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**Gerry Schuetzenhofer of Coldwell Banker Brown REALTORS®  
Recognized as Local REALTOR® of the Year**

Glen Carbon, IL — Gerry Schuetzenhofer of Coldwell Banker Brown REALTORS® in Edwardsville was named 2009 REALTOR® of the Year by the Greater Gateway Association of REALTORS® (GGAR). Gerry received special recognition and a prestigious award during the Illinois Association of REALTORS® (IAR) state banquet in September.

The awards banquet, sponsored by the Illinois Real Estate Educational Foundation, was held in conjunction with the business meetings of the 50,000-member Illinois Association of REALTORS®.

Gerry became a licensed REALTOR® in 1981 and is currently the broker owner of Coldwell Banker Brown REALTORS® in Edwardsville. He served on the Board of Directors for the Greater Gateway Association of REALTORS® from 2001 through 2005. Throughout the years, Gerry has also served on various committees of the Illinois Association of REALTORS® and the National Association of REALTORS®. In addition to his work in the real estate industry, Gerry is a Past President of the Edwardsville Rotary Club and served on the Leadership Council of Southwestern Illinois and the SIUE Foundation.

The REALTOR® of the Year award is presented annually to one member of the association who best exemplifies the professional qualities of a REALTOR®. It is based on a person's service and leadership in community and civic affairs as well as activities within the local, state, and national real estate associations. Proceeds for the banquet benefit the work of the Foundation, a not-for-profit organization that promotes research and academic advancement in real estate subjects through a series of grants and scholarships.

The Greater Gateway Association of REALTORS® serves over 1,200 REALTOR® and affiliate members in the southwestern Illinois region including the counties of Bond, Calhoun, Fayette, Jersey, Macoupin, Madison, Monroe, and Montgomery. The Association strives to promote education, professionalism, and ethical conduct in the real estate industry, to continue to be an advocate for the protection of property rights, to assist in providing Americans with safe and affordable housing, and to further the interest of residential and other real estate property ownership.

*Photo provided upon request.*