

VOICES

# Who's the BEST BOSS YOU'VE EVER HAD, and why?



1 **Bill Balhoff**

*Managing director and CEO, Postlethwaite & Netterville*

"I have been fortunate to be able to work side-by-side and underneath many extraordinary people in my career, including Mr. [Alexander] Postlethwaite, who embodied all the values you would hope to find in a trusted business adviser. I was also heavily influenced by my first boss, Harold Bahlinger of Kornmeyer's Furniture. He had an incredible sense of family, tradition and customer service, along with a respect for people that he lived and inspired others around him to live."



2 **Dottie Tarleton**

*Senior broker associate, Stirling Properties*

"Marty Mayer is the president and CEO of Stirling Properties and is the best boss I have ever had. I have worked with him for 26 years and during that time I have watched him grow as a person and a leader, not only in the company but in the community, and major business organizations. He leads by example, encourages everyone within the Stirling organization to think outside the box, draw outside the lines and to take risks."



3 **Stephen Loy**

*Executive director, Louisiana Technology Park*

"Dr. Roland Dommert was my boss at the Louisiana Retired Teachers Association. Through his actions and advice, he taught me that you always need to play the long ball. Don't let your emotions with one single event or one person dictate your future. Stand up for yourself, sure; but sometime you just need to let people talk until they unwind and have nothing else to say."



4 **Maranda White**

*CEO, Octagon Media*

"Best boss: Peter A. Mayer. I admire him, his wisdom and his knowledge, but to top it all off was his charm. At the time, there were over 200 employees at the company and he took the time to know me personally. That spoke volumes. I will forever remember the days when he would sit on Camp Street in his lawn chair, smoking a cigar and greeting passers-by."



5 **Harry "Skip" Phillips Jr.**

*Managing partner, Taylor Porter*

"In the practice of law, our firm's former co-managing partners, Shelby McKenzie and John Campbell Jr., were visionary leaders. They saw the need to improve our 100-year-old partnership, had the wisdom and courage to lead us through significant changes that have positioned us for many years of success, and demonstrated to me many valuable leadership skills of a managing partner."