Industry Leader Spotlight

Michael Hodges MPM®,

Owner

First Place Management, Inc.



Michael Hodges, MPM®, CAM, earned his B.S. in Accounting from Jacksonville University and has held a Florida real estate license since 1988 and a Broker's license since 1990. After starting his career in auditing with Florida Blue, Michael found his passion in property management. In 2005, he purchased First Place Management, Inc., growing it from 112 accounts to more than 400, along with ten managed communities. FPM Properties and FPM Communities proudly celebrate their 20-year anniversary in 2025!

An active leader in the industry, Michael serves as the 2025 APAC Chair for the Florida Apartment Association and represents the apartment industry as a Key Contact for Rep. Aaron Bean and Co-Key Contact for Rep. Rutherford through NAA and NARPM. A longtime advocate, he played a key role in advancing the Emotional Support Animal bill, Florida's rent control exemption bill, and the Electronic Notice bill effective July 1, 2025. Michael is a past president of NARPM Florida and NARPM Jax, serves on multiple legislative committees, and was named the 2020 NEFAR Realtor of the Year. Outside of work, he's a proud Miami Hurricanes fan, loves traveling with his wife of 15 years, and enjoys time with their daughter, son-in-law, and nine-year-old granddaughter.

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