



## **Richard Ollis**

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Richard Ollis is the CEO of Ollis/Akers/Arney Insurance & Business Advisors, Springfield's largest independent insurance agency, founded in 1885. Ollis holds a bachelor's degree in finance from Missouri State University and has served on their College of Business Advisory and Foundation Board. A veteran of the US Navy, he served two terms on the Springfield City Council and also serves on the board of the Missouri Association of Insurance Agents. Richard is co-founder and Chairman for Restore SGF, an organization committed to the development and revitalization of historic Springfield neighborhoods. His deep commitment to "Quality of Place" driven by his love for the Springfield community inspired him to help establish sustainable funding mechanisms to reinvestment into local neighborhoods. In 2024, he was honored by being named the "Springfieldian", the Chamber's highest award for business and community service. Richard was also recognized as a Legacy Adviser by Springfield Business Journal, a pinnacle award for industry veterans with over 20 years of experience.

Richard's dedication to physical, mental, and emotional well-being is evident in his long-standing involvement with the Wellness Council of America (WELCOA), now Wellness Alliance, where he served on the board of directors for many years. In 2024, Richard was elected Chairman of The Wellness Alliance, the organization formed through the merger of WELCOA and the Wellness Institute. Richard has played a key role in working with both organizations and the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans to merge these two national wellness associations into one cohesive business unit.

Ollis was pivotal in moving his family's agency into a 100% employee-owned organization beginning in 1985, 100 years after it was established. He was also responsible for the conversion from a traditional insurance agency to a risk management/consultative organization in 2008. Under his leadership, Ollis/Akers/Arney Insurance & Business Advisors has been recognized as a Best Practices Agency by the Big I and Reagan Consulting for multiple years. Other awards that the agency has received under Ollis' direction are Top Insurance Employer (2019–2026), one of the Best Places to Work by Best Companies Group (2021-2026) and the Torch Award for Ethics by the BBB in 2020. Ollis has been married to his wife, Teresa, for 35 years, and they have two amazing daughters with families who are growing by the year.