

Hive MLS's Daniel Jones Named as RISMedia 2026 Real Estate Newsmaker

Daniel Jones joins exclusive group of industry leaders who have made headline-making contributions to the real estate industry

Wilmington, NC – February 5, 2026 – **RISMedia** today announced that [Daniel Jones, CEO at Hive MLS](#), has been selected as one of [RISMedia's 2026 Real Estate Newsmakers](#) – Crusaders, a dynamic group of key influencers making headlines as a result of their newsworthy contributions to the real estate industry and their efforts to positively affect the consumers and communities they serve.

“Being named a Crusader is an honor, but the real work is done together,” said Daniel Jones, CEO of Hive MLS. “At Hive MLS, community, collaboration, and connectivity aren’t just values: they’re how we create progress, support brokers, and strengthen the MLS ecosystem for the long term.”

[RISMedia](#), the leader in U.S. real estate news and information services, announced its 2026 Real Estate Newsmakers on Feb. 3, via an [online directory](#) on RISMedia.com. The 2026 Newsmakers will also be featured in the Q1 issue of RISMedia's flagship publication, *Real Estate* magazine.

RISMedia's 2026 Real Estate Newsmakers were selected by the firm's editorial teams and management, showcasing these categories: Influencers, Trailblazers, Futurists, Achievers, Crusaders, Luminaries and its annual Hall of Fame inductees.

“Through ongoing challenges last year, from economic uncertainty to changing rules and regulations, our Newsmakers served as shining examples of what it takes to succeed, come what may,” said RISMedia Founder and CEO John Featherston. “Our 2026 Real Estate Newsmakers demonstrate the dedication, ingenuity and integrity it takes to serve their companies, clients and communities at the highest level. They stand out as true professionals we all can look up to, and I extend my sincere congratulations to each and every one of them.”

Within RISMedia's Newsmakers showcase, you'll also meet this year's Hall of Fame class: a select group of five industry icons who have gone above and beyond toward the betterment of the real estate industry.

RISMedia will honor this year's Real Estate Newsmakers, including officially inducting the 2026 Hall of Fame, at RISMedia's Annual Awards Gala taking place during the company's [38th Annual CEO & Leadership Exchange](#), Sept. 30–Oct. 2, 2026, at the Fairmont Georgetown in Washington, D.C.

About RISMedia

For more than 45 years, RISMedia has provided the residential real estate industry with news, trends and business development strategies through its flagship publication, *Real Estate* magazine; its leading website, RISMedia.com; its premium content channel, Premier; and its iconic networking and educational events, including RISMedia's virtual Real Estate's Rocking in the New Year; RISMedia's CEO Exchange; and RISMedia's Annual Awards Gala. Visit [RISMedia.com](https://www.rismedia.com) for more information.

About RISMedia's Real Estate Newsmakers

RISMedia's Real Estate Newsmakers is designed to recognize those individuals making headlines as a result of their newsworthy contributions to the residential real estate industry, and their efforts to positively affect real estate professionals and the consumers and communities they serve. RISMedia's Real Estate Newsmakers were chosen based on nominations received through an online nomination process on RISMedia.com, and by nominations from RISMedia's in-house editorial team and other industry sources. Nominations for RISMedia's Real Estate Newsmakers are collected on an ongoing basis throughout the course of the year. There is no fee to nominate a Newsmaker or be recognized/featured as a Newsmaker. Due to deadline and production criteria, RISMedia's 2026 Real Estate Newsmakers Online Directory may not currently be in its final format. Please check back for ongoing updates.

About Hive MLS

Hive MLS, formerly North Carolina Regional MLS, represents over 19,450 brokers and appraisers in the Southeast region, including operations in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, Tennessee and Alabama, serving more than 450 cities and towns. It aims to empower Realtor Associations and MLSs of all sizes by providing reliable and accurate data through a best-in-class toolset that includes innovative training. Hive MLS connects Realtors and appraisers with the resources they need to succeed in the real estate industry. Learn how at [HiveMLS.com](https://www.hivemls.com).

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