

Member Spotlight: Greg Provencal Roland Dumont Agency

## Every day is different. We can chart our own course for success.

Having spent most of my career on the carrier side working with agents, I know the value of a good trade organization.

The YIP members are peers, not competitors, and can offer learning opportunities that help us be better at what we do.

This is Connecticut—you can't go wrong in insurance. Because of the prevalence of the industry in our state it affords a tremendous breadth of career options.

I have been working in insurance since 2005, starting with a direct agency company, because they had a strong recruiting system, not realizing the structure of the industry. Through working exclusively for large companies up until now, I realize I'm at home in a small business and while I have been here for the last 6 months, our agency has been around since 1956.

Spending about 80% of my time in personal lines, I like the complicated accounts weird exposures, out of the ordinary stuff that is hard to place — When you really find the right market for a risk, you don't need to worry about losing, it becomes less about price.



## Greg's Advice For Young Agents:

- Take the long view- You've got to spend the next 30 or 40 years working, so think ahead. Writing accounts that renew without problems is as good as writing three questionable accounts.
- Of course it's nice to see dollar signs, but as our principal always says, don't let the small ones walk by you, because they add up.
- A balanced source of new business will keep you busy. Referrals are the best, but you need to cast a wide net.

