



## **Home away from home**

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Neal Zucker, co-founder, president and CEO of Corporate Cleaning Services, the city's largest window-washing firm, eschews corporate-issue office furniture and miniblinds for ornate mahogany pieces and drapes, along with lots of framed photos of family and friends. "I spend so much time here I wanted it to be like home," he says.

The office is divided into two areas that serve different purposes. "It's important for the space to function on different levels," says Mr. Zucker, who is active in philanthropic activities (he's co-founder of Gateway Green).

At his desk (upon which sits a Neal Zucker bobblehead doll and a plaque bearing the saying "Trust but verify," a Ronald Reagan quote) he holds one-on-one meetings; at the sitting area, with couches, a coffee table and flat-screen television, he meets with people in the philanthropic community. "It's really a setting where everyone can come in and feel comfortable," he says.

There's an overall feeling of order, with a place for everything, and everything is in its place. "The way I set up my office is very much the way I run my life: very methodically and very efficiently," Mr. Zucker says.