



Forrest joins Statewide Abstract Corp. as deputy general counsel

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Tracy Forrest

New York, NY Statewide Abstract Corp has added Tracy Forrest, Esq. to its roster of real estate professionals. "We are excited to bring Tracy on board," says Statewide Abstract president Kenneth Meccia. "His 30-plus years of experience in the real estate industry make him a valuable asset to our team as well as our clients."

"I am looking forward to joining an organization with such an outstanding reputation," said Forrest. "I have been a real estate litigator for over 30 years which is adversarial by definition. While I succeeded at litigation, real estate transactions are better suited for my personality since I think my greatest asset is working with people to find common ground."

Forrest specializes in residential and commercial landlord/tenant matters including trials, commercial litigation, and closings - as deputy general counsel he will be responsible for teaching Statewide's CLE/CE programs as well as business development. In addition, he will provide legal advice to Statewide customers.

Forrest spent the first 13 years of his career in private practice including a large landlord/tenant firm in New York City. He then joined the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) where he moved up the ranks over 20 years. For the last six years, he was division chief of the Landlord/Tenant Division with 20 lawyers and support staff. At NYCHA, Forrest was responsible for creating and presenting seminars where he lectured on housing court procedures to NYC judges and approximately 750 property managers and their staff. As division chief, Tracy was the point person for property managers regarding their legal needs. He was also hand-selected to be the Holdover Coordinator for the mayoral "Operation Safe Housing" program.

Forrest earned his juris doctorate degree from Brooklyn Law School in 1989 and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the State University of New York at Binghamton in 1986. A lifetime resident of New York, Forrest grew up in Armonk and now lives in Hastings-On-Hudson with his wife and two children. He is also an avid tennis player and competes in USTA tournaments.

