

# Unit 605N at Sloan's Curve 1

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## Palm Beach real estate: Sloan's Curve condo a modern 'slice of Camelot'

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Three years ago, Chicagoans David Drew and his wife, the late Marcie Hemmelstein, chose a sixth-floor penthouse in the Sloan's Curve 1 development when they decided to become Florida residents.

They were looking for water views. But exactly which body of water posed a conundrum. Would their condominium view the Atlantic Ocean or the Intracoastal Waterway?

“We knew we wanted to live in Palm Beach, but we wanted different things,” Drew recalls. “Marcie wanted a view of the Intracoastal, so she could see the sunsets, and I wanted a view of the ocean so that I could see the sunrise. I also wanted to be able to keep my sliding doors in the bedroom open and wake up to the sound of waves. That was our first challenge, but as luck would have it, the second unit we looked at had both views.

“We walked around for about three minutes, passed each other in the hall and looked at each other. Marcie nodded to me and said, ‘David, do your magic.’”

Drew spent his career in the development industry as a design/builder, running his own firm, D. Drew Development, in Chicago. He drew on his experience to transform the condominium through a complete renovation.

He is proud of the outcome, which was completed before his wife’s death in 2021.

But today, he is ready to redo or build a home with a pool in Palm Beach.

His vocation is his avocation, he says, and he’s always focusing on a project.

“As a design-builder, I have to keep myself busy and active. At night, I am already planning the kitchen in a new house,” he says.

Drew's three-bedroom, three-and-a-half-bath penthouse, No. 605N, is in the north building at 2100 S. Ocean Blvd. With 3,264 square feet of living space, inside and out, the condo is listed by William Raveis South Florida agent Karen Donnelly and priced at \$6.15 million. The condo will be sold with garage parking for two cars. Drew’s collection of high-end furniture is available separately.

On the southwest corner of the north building, the apartment has a floorplan that radiates from an octagonal foyer. The great room and adjacent kitchen are placed centrally.

The split-bedroom layout places the main bedroom suite to one side, with the two guest bedrooms on the other side. The wraparound balcony is accessed from the living areas and the main bedroom. Rooms view the Intracoastal Waterway, except for the main bedroom, which looks out to the ocean. The condo also has a laundry room.

For the renovations, Drew worked with Lee Vogel of Evolution Contractors in Lake Worth and Thomas C. Brent of J-Coast Woodworks in Jupiter.

“My vision for this place was to make it a jewel box,” Drew says. “My wife had cancer and I wanted her to enjoy this beautiful place.”

Drew and his team moved some of the walls to enlarge the kitchen, the living room area and the main bedroom. Floors are covered in French porcelain tile, and a continuous cornice throughout lends the apartment a contemporary feel. The renovation also included

installing windows and doors of impact-resistant glass fitted with automatic shades. The condo also has an advanced sound system and a variety of state-of-the-art lighting fixtures.

A fun project, Drew says, was creating the mosaic-glass-tile backsplash in the kitchen — an ombre waterfall in blues, grays and whites that he personally laid out. Custom cabinetry was designed by Brent; the waterfall-style counters are quartzite; and the appliances are high end. Nearby, the wet bar also displays an ombre backsplash.

Drew also enjoyed designing and sourcing the wood for the wall unit in the living area.

“I like burl wood very much, but didn’t want traditional Biedermeier burl, so I looked for the right type of burl that had its own panache. I found an olive tree in Brazil that had the pattern I wanted. I bought a tree from Brazil, shipped it up here and had it cut for the doors of the wall unit. I went and physically laid them out with Thomas (to reflect how I) wanted the burl to look and match.”

Built in the early 1980s on the South End stretch of the coastal road known to locals as Condominium Row, the Sloan’s Curve development comprises two addresses — 2000 and 2100 S. Ocean Blvd. At both addresses are north and south buildings, each with 48 units. Community amenities include the pool, private beach access and a tennis facility with six clay courts, a pro shop and two full time pros. Services include a full-time manager, gate-house security and a doorman.

Drew says the condo project pleased his wife, who once served as CEO of her family’s company, National Power Rodding.

“Marcie called our home a slice of Camelot,” Drew says. “This condo was a labor of love.”