

# President's Message



by Sarah Bell

## **Evolving Landscape of Our MLS**

We are in a constant state of change within the real estate industry, particularly locally. Every week, we witness changes in our forms, MLS, policy, and business practices. As your 2025 President, I kindly request that you stay informed about the evolving landscape of our MLS.

MARIS comprises 14 associations spanning from northern Missouri to Illinois and the Bootheel region. We are all grappling with these changes and adapting to our local areas accordingly. It's not an easy task, but you are not alone in this journey of understanding the changes, the reasoning behind them, and how to perform your duties effectively and avoid trouble.

I encourage you to set aside distractions and thoroughly read the [MLS status descriptions](#) to gain a comprehensive understanding. Additionally, take the time to review the [updates from MARIS](#), as new statuses are emerging that provide sellers with more options and agents with greater opportunities to market to each other. Familiarize yourself with these details firsthand. If you encounter any discrepancies in the field, please report them promptly.

We are all learning as we go, but it's crucial that we maintain honesty and integrity. If you require guidance or advice, please don't hesitate to reach out to the St. Charles REALTORS Association or me directly, Sarah Bell, as your 2025 President. My direct number is 636-614-8693. Together, let's steer our organization towards success and progress.

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