

Leech Tishman Adds Real Estate Atty To State College Office

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Law360 (March 6, 2023, 4:27 PM EST) -- Leech Tishman Fuscaldo & Lampl continued to expand its real estate practice in State College, Pennsylvania, by adding another attorney from Pittsburgh-area firm Leventry Haschak & Rodkey LLC two weeks after bringing over one of the firm's founders.

Andrew J. Schellhammer has joined Leech Tishman as counsel in the real estate and estates and trusts practice groups in the State College office, the firm announced Monday. Schellhammer moved his practice two weeks after John Haschak left Leventry Haschak.

The two had some preliminary considerations for other firms, but Leech Tishman was the only serious destination, Schellhammer said in an interview with Law360 Pulse on Monday.

"With the kind of law that we do, we knew it would work well with Leech Tishman," Schellhammer said. "It was a good move for both us and our clients. They have great resources and great people."

Schellhammer primarily focuses his practice on advising clients in transactions involving the purchase and sale of property such as residences, rental properties, vacant land, and commercial and industrial properties.

He provides counsel on all aspects of the transaction process, including the preparation and execution of an agreement of sale, complex due diligence matters, closings, and title insurance needs.

Schellhammer's estate planning practice assists clients with estate and administration matters including the preparation of simple and complex wills, trusts and durable powers of attorney.

"We are excited to welcome Andrew to the firm," said Pete A. Fuscaldo, Leech Tishman's managing partner, in a statement. "Andrew comes to our firm with a solid background in commercial and residential real estate matters in the Central and Eastern Pennsylvania markets as well as a great perspective on estates & trusts issues of concern to clients. We are pleased to have the opportunity to add him to our lawyer team and to continue to grow our firm's State College presence."

After earning his law degree from Michigan State University College of Law, Schellhammer started his legal career as an associate at Leventry Haschak in 2014. Schellhammer originally served as a general practitioner before eventually developing his real estate and estate planning practices.

"I was just learning the ropes at first," Schellhammer said. "As I became more experienced, I became more specialized. I was a finance undergrad, and a lot of business is real estate. I like estate planning because it's something everyone needs. Everyone goes through that, and I want to be that stable presence that can help clients get through a tough time."

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