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## Greenbaum Rowe Names New Real Estate Co-Chair In NJ

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Law360 (January 11, 2023, 3:41 PM EST) -- Greenbaum Rowe Smith & Davis LLP announced new leadership of its real estate department this week, promoting a partner in its Roseland, New Jersey, office to co-chair.

Sean McGowan, an experienced attorney in all areas of real estate work, took on the new position on Jan. 1.

"I'm thrilled and honored to be made co-chair of the real estate department," McGowan told Law360 Pulse in an interview on Wednesday. "Greenbaum Rowe has a very accomplished reputation in the real estate sector in New Jersey, and I'm very honored to be appointed co-chair to help lead the department."

McGowan said he is taking over for Thomas Denitzio, the former co-chair of the department and a counsel at the firm who is moving toward retirement though still working.

McGowan's priority in his new role remains his clients, he said.

"[My] goals are to continue to provide the best legal services that we can to our clients and really to help our clients accomplish their goals," he said. "Fortunately, I am being made co-chair of a department that has a really great team of attorneys and staff that do a wonderful job, so I am just trying to continue the work that the firm does."

McGowan described his practice as providing a "full spectrum of real estate-related services," including land use, development, transactions and even some property management.

McGowan said his promotion was part of a committed effort by the firm to bring younger attorneys into leadership. He'll be working with Jack Fersko, the department's other co-chair, and said he's excited about the learning opportunity.

"Jack is really great, and I know that he's going to teach me a lot and I know I'm learning from the best," McGowan said.

"Sean is a valued member of the firm's 'next generation' of very talented attorneys, and I'll be working closely with him to lead the department and serve our clients," Fersko said in a statement. "He has a remarkable depth of experience in all facets of sophisticated transactional real estate, demonstrates great judgment, is an excellent mentor for younger associates of the firm, and is truly dedicated to Greenbaum's continued success and future growth."

McGowan joined Greenbaum Rowe in 2021 from the New Jersey firm Bertone Piccini LLP, where he'd worked since 2017 and been a partner since 2019.

Before that he worked as vice president, development and legal issues, for real estate developer Capodagli Property.

"It was very beneficial to my career as an attorney because I understand issues and goals from the



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client perspective because I have been there," McGowan said. "When I look at a problem or an issue that needs to be solved as legal counsel to a client, I understand what they're thinking."

He graduated from Seton Hall University School of Law and Rutgers University.

Greenbaum Rowe has offices in New Jersey in Roseland, Iselin and Red Bank, as well as an office in New York City. There are around 20 attorneys in its real estate department, including both McGowan and Fersko.

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