

Benjamin Berkowitz Outlines Five Commitments Driving His Retail Real Estate Practice

Benjamin Berkowitz, Vice President at Colonial Commercial Real Estate and Co-Founder of Pearl Capital, shares the operating principles behind his \$60 million retail investment sales career in Texas.

Dallas, Texas May 4, 2026 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.IssueWire.com)) - In a market where commercial real estate brokers often chase volume over precision, Benjamin Berkowitz has built his career around a different framework. Since earning his Texas real estate license in 2021 and advancing to Vice President at Colonial Commercial Real Estate, Berkowitz has completed over \$60 million in retail transaction volume by applying a consistent set of professional commitments to every deal.

Those commitments, which also guide the early work of Pearl Capital, the investment firm he co-founded in 2025, are not abstract principles. They are behaviors he applies daily.

The Five Commitments

- 1. Prioritize pipeline over deal count.** Berkowitz focuses on the quality and depth of his pipeline rather than the number of active transactions. He reviews his pipeline weekly, assessing what is progressing, what needs attention, and where effort is being misallocated.
- 2. Understand the micro-market before making any move.** Whether evaluating a listing for Colonial or an acquisition opportunity for Pearl Capital, Berkowitz studies local demand, tenant mix, and neighborhood fundamentals before making any assessment. He does not apply broad market assumptions to individual assets.
- 3. Build credibility through consistency.** Berkowitz does not pursue visibility for its own sake. He focuses on delivering accurate analysis, keeping commitments, and following through on every engagement. In his view, reputation in commercial real estate is built over many transactions, not a few headlines.
- 4. Keep goal setting long-term and execution short-term.** For every major objective, Berkowitz maps out the specific near-term actions required to reach it. This structure prevents reactive decision-making and keeps daily effort aligned with longer-term targets.
- 5. Stay within the thesis.** At Pearl Capital, the investment thesis is clearly defined: essential-service retail in high-growth secondary markets, evaluated through micro-market fundamentals. Berkowitz commits to evaluating every opportunity against that standard rather than drifting toward deals that fall outside it.

The Discipline Behind the Deals

Berkowitz traces this discipline partly to his background in competitive team sports. As captain of the football team at Trinity Valley School in Fort Worth, he learned that preparation and accountability to a group are not optional. Those habits carried into his approach to brokerage and investment.

Pearl Capital completed its first acquisition in October 2025, a 43,000-square-foot shopping center in Wichita Falls, Texas. The deal was evaluated through the same framework Berkowitz applies at

Colonial. That consistency across both roles reflects the same operating standard.

A Practical Starting Point

For professionals in real estate or any client-facing business, Berkowitz recommends starting with one commitment: review your pipeline on a fixed schedule every week. Do not wait for deals to come to you. Know exactly where each relationship and transaction stands, and identify the next step for each. That single habit, applied consistently, changes how you work.

About Benjamin Berkowitz

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