and strategies
- Lecture over competitive advantage management
- Test student's ability to sell ideas or products
- Prepare student for future positions in sales
- Point out misconceptions of the selling career

# Lone Star College System

Adjunct MRKG-2312 E-Commerce Marketing – Online Spring 2015

- Lecture over key advantages of E-Commerce marketing
- Lecture over differences in types of E-Commerce
- Lecture over proper use for small businesses
- Prepare student for future positions in the E-Marketing field
- Strategic use of Social Media for commercial reasons

# **Business Practice Experience**

**Licensed Broker, Startup Founder & President** Savvy Way Realty, Inc. May 2011 – Present

- Savvy Way Realty, Inc. (formerly Expert Way Realty, LLC.) is a Real Estate Discounted services startup operating in the Texas and California markets. Promotion of this Startup is based on the business principle of Low-Cost and Focused Marketing.
- Savvy Way Realty's services a metro area of over 10 million people, the Houston, DFW, Austin and San Antonio metro areas
- The company had 551 activated listings for 2019 and 446 activated listings for 2020, an inventory average of \$42,707,274.00 for 2019 and \$32,904,272.00 for 2020
- The main two brand names of Savvy Way Realty, Inc. are currently FlatFeeByYOU.com and FlatFeeClose.com Both brands concentrate on the customer's ability to reduce their cost through a Real Estate transaction
- Savvy Way Realty's office is located in the West University area of Houston
- Successfully Built and Manage *FlatFeeByYOU.com* brand name - Focused brand name of company that operates with the Flat Fee Model of Listings in the Texas markets of Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth, San Antonio and Austin. This means sellers and tenants pay a flat fee in order to save on their real estate commission
  - Heavy reliance on Google AdWords Marketing

- Heavy reliance on data entry. Virtual assistants have been hired and trained to pick up customer from inquiry to customer management

- Mostly geared for the experienced investor and/or seller that knows very well how to handle intake of listing

• Successfully Built and Manage *FlatFeeClose.com* brand name

- Focused brand name of company that operates with the Flat Fee Model of Listings in the California markets of Los Angeles, San Diego and Bay Area. This means sellers and tenants pay a flat fee in order to save on their real estate commission.

- Most successful numbers as far as customers for Puente & Associates

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- Mostly geared for the experienced investor and/or seller that knows very well how to handle intake of listing

- Manage cooperative Licensed Salespersons to perform Real Estate transactions
- Answer to any client about complaints or questions about Coordinators

# Real Estate Investor Myriad Financial, LLC.

January 2009- May 2017

- Real Estate Investment Project: 6023 Ettrick Dr Houston, TX 77035
- Managed Acquisition, Repairs & Sale of this Buy-Fix-Sell Project (Short-Term Flip) September 2009.
- Real Estate Investment Project: 6111 Yorktown Meadow Ln Houston, TX 77084 Managed Acquisition, Repairs & Sale of this Buy-Fix-Occupy Project (Long-Term Flip) October 2013.
- Real Estate Investment Project: 19806 Medicine Bow Dr Humble, TX 77346 Managed Acquisition, Repairs & Sale of this Buy-Fix-Sell Project (Short-Term Flip) November 2011.
- Real Estate Investment Project: 19702 Oak Branch Ct, Atascocita, TX 77346 Managed Acquisition, Repairs & Sale of this Buy-Fix-Sell Project (Long-Term Flip).

**Real Estate Investment Consultant** Networth Realty of Houston (Formerly RealNetUSA) January 2018- May 2010

- Manage Investor clientele and consult on all types of investment real estate strategies
- Analyze Real Estate holdings for acquisition of the company up to \$3,000,000 in holdings
- Submit offers and negotiate on behalf of the company
- Represent the company on major Real Estate events
- Promote Real Estate educational courses among new investors

**Partner** Professional Business Developers, LLC. (Digital Marketing Firm) January 2013- March 2014

- Managed Project Team for PorterPowers.com (Law Firm dedicated for Litigation in all fields)
- Managed on Project Team for PasaporteAzul.com (Law Branch in Spanish for Immigration Law)
- Managed with Project Team for Social Media for Antonio's FlyingPizzaAntonios.com
- Hired Personnel in order to run client paid campaigns
- Conducted focused testing for website and Social Media effectiveness

# **Conference Presenter Experience**

## Our Lady of the Lake University

Our World Now Conference hosted by the School of Business and Leadership February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Presentation Title: How a Formal Education can be a True Asset to Startup Entrepreneurs

• Entrepreneurs are known for skipping college and founding their own enterprises. However, this can mostly be a misconception. Entrepreneurs tend to have degrees, and most apply their knowledge to their business enterprise. There are influencers that gain their fame from the likes of Gary Vaynerchuk, by telling their audience to skip college in order to simply create a business. Yet, there is strong value in the academic education of an entrepreneur. Dr. Will Puente will relate how his formal academic education shaped the successful numbers of his business.

#### **Texas Southern University**

26th Annual Southwestern Business Administration Teaching Conference November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

Presentation Title: Marketing Professor Running for Office Against Establishment

• Demonstrated social media data and strategies based on a Kingwood, TX area election campaign against an established political candidate

#### Lone Star College- Kingwood

Adjunct Conference January 23rd, 2016 & September 10th, 2016 Presentation Title: Digital Communication

• Google voice as a tool of communication is now only one of plenty different types of communication software. Are there more interactive tools?

#### Lone Star College- University Park

EduCon – Conference for Lone Star College Online April 29th, 2016

Presentation Title: Digital Connectivity with Students by Using Different Strategies and Apps

• Successfully reach online students by getting close to a face-to-face experience using different technology aids. Find out how a few apps may help, including What's App Messenger

#### **Professional Licenses and Certificates**

# Broker License from the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation

Lic. #BK3500261 May 2021

# **Broker License from the Georgia Real Estate Commission** Lic. #402294

May 2020

# Broker License from the California Department of Real Estate

Lic. #02110771 March 2020

#### **Certified Family and Civil Mediator by BarnHam Graduate School and Seminary** October 2019

# **Certified Anger Resolution Therapist<sup>TM</sup> by the Center for Anger Resolution** Cert. #2524-6108

September 2018

## **Broker License from Texas Real Estate Commission**

Lic. #586952 March 2010

#### NMLS Residential Mortgage Originator

Lic. #332938, (Inactive) December 2009

## **Memberships and Awards**

#### CALI Excellence for the Future Award® Southern University Law Center, Torts

The CALI Excellence for the Future Award® is given to the highest scoring student in each law school class at many law schools Fall 2021

#### **Member of National Association of Realtors** May 2008

**Member of Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity, Inc.** May 2006

# Founder of Theta Gamma Chapter of Sigma Lambda Beta (Univ. of Alabama)

May 2006

#### **Interests & Other**

## **Mountain Climbing Experience**

2018-Present

• Climbed over 10 mountains above 14,000 and 15,000 feet which include Mount Whitney (highest in Continental US), Pico de Orizaba (highest in Mexico), Mount Rainier (mountaineering), and Nevado Mateo in the Andes Mountain range

#### **Chevron Houston Marathon**

2018

• Full 26.2 Race at 05:23:23

#### Rider of MS-150

2014

• Bike ride from Houston to Austin for the benefit of the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation

**Try Andy's Tri Triathlon 2012** 2012