Texas Roots. A Life Beyond Borders.

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Welcome to StewartSkloss.com, my digital hub at the intersection of personal philosophy and professional pursuits.

I'm Stewart Skloss, and this website serves as a dynamic reflection of my journey, values, and the guiding principles that shape both my personal and professional life as I journey through life constantly trying to do all things possible to be the best family member, friend, and business associate imaginable.

Beyond the corporate sphere, I derive meaning and satisfaction from nurturing relationships, cherishing moments with my daughters, and advocating for causes close to my heart. This site stands as a testament to my belief that true success is measured not only by accolades but by the impact we have on others and the legacy we leave behind.

At the core of my identity lies a deep conviction in the importance of fatherhood, family, friendship, and genuine connections. I believe that success is not merely about achievements but about the positive influence we have on those around us. Kindness, for me, is the cornerstone of this philosophy – it's the beacon of light that dispels darkness, the beacon of hope for those in need, and the steadfast belief in humanity's inherent goodness.

Proudly tracing my Texas lineage back 12 generations to pre-Texas times in 1731, I have a profound passion for adventure and a heart as expansive as the Lone Star State itself. I view life, much like a fine bottle of tequila or whiskey, as something to be savored, one sip at a time. While I hail from Texas, my love for exploration knows no bounds, thanks in part to my trusty companion, a world globe that sits prominently in my home office, granting me a sense of the world at my fingertips.

Turning to my professional journey, I commenced my career amidst the vibrant energy of New York City, at the Hearst Corporation, then ventured through the historic allure of London before eventually returning to San Antonio. However, as the saying goes, even the most glamorous of pursuits can lose their luster. Thus, I traded my press pass for a hard hat and immersed myself

in the construction and development industry, finding profound fulfillment in building dreams from the ground up.

When the economic landscape shifted in the US, I saw it not as a setback but as an opportunity to delve into global commercial real estate, culminating in the formation of IDRESCO. This endeavor propelled me across the former Soviet Union, Europe, the Middle East, and beyond, driven by a thirst for knowledge, adaptability, and an appreciation for diverse cultures.

Yet, amidst the allure of international exploration, the call of Texas and a suggestion from my friend and mentor, JP DeJoria, beckoned me back home, leading to the birth of Pura Vida Tequila. Subsequently, we resurrected our family whiskey recipe, expanding our portfolio to include whiskey. This naturally led to the development of a whiskey distillery-based real estate project in the Texas Hill Country, coinciding with the onset of the Covid pandemic.

They say the rest is history – a history filled with laughter, profound love for friends, family, life, and work. But it's also a history in the making, with each new day bringing fresh adventures, opportunities, and the chance to craft yet another captivating chapter in the grand narrative of life.

It's with this spirit that I've partnered with Newmark, renowned leaders in the realm of all things commercial real estate, to pursue my lifelong passion. Together, let's embrace kindness not just as a virtue but as a way of life – one that enriches our relationships, uplifts our communities, and transforms the world around us.