



MARLENE MERKLE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Marlene has served as the Chief Executive Officer since 1982. She is responsible for the day to day operations of the Board under the direction of the Board of Directors. She coordinates the work of all the Committees including assisting with and raising money for community projects. Marlene has a Master of Arts degree in Counseling Services and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology with a Psychology minor from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She is a native of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania - home of the famous Phil the Groundhog! She has 1 son who is a singer/dancer/actor in California. She also has an identical twin sister, three more sisters and 1 brother who is recently deceased. She has served as Chair of the Florida REALTORS® Executive Officers Committee as well as serving on many state and national committees over the years. During Marlene's tenure, the Board was awarded 15 Achievement Awards and 17 Education Awards from Florida REALTORS® (until the Board awards were sunset.). The Board is also a past recipient of the Venice Area Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year Award.