



April 10, 2026

Dear friend of ULI Chicago,

We invite you to join us as we celebrate ULI Chicago’s 40th Anniversary and honor this year’s Lifetime Achievement Award honoree:

John Bucksbaum

The ULI Chicago Lifetime Achievement Award was established to recognize leaders in Chicago real estate whose industry contributions, as well as civic and philanthropic endeavors, exemplify the spirit and mission of ULI. Please join us by reserving a table as we honor John. The Lifetime Achievement celebration will take place at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel Chicago on **June 4, 2026**.

We can think of no one better, from both a professional and personal standpoint, who deserves this recognition. John is the CEO and founder of Bucksbaum Properties, LLC, a private real estate owner and developer of shopping centers and mixed-use projects. He previously served as chairman and CEO of General Growth Properties, Inc., which had ownership and management interest in over 200 regional and super regional shopping malls in 44 states, totaling over 200 million square feet of space.

John’s spirit of “giving back” to the industry includes serving as Past Chairman of the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) and the Zell/Lurie Real Estate Center at the Wharton School, as well as a Trustee of the Urban Land Institute (ULI). He also serves on the boards of the University of Denver, the Bucksbaum Institute for Clinical Excellence at the University of Chicago, the Field Museum, Navy Pier, Inc., U.S. Ski & Snowboard, USA Cycling, the Chicago Sports Commission, People for Bikes, and Young Presidents’ Organization (YPO). He also served for many years as campaign chair for the Chicago chapter of the American Jewish Committee (AJC).

John’s ethos and career reflects the very values that define ULI - to **connect, inspire, and lead**. Through over four decades of building trusted relationships across the industry and community, John has connected people, ideas, and opportunities that strengthen the built environment. His example has inspired colleagues and partners to think bigger, work harder, and pursue projects that create lasting value. Most importantly, John’s leadership brings together diverse talents and perspectives, fostering collaboration, innovation, and the kind of partnerships that endure well beyond any single project.

We are thrilled to add John to a distinguished list of past Award recipients (*see attached list*) and hope you will join us in celebrating our 40th year and honoring him at the Lifetime Award Dinner. Proceeds from the Lifetime Achievement Award event support the outreach initiatives and community work led by ULI Chicago and its members.

To reserve your table, please return the enclosed response form to ULI Chicago by Thursday, May 28, 2026.

Sincerely,

Michael Fascitelli
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Bucksbaum Properties, LLC

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2026 Host Committee Co-Chair*

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June 4, 2026

29th Annual LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

29th Annual Lifetime Achievement Award Dinner

honoring **John Bucksbaum**

June 4, 2026

6:00 PM | at the Ritz-Carlton Chicago | 160 E. Pearson Street, Chicago

Sponsorship & Table Reservation Form

Yes, I will sponsor the 2026 ULI Chicago Lifetime Achievement Award Dinner

All levels include a table of 8 at the event. Please provide the name & company of your eight (8) guests.

- Platinum** \$50,000 *(Attendance at VIP Reception (2), Recognition during program, Priority seating & Company listing on all event materials.)*
- Patron** \$25,000 *(Attendance at VIP Reception (1), Recognition during program, Priority seating & Company listing on all event materials.)*
- Leadership** \$15,000 *(Priority seating & Company listing on all event materials.)*
- Contributor** \$ 7,500 *(Company listing on all event materials.)*

I will attend and purchase an individual ticket(s) to the ULI Chicago Lifetime Achievement Award Dinner and request _____ tickets at \$750 each.

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the ULI Chicago Lifetime Achievement Award Dinner but have enclosed a donation to support ULI Chicago's community outreach work.

Name: _____ Company: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Payment Type:

- CHECK *(Made payable to: ULI Chicago / Mail to: 1700 W. Irving Park Rd., Ste 208, Chicago, IL 60613)*
- ACH *(We will follow up with an email & ACH details.)*
- CREDIT CARD *(3.5% service fee will be added.)*

Card Number: _____ Exp: _____ Security Code: _____

We must receive your **response by Thursday, May 28, 2026** in order to reserve space for your listing as a member of the Host Committee. **Please send completed form to: chicago@uli.org.**

The Urban Land Institute is a 501-c3 non-profit, non-partisan research and educational institute whose mission is to shape the future of the built environment for transformative impact in communities worldwide. ULI Chicago, with a membership of over 1,500 real estate related professionals, continues to develop its role as the organization that civic and community leaders turn to for guidance in land use matters. With your assistance, these efforts will continue to grow and expand.