



<b>Name</b>	Jessica Thompson
<b>Please list any service (committees, boards, etc) to OKCMAR, MLSOK, OAR, NAR, or others within the industry.</b>	<p>OKCMAR Government Affairs Vice-Chair, OKCMAR Government Affairs Policy &amp; Advocacy Subcommittees, OKCMAR Finance Committee, OKCMAR Leadership Academy Chair, OKCMAR Executive Committee, OKCMAR Board of Directors (2020-current), OKCMAR Way Home Fund Trustee, Current OKCMAR Treasurer/Secretary, OAR Leadership Academy Participant, NAR Housing Opportunities Committee reviewing NAR grants to local associations that are addressing housing issues, zoning and code reform, housing forums, NAR Smart Growth Advisory Board, NAR Sustainability Advisory Group looking at ways to address sustainability in real estate practice and construction, NAR Diversity Committee, NAR Public Policy Coordinating Committee reviewing NAR policies submitted from NAR committee workgroups, NAR Insurance Committee Region 9 Representative (OK, KS, AR, MO) currently working to address high insurance premiums on mortgages and flood insurance reform.</p>
<b>Tell us a little bit about yourself. Please include any community involvement or personal philosophy.</b>	<p>I am a parent of two, married and see the value in giving back to the community. It is why I became a REALTOR. I have served Neighborhood Alliance of Central Oklahoma (NACOK) for two years now in the capacity of Board President. Realtors and neighborhood collaboration is important. I also believe in safe, healthy neighborhoods and support efforts that can have positive impacts not just now, but for the future. I typically take a bigger picture philosophy, looking at what we do now and how it impacts our future. I previously served as a Board Member for Positive Paseo, a community housing development corporation that helps to build infill development in low-income areas. I have also volunteered for Oklahoma City Public Schools (OKCPS) because education has an impact on where consumers choose to live. Serving others is important to me, and something that I also try to instill in my children.</p>

**What motivated your desire to serve on the OKCMAR board?**

I like to leave things better than I found them. When I joined the Board in 2020, I felt that there was a lack of participation from membership and felt that the Board needed to foster interest and create opportunities for its membership to engage. I believe in meeting people where they are at and helping them. At OKCMAR, I and a few others pushed for a Government Affairs survey. We surveyed the membership and the highest priority was homelessness. OKCMAR created a fund that helps address homelessness in our community, called The Way Home Fund. Having seen the increase of involvement from our membership from that survey and the action taken thereof, I am very supportive of continuing OKCMAR surveys to ensure the membership is provided with quality content, value, and your needs are being met.

As a member, I have seen benefits of cooperation over competition, in order to help better our industry. As a Board Member, I read and listen to members concerns and work to make sure that your voices are being heard, but more importantly, represented at the table. Having served on many committees for OKCMAR and working with fellow members, I have learned that the members are what make the organization successful and keep the Board accountable. When I came on the Board, I was a Sales Associate and now I am a Broker. Having become a Broker, I feel that with good direction from Brokers, OKCMAR has an opportunity to set a higher standard amongst us and I look forward to carrying that torch in the next chapter of my service with OKCMAR. Giving back to this organization is the least I can do for everything it has given me.

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