

New York City Buyer's Guide

by Corey Cohen

Dear Homebuyer,

I am honored by the opportunity to work with you and passionate about helping you purchase the home of your dreams. I will bring enthusiasm and expertise to the process and help you find the right fit at the best possible price. Your interests will always be placed first and I intend for this relationship to last a lifetime.

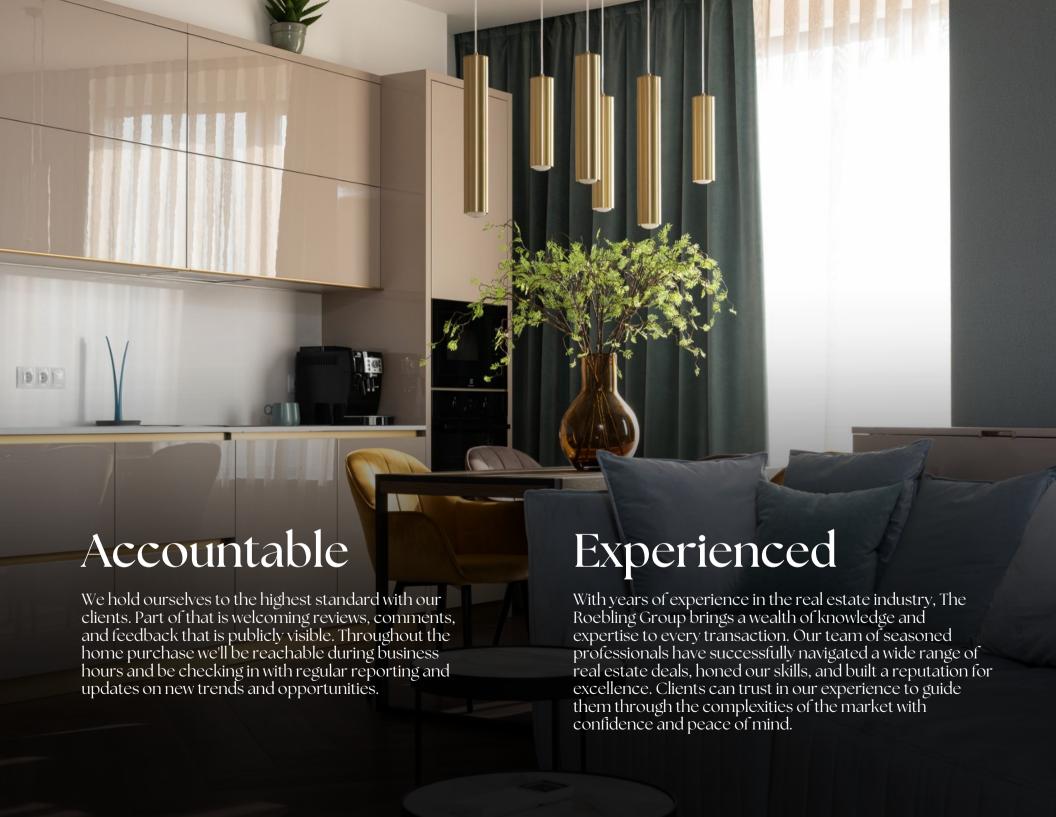
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Ensuring results with an approach that's savvy, thorough, and honest, Corey has established himself amongst the top-ranked brokers in Manhattan, according to Google. With 10 years of industry experience, Corey is a top producer who has the experience and foresight to make a smooth and satisfying deal possible.

Buyers today seek Corey's expertise so they can secure market-appropriate discounts relative to recorded sales just a few years ago. Having walked thousands of apartments, Corey provides the eye of an inspector on-site. He shares curated spreadsheets at different stages of the purchasing process with appraiser-like analysis so clients understand market valuation. He also offers feedback and consideration on matters like building financials in advance of vetted second opinions from a legal team. Clients appreciate Corey's experience and attention to detail in his anticipation of their needs.

Between the unparalleled service provided with the ultimate level of care and insight, Corey has joined the upper echelon of New York City real estate.

EXPERIENCE

\$400m in deal volume

301+ transactions to date

O years connecting buyers and sellers of real estate

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING



George Varthalamis | Principal | UES Buyer

Corey and Amanda steered me through both the sale of my existing apartment, and purchase of my new one. They helped simplify a complicated and often times stressful process. In the end, my move was smooth and successful, which I attribute to having such a great team on my side.





Adam Stein | SPK Lewis | UES Buyer

Corey stuck by our side in our search for a diamond in the rough and was able to hold our hands through an extremely difficult negotiation process. Corey is much more than a broker - he is an advisor and a friend.





Donna Haws | Dept. of Education | Jersey City Buyer

We had a long, hard slog of a house hunt that took us to three boroughs, two states and lasted nearly a year. In that time, we saw a few buyer's agents - including a couple from the big, wellknown NYC agencies - but Corey and his team really stood out. Corey is not afraid to give his honest opinion on the properties that you are looking at - he will tell you when you've found a dud/if the price is too high, etc., even though he is losing a commission over it. When you are looking for as long as we were, you realize how unique that is. We also thought he was pretty savvy with knowing how to price / value properties - we got a great deal on the property we eventually settled on / at the low end or possibly even slightly below its market value. We would recommend him to anyone!



QUALITY

We work with the best.

NIMBLE

Principal to Principal communication.
Untethered by bureaucracy.

INNOVATIVE

It's an aggregated and social world that's evolving fast. Fortunately, we're digital pioneers.



StreetEasy | Experts

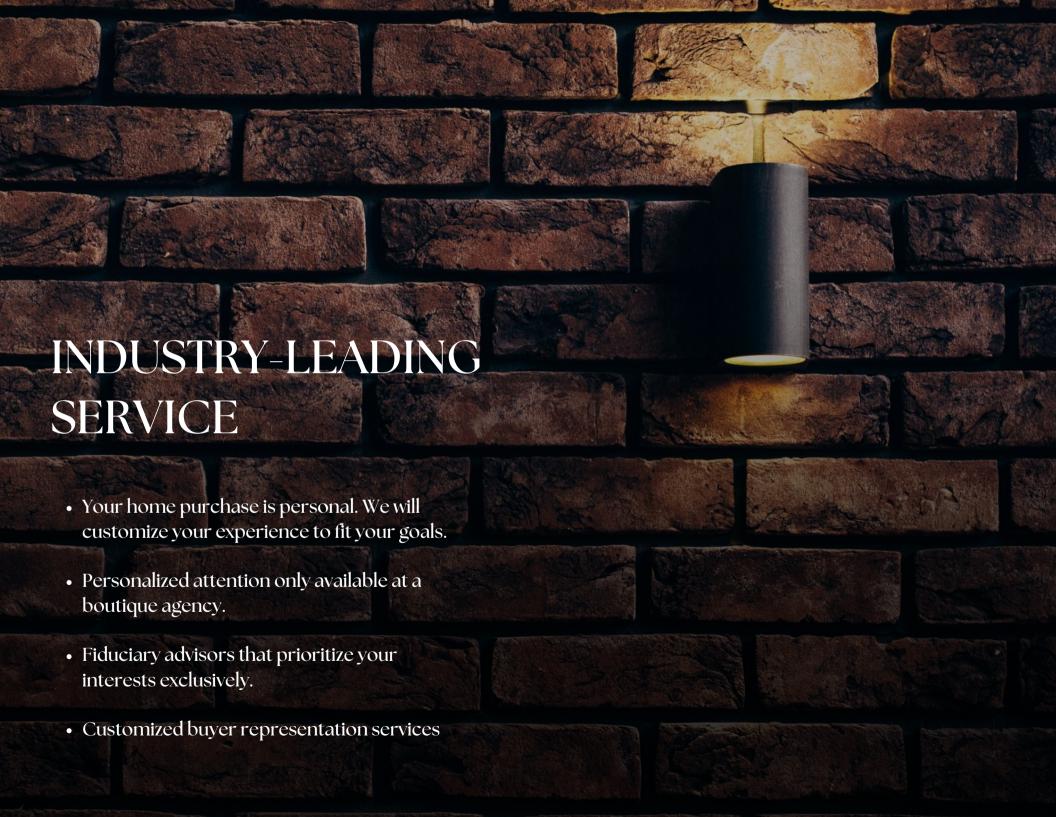
Top Performer

By Sales Volume









Let's get you pre-approved for a mortgage. The professionals below are excellent and you'll be in fantastic hands.

MORTGAGE LENDERS

GETTING STARTED

Let's meet or hop on a call to discuss your criteria. There are variations in pricing and expectations whether you want a prewar building on Central Park West or a walkup in Soho. A new development in Brooklyn or a postwar cooperative on the Upper East Side.

We want to identify what you're looking for in an apartment along with the financial parameters you'd like to maintain in its acquisition. Other questions like the ability to sublet and location will also impact the direction we should take your search.

We'll educate you on the benefits and drawbacks of condominiums versus cooperatives and get you caught up on the market so you have a sense of your negotiating power. We'll also review historical data so you can understand home appreciation in the New York City area.

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ATTORNEYS

New York calls for one attorney to represent the Purchaser and a second attorney to represent the Seller. We've worked with three top attorneys to the right who focus on real estate transactions.

Your attorney will review the building financials, and offering plan, read through the minutes of the board meetings, and have the Managing Agent complete a questionnaire while negotiating the contract of sale.

Due diligence usually takes 5-7 business days at which point the contract of sale will be signed and a 10% contract deposit will be submitted. This will remain in the seller's attorney's escrow account until closing.

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REBNY FORM

Cooperatives have more stringent requirements than banks when it comes to obtaining board approval. Upon submitting offers it will be expected that this document is completed truthfully and accurately.

A 'rule of thumb' is you want to make 4x more than your monthly expenditures on mortgage, maintenance, and other debt expenditures (i.e. student loans or car payments). So if your monthly outlay is \$8,000 per month, you'll want to demonstrate \$32,000 per month in income in order to qualify for most cooperatives.

There are no 'hard and fast' rules though on cooperative board qualifications. Some buildings are more stringent than others. Eventually, you'll be substantiating these representations to the penny on your board application with accompanying bank statements.

For condominiums, you will still be expected to submit a REBNY form and later substantiate the assets in your application. But as long as you have your commitment letter from the bank you will be able to purchase the home.

Financial Statement

Address:	Address:	
The following is submitted as being a true and accurate state	ment of the financial condition of the undersioned on the:	

ASSETS		LIABILITIES			
	Applicant	Co-Applicant		Applicant	Co-Applicant
Cash in banks (Sch	edule A)	3 (30%)	Notes Payable (Schedule E)	2.22	0 1000
Money Market Fund	s		To Banks		
Contract Deposit			To Relatives		
Investments: Stocks	and Bonds	- 1	To Others		
(Schedule B)			Installment Accounts Payable:		
Investments in Own	Business		Automobile		
Accounts and Note:	s Receivable		Other		
Real Estate Owned	(Schedule C)		Other Accounts Payable		
Automobiles:			Mortgages Payable on Real Estate		Ç.
Year		54	(Schedule F)		
Make	43412		Unpaid Real Estate Taxes		
Personal Property a	nd Furniture		Unpaid Income Taxes		
Life Insurance			Chattel Mortgages	8	1
Cash Surrender	Value		Loans on Life Insurance Policies		
Retirement Funds/ #	RA.		(Include Premium Advances)		
401K		2	Outstanding Credit Card Debt		
KEOGH			Other Debts (Schedule G)	i i	
Profit Sharing/ Pr	ension Plan		TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Assets (Sche	idule D)		NET WORTH	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$0.	00 \$0.00			
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SOURCES OF INCOME / MONTHLY			PROJEC	
	Applicant	Co-Applicant		
Base Salary	371.00	2000	Maintenance	
Overtime Wages			Apartment Financing	
Bonus and Commissions			Other Mortgages	
Dividends and Interest Income		7	Bank Loans	
Real Estate Income (Net)	3		Auto Loans	
Other Income Including Gifts			Other;	
(Schedule H)			TOTAL	
TOTAL	\$0.00	\$0.00		

	Applicant	Co-Applicant
Maintenance	- procure	
Apartment Financing		
Other Mortgages		
Bank Loans		
Auto Loans		
Other:		
TOTAL	\$0.00	\$0.00
	COMBINED TOTAL	\$0.00

GENERAL INFORMATION		CONTINGENT LIABILITIES		
Vac - TOWN - NO HOLD NO TOWN - TO TO	Applicant	Co-Applicant	NAME OF THE OWNER OWNER OF THE OWNER OWNE	
Personal Bank Accounts at			An Endorser or Co-maker on Notes	
			Alimony Payments (Annual)	
			Child Support	
Savings and Loan Accounts at			Are you a defendant in any legal action?	_
			Are there any unsatisfied judgments?	
		3	Have you ever taken bankruptcy? Explain:	
Purpose of Loan				







DUE DILIGENCE

Is co-purchasing allowed? What are the building's reserves? When was the last time Local Law 11 was completed? We proactively seek answers to these questions while submitting offers on apartments as they can impact your application along with the financial health of the building.

Financials

- The 2022 audited financial statements indicate that the Corporation received \$5,497,495.00 in revenue and had \$5,341,925.00 in expenses before depreciation. This resulted in a surplus of \$155,570.00.
 - Please note that, while not the case for this building, it is common for buildings to
 operate at a minor deficit as the building's revenue is meant to cover expenses and
 not generate a profit.
- The 2021 audited financial statements indicate that the Corporation received \$5,423,055.00 in revenue and had \$5,212,507.00 in expenses before depreciation. This resulted in a surplus of \$210,548.00.
- Approximately 91% of the building's expenses are fixed costs relating to payroll, utilities (including water) mortgage interest and real estate taxes.
- The Managing Agent for the Corporation has advised that they currently have approximately \$1,713,197.76 in Reserve.
- . The Managing Agent has advised that the monthly maintenance for the Unit is \$1,552.26.
- The Managing Agent has advised that the maintenance last increased by 3.86% in 2022.
 - There was an increase of 2.95% in 2022.
 - . There was an increase of 3.87% in 2021.
 - There was an increase of 3.7% in 2020.
 - . There was an increase of 7.5% in 2019.
- · The Corporation does not charge a flip tax.
- Mortgage Payable.
 - The Corporation has a mortgage in the amount of \$10,500,000.00 at an interest rate
 of 3.34%. Payments are interest only. Mortgage matures January 1, 2030.
 - The Corporation has a line of credit in the amount of \$500,000.00 at an interest rate per annum equal to the Prime Rate. As of December 31, 2022, the Corporation had not drawn down on this loan.
- <u>Litigation</u>. The Managing Agent has advised that there is no pending litigation against the Corporation. Any pending litigation may affect a lender's ability to provide a loan.
- Arrears. There are five (5) unit owners in arrears on payment of the maintenance. The
 arrears of approximately \$16,500 are a result of a unit that is in probate. The Unit is currently
 in contract for sale, and the arrears will be collected at closing of the Unit.

400 EAST 85TH STREET REALTY CORP.

BALANCE SHEETS

December 31,	2019	2018
Assets		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 76,149	\$ 184,448
Tax escrow account (Note 3)	458,070	457,969
Receivables (Note 4)	100,457	168,140
Prepaid expenses (Note 5)	104,038	108,941
Total Current Assets	738,714	919,498
Reserve fund (Notes 2 and 6)	1,586,882	1,050,246
Property and Improvements: (Notes 2 and 7)		
Land	2,869,700	2,869,700
Building	10,626,660	10,626,660
Building improvements	14,113,421	_13,533,948
Total	27,609,781	27,030,308
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>17,490,634</u>	16,823,813
Net Property and Improvements	10,119,147	_10,206,495
Other Assets:		
Cash - security deposits	253,290	249,646
Commercial rent receivable (Notes 2 and 9)	2,387,808	2,415,821
Deferred commercial lease commissions (Note 2)	121,292	175,532
Utility deposit	90	
Total Other Assets	2.762,480	2,840,999
Total Assets	\$ 15,207,223	\$ 15,017,238



Taxes 41.9%

ACCEPTED OFFER

Accepted offers in New York City are not binding. I always request that the seller's broker does not hold another Open House while due diligence is conducted but it's likely they'll continue to show the property until contracts are executed. It's vital to work with a real estate attorney who is immersed in New York City real estate so the due diligence is completed quickly and with attention to detail. Similarly, we will continue to present new options to you until the contract is signed.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Between accepted offer and entering contract, it's recommended to obtain an engineering inspection on the premises. This is especially the case for multi-family apartment buildings or single-family homes. But even for condominiums and cooperatives, it's important for an engineer to inspect the premises and identify potential issues.

In some cases, it's possible for the purchaser to obtain credits towards needed repairs. In others, it will spark the repair of appliances or HVAC systems that otherwise would not have been remedied prior to closing. But at a minimum, it will serve as a benchmark for repairs to anticipate and issues to monitor in the future.

For repair requests prior to entering contract, it's crucial to submit the results of an engineering inspection. Usually, a contract calls for appliances to be in 'working order' so this allows the Seller to get ahead of any needed repairs prior to closing.



We facilitate your board package when it's required. You'll receive directions on where to obtain reference letters and how they should be written. How to display your financials so they're easily digestible by those reviewing them. The importance of a strong Cover Letter to introduce yourself to The Board. And we'll be at the office for hours into the night printing, fling, and neatly organizing 5–8 binders with hundreds of pages in each one. In many cases, board packages are submitted online which makes the process easier.

We help you garner financing when you need it. We'll personally meet with the seller's agent and the appraiser so comparables that were used to determine the pricing of the apartment are presented favorably.

BOARD INTERVIEW (COOPERATIVES)

We prepare you for your board interview by providing you with typical questions you can expect to receive and how best to respond. After spending hours with your personal documents we also anticipate an additional question or two that may cater to your specific situation.

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. How much did you earn last year? The year before?
- 2. How long have you been employed in your profession?
- 3. Do you entertain a lot at home?
- 4. What do you see as the market and future growth of your profession?
- 5. Do you realize you need to cover your flooring with 80% carpet?
- 6. Do you realize that you need to use licensed, insured contractors to do the work? Do you know what the process is for doing renovations?

TIPS

- Receiving an invite is a good sign. An interview is the board's
 opportunity to meet you and discuss your application in greater detail.
 The interview style can range from an informal gathering to having
 board members lined up at a table with you in the hot seat.
- Dress appropriately and be prompt. Think of a board interview like a job interview.
- Know your application. Without even having to look, you should be able to quickly and accurately answer any questions regarding your application.
- Do not try to sell yourself. Unlike a job interview, only answer questions asked and let the board members take the lead.
- Do not ask questions that can come off as negative to the board.
 Questions like "Do you have any plans to renovate the lobby?" could potentially offend a member who was in charge of the last renovation. If you have any questions or concerns like this, ask your real estate agent or attorney.
- Couples should decide ahead of time who will answer what type of
 questions. For example, you may agree to answer only financial
 questions and your partner will respond to all others. Avoid discussing
 your responses in front of the board.
- Do not expect an immediate answer. Most boards take a day or two to come to a consensus. Your real estate agent and your attorney will confirm if you have been approved.



CLOSING COST ANALYSIS

A good rule of thumb for buyers is to be prepared to spend 2-5% of the purchase price in closing costs, and expect the percentage to be on the higher end for condos, townhouses, homes over \$1 million, and new developments.

Cooperatives benefit from lower closing costs because they do not incur the Mortgage Recording Tax. Additionally, you tend to save money by not having to purchase title insurance. This is because cooperative shares are not treated as 'real' property as is the case with condominiums and townhouses.

CO-OPS

FEE	ESTIMATED COST
Attorney Your Attorney Lien Search Fee	Consult your attorney ~\$2,500 - \$5,000+ ~\$350
Bank Points Bank Application, Credit Check, etc. Bank Attorney Mortgage Recording Tax	~0 - 3% of the loan value \$400 - \$600 \$900 - \$1,500 ~0 - 3% of the loan value
UCC 1 Filing	\$125 ~\$300 - \$1,500
Building Board Package Processing Fees Credit Check Fee Move-in Fee Move-in Fee Move-in Deposit Maintenance Adjustment Recognition Agreement Fee Miscellaneous Co-op Charges	\$500 - \$2,000 \$100 - \$300 per buyer \$250 - \$500 \$500 - \$1,000 (refundable) Pro-rated for the month of closing \$200 - \$300 Varies by building. Consult the co-op's transfer agent & board package
Government Transfer Tax Filing Fee Mansion Tax	\$100 \$1M to < \$2M: 1.00% \$2M to < \$3M: 1.25% \$3M to < \$5M: 1.50% \$5M to < \$10M: 2.25% \$10M to < \$15M: 3.25% \$15M to < \$20M: 3.50% \$20M to < \$25M: 3.75% \$25M or more: 3.90%

CONDOMINIUMS

FEE	ESTIMATED COST
Attorney	
Your Attorney	Consult your attorney ~\$2,500 - \$5,000+
Bank	
Points	~0 - 3% of the loan value
Bank Application, Credit Check, etc	\$400 - \$600
Bank Attorney	\$900 - \$1,500
Appraisal	\$300 - \$1,500
Tax Escrow	~ 2 - 6 months of property taxes
Mortgage Recording Tax	1.8% of mortgage amount < \$500,000
	1.925% of mortgage amount > \$500,000+
Mortgage Origination Fee	~0 - 3% of loan amount
Building	
Board Package Processing Fees	\$500 - \$2,000
Move-in Fee	\$250 - \$1,000
Move-in Deposit	\$500 - \$1,500 (refundable)
Common Charges Adjustment	Pro-rated during the month of closing
Condo Credit Check	\$300 - \$500 per buyer
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New Development	104 4 0500 000
Residential NYC Transfer Tax*	1% < \$500,000
	1.425% < \$500,000+
Progressive NY State Transfer Tax*	0.4% for Residential transactions < \$3M
	0.65% for Residential transactions > \$3M
Government & Title	
Recording Fees	~\$250
Title Insurance	Title Insurance ~0.45% of purchase price
Municipal Searches	Municipal Searches \$350 - \$500
Real Estate Tax Adjustment	Pro-rated amount depends on when the tax is collected
Mansion Tax	\$1M to < \$2M: 1.00%
	\$2M to < \$3M: 1.25%
	\$3M to < \$5M: 1.50%
	\$5M to < \$10M: 2.25%
	\$10M to < \$15M: 3.25%
	\$15M to < \$20M: 3.50%
	\$20M to < \$25M: 3.75%
	\$25M or more: 3.90%
Residential Deed Transfers Title	\$75
Fee Closer	\$100 - \$500
Lenders Policy Title Insurance	Rates may vary

TOWNHOUSES & MULTI FAMILY HOMES

FEE	ESTIMATED COST
Attorney	
Your Attorney	Consult your attorney ~\$2,500 - \$5,000+
Bank	
Points	~0 - 3% of the loan value
Bank Loan Application Fees	\$400 - \$600
Bank Attorney	\$900 - \$1,500
Appraisal	~\$300 - \$1,500
Tax Escrow	~2 - 6 months of property taxes
Lenders Policy Title Insurance	Rates may vary
Mortgage Origination Fee	~0 - 3% of loan value
Mortgage Recording Tax	1.8% of mortgage amount < \$500,000
	1.925% of mortgage amount > \$500,000+
Government	
Recording Fees	~\$250
Municipal Search	0.4% of purchase price
Miscellaneous Title Fees	\$100
Real Estate Tax Adjustment	\$125
Mansion Tax	\$1M to < \$2M: 1.00%
	\$2M to < \$3M: 1.25%
	\$3M to < \$5M: 1.50%
	\$5M to < \$10M: 2.25%
	\$10M to < \$15M: 3.25%
	\$15M to < \$20M: 3.50%
	\$20M to < \$25M: 3.75%
	\$25M or more: 3.90%

CLOSING AND POST-CLOSING

Some apartments require renovations and we encourage buyers to consult with us for any help with contractor selection.

We also have insights into designing your home strategically for resale so that it has lasting appeal into the future.

Lastly, let's get together in the new (or olde) neighborhood and celebrate the deal! We love feedback on how to best serve our customers. And, of course, we appreciate any introductions to friends, family, or coworkers who need to buy or sell their next property.

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Sharon Mei | McKinsey & Company | UWS Buyer

From the first time we met Corey, it was clear that he is committed to his clients and willing to go above and beyond on our behalf. We started looking at properties during December of 2020 (peak of Covid) and Corey helped us navigate, view, and evaluate 25+ apartments across the Upper East and West Side in Manhattan, arming us with thorough research and expertise at every apartment. After we had an accepted offer, he strategically supported us through the co-op application and closing processes effectively. We're so happy with our new home and couldn't have done it without Corey. Highly recommend and will be referring our friends to him!



Joel Feinberg | Major League Baseball | Downtown Buyer

Corey and his team were a first-class experience throughout the home-buying process. From the start, Corey was incredibly knowledgeable about the NYC market and neighborhoods and helped me to identify where I wanted to live and what I could afford.

He was patient as I learned about the home buying process, was helpful in negotiations and after entering into a contract kept me informed and was on top of everything with my Co-op application & interview, and then up until and through the closing.

I would highly recommend Corey & the Roebling Group if you're considering a home in New York City. They were fantastic to work with!







Andrew Lutfig | Real Estate Attorney

Corey is a great real estate broker! I've recently had the pleasure of working with Corey and he has proven himself to be a broker that truly cares about his clients. As an NYC real estate attorney, it's always great to work with brokers that take a proactive approach to every day, maintain a high level of communication and are detail oriented.

Corey certainly fits that mold.





Anne and Ronald Abramson | The Tower Companies | UES Buyer I want to say that Corey's help in buying a co-op was extraordinary. In the face of difficulties, he plowed through and made it happen.



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