

Moritt Hock Adds Five Attys To NYC Real Estate Practice

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Five real estate attorneys have joined [Moritt Hock & Hamroff LLP's New York City](#) office from the recently shuttered [Ganfer Shore Leeds & Zauderer LLP](#), telling Law360 on Tuesday that they're bringing an expertise in cooperative and condominium law to their new home.

The mid-size commercial law firm announced Monday that it has expanded the firm's real estate practice with the addition of partners Matthew Leeds, William McCracken and David Fitzhenry; counsel Matthew Healey; and associate Brett Stack.

Leeds and McCracken told Law360 on Tuesday that the five attorneys bring a shared proficiency to the firm, where they will be able to advise a broader swath of clients.

"We have a particular specialty in, among other things, co-op and condominium boards," Leeds said. "We've worked with developers from very large commercial condominiums, we've represented those working on residential construction projects and at the same time, we've represented many significant co-op and condominium boards on all kinds of matters, from their day-to-day governance issues to special sophisticated issues."



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All five attorneys have experience representing buildings and sponsors in general counsel and litigation counsel capacities, Leeds and McCracken told Law360.

McCracken added that the group has focused recently on compliance obligations for co-ops and condominiums under the Climate Mobilization Act, and will continue to do so at Moritt Hock. The act aims to dramatically reduce the city building stock's greenhouse gas emissions, and a 2030 deadline to cut emissions by 40% is looming over owners.

That work involves "sitting with a lot of condo boards, going through what the regulations require and talking with them and their consultants and experts [about] what sort of capital improvements they should be working on," McCracken said.

Leeds noted that Ganfer Shore's entire practice encompassed approximately 25 attorneys before the firm closed its doors. With the five new additions, the total number of lawyers working in Moritt Hock's real estate practice stands at 28, and the firm is home to more than 90 attorneys.

At Moritt Hock, the new team will still be able to provide clients with their experience in co-op and condominium law, backed by a broader pool of resources, Leeds added.

Ganfer Shore [closed its doors](#) in July, 43 years after the boutique firm specializing in real estate first opened. Co-founding partner Steven Shore told Law360 that month that the decision stemmed from founding partner Steven Ganfer's retirement and a looming expiration on the firm's midtown office lease.

In addition to Moritt Hock, Ganfer Shore's former attorneys have since moved to [Schwartz Sladkus Reich Greenberg Atlas LLP](#), Dorf Nelson & Zauderer LLP and [Bond Schoeneck & King PLLC](#).

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