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## **Employee to Entrepreneur Series – Life after Washington Mutual**

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We all know about the 3000 plus layoffs that have occurred when WAMU, the premier local banking institution based in Seattle, got taken over by the FDIC and subsequently by JPMorgan Chase Bank. What you might not know is that JPMorgan Chase set up a transition center on the 16th floor of the WAMU center to help folks deal with recreating their careers. This center is very capably run by Laura McDonald, a long time HR executive with Washington Mutual.

Working with Laura, I developed a monthly seminar on entrepreneurship, franchising and more recently with **John Martinka** of "**Partner**" **On-Call Network**, on how to buy a business. These classes have been well attended and the employee to entrepreneur spirit is strong. We have celebrated the beginning of new franchise businesses in employment services, IT managed services, business consulting and yes, even a coffee shop from this group.

I want to highlight one of the more interesting and exciting career transition stories from employee to entrepreneur, one that will have a big impact on Bellevue and the east side.

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Prior to joining Express, Jake held various executive banking roles, as well as finance positions at companies in Seattle and the Eastside. The Domer's both earned their bachelor's degrees in business with accounting concentrations from the University of Washington. Jake and Britt have been involved members of the east side community for more than 18 years.

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Look for future articles highlighting individuals who worked fro WAMU and now have their own businesses serving the eastside community.

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