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Bonnie E. Bond is a CPA, \IIBA and shareholder with Sykes & Co. P.A. - The accounting firm for successful independent pharmacies across the U.S. Bonnie works with new retail independent pharmacy clients and assists them with the start-up and transition of their pharmacies. Bonnie helps clients set up systems that provide trustworthy numbers when they need them-whether that means high-level overviews or detailed daily information. She helps clients understand where they stand financially and the steps they can take to get where they want to go. She has experience in tax preparation for both individuals and corporations, as well as financial statement preparation and reviews and is involved in every aspect of pharmacy accounting, including tax and business advisory needs of pharmacies and their owners. Bonnie is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the North Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants. She received her Certified Public Accountant certification in 2010 and received her B.S. in Accounting from North Carolina State University and her \IIBA from East Carolina University.



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Greco joined Live Oak Bank in 2015 bringing with him years of experience working with independent pharmacies nationwide, most recently with a Fortune 20 Drug Distributor. Greco earned his BA and MBA from Cal State Sacramento. He has a deep knowledge of the pharmacy industry including pharmacy operations and financials. At Live Oak Bank he has helped independent pharmacists navigate the financing process to help them achieve their business goals. Greco has passion for helping independent pharmacies staying independent.



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Dr. Jonathan Marquess is Vice President of the Academy of Independent Pharmacy for the Georgia Pharmacy Association. In this role, he promotes economic viability and security for Independent Pharmacies. In addition, Marquess and his Pharmacist wife, Pam are the owners of Community and Long-Term Care Pharmacies in Georgia. Before assuming his current position, Dr. Marquess was Vice President of Clinical and Professional Affairs for APCI and a Clinical Professor of Pharmacy Practice at Mercer University School of Pharmacy in Atlanta.



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Nick has been with McKesson since 2010. Before joining the RxOwnership team he was a Retail Sales Manager in the Eastern Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin and Missouri territories working directly with independent pharmacy owners to develop and execute strategic growth plans. He graduated from Northern Illinois University with a bachelor's degree in Marketing and Sales. As a member of the RxOwnership team Nick consults with buyers, sellers and owners looking to start up a pharmacy.

Nick's role in multiple pharmacy acquisitions makes him a valuable guide in assisting those interested in making their ownership goals a reality.



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Dennis Song, RPh, owner, Flower Mound Pharmacy. Known in his community as the “herbalist” pharmacist, Dennis runs his pharmacy as an innovative practice with an integrative approach to health through medicine, supplements and nutrition that grossed over 250K on vitamins and supplements in 2019.



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In his role as Former NCPA Senior Director of Store Operations and Marketing, Gabe Trahan has worked with hundreds of community pharmacies of all sizes to help them improve their images and ultimately boost front-end profits. From conducting in-store and virtual consultations to presenting at educational workshops and writing extensively on front-end retailing, Gabe has established himself as the leading expert in effective and innovative front-end design and merchandising. Gabe pens a monthly column in *America's Pharmacist* magazine, contribute tips for NCPA's bimonthly *Profit Makers* newsletter, and is the author of several books.



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In his more than 35 years with PRS, Scott has overseen the acquisition and startup of over 250 pharmacies nationwide. Most recently he has positioned PRS Brokerage Services as a nationwide leader in guiding buyers and sellers through every step of Pharmacy Ownership Transition.

Scott received his BS in Pharmacy from Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science. He is a member of the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) and the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association (PPA). He has obtained certification as a Pharmacy Regulatory Specialist and as an Accredited Business Broker.

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Dr. Zaibak started his career as a Pharmacist in 1999 after graduating from the University of Illinois-Chicago. With over fifteen years of experience, he has seen the industry from multiple vantage points. Hashim is the owner of Hayat Pharmacy in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and runs 17 pharmacies. Aside from Hashim's experience, he is well known as a helpful educated medical counselor. He dedicates time to giving health education presentations and teaching patients proper medication administration. Dr. Zaibak has over six years of experience as a Clinical Instructor to help train pharmacy students from six pharmacy schools in the Wisconsin and Illinois area (Concordia University, Rosalind Franklin University, University of Wisconsin, University of Illinois, Midwestern University, and MCW School of Pharmacy). As recognition of Hashim's excellent service to the community, he was named the 2014 Pharmacist of the Year by Pharmacy Development Services and Health Mart's 2014 Pharmacy of the Year.