

THE PEOPLE DEVELOPER

For PegasusAblon's Mike Ablon, inspiration comes from helping shape the next generation of leaders

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For someone who has been a driving force in developing the Dallas Design District—a bustling area north of downtown, with more than 1,000 multifamily residences and a number of restaurant and retail establishments—Mike Ablon speaks rather humbly about his impact and success.

“The only way they allow you to become a real estate developer is if you flunk out of three other professions,” he jokes.

A graduate of The Real Estate Council's 1997 Associate Leadership Council (ALC) program, Ablon credits his experience as an ALC fellow for helping him to see a bigger picture—one beyond his professional responsibilities.

“Each of us in the program has a

moral responsibility to give back,” says Ablon, principal at PegasusAblon. “But you don't want to run around trying to save the world; you want to focus on where your skills and natural inclinations will make the greatest impact.”

Ablon says he felt his calling was to further develop the initiative for incoming fellows. Founded in the mid-1990s, the ALC is a leadership development program for commercial real estate professionals who are 27 to 37 years old.

From teaching programs on public and private partnerships to leadership training, Ablon says his “passion is focused on exposing others to a range of issues and problems—and helping them to discover what resonates most.”



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