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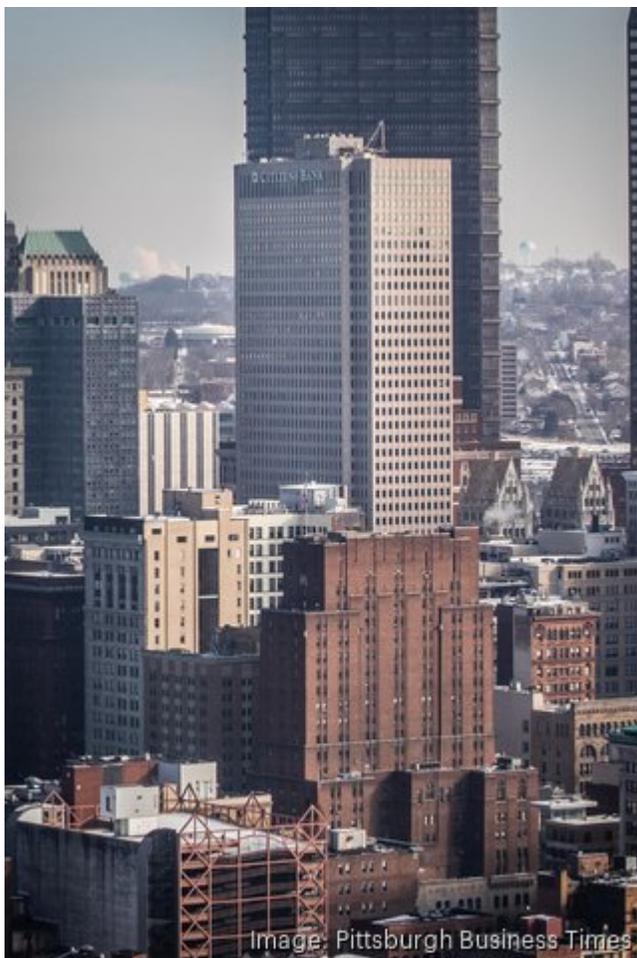
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Leech Tishman extends lease at 525 William Penn Place

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Leech Tishman is staying at 525 William Penn Place.

Leech Tishman confirmed a 10-year extension of its lease for its downtown Pittsburgh headquarters at 525 William Penn Place.

The law firm occupies more than 46,000-square-feet and two floors at the 41-story building, its home since 2003.

Since moving to 525 William Penn, Leech Tishman's local office team has more than doubled in size. It is Pittsburgh's 14th-largest law firm, according to the number of attorneys here. Leech Tishman employs 97 downtown, including 55 lawyers — almost half of the 116 attorneys who work for the firm across nine offices.

Leech Tishman said in a release that it worked with building owners FAC 525 LLC, an affiliate of New York-based Pearson Partners, on the new lease agreement and associated renovations. Interior renovations to Leech Tishman's offices are expected to begin in the spring, with projected completion in the fourth quarter.

The building enjoyed a major capital upgrade in 2019, modernizing the lobby with a new glass façade, tenant lounge and executive fitness center.

Leech Tishman's renewal at downtown's fourth-largest building represents a hopeful sign for the building's ownership. Longtime anchor tenant Citizens, the region's fifth-largest bank, announced last August it was moving its Pittsburgh hub after more than two decades to Gateway Center.

But 525 William Penn hosts offices of a number of other law firms as well as the architecture firm for the building's pre-pandemic renovation, Perkins Eastman. Last month, it landed Northwest Bank, which is leasing a 5,322-square-foot office for its commercial and commercial finance teams.

Pete Fuscaldo, Leech Tishman's managing partner, said the firm remains committed to its presence in downtown Pittsburgh and is "proud to be among the commercial stakeholders helping to revitalize downtown post-pandemic."

Kaylyn Boca, chair of the firm's real estate practice group, said she worked directly with Pearson on the lease. Leech Tishman is excited by the opportunity to modernize its space to further reflect its brand identity and diverse lawyer team, she said.

“The renovations will add collaborative spaces and upgrade private spaces to provide a rich and modern environment for connectivity and collaboration between our lawyers, staff and clients,” Boca said. “As a firm, we remain focused on offering our clients best-in-class legal services while also providing our employees a comfortable, modern workspace where they can continue to thrive.”

Leech Tishman Fuscaldo & Lampl LLC is a national, full-service law firm with offices in Chicago; Los Angeles; New York; Philadelphia; Pittsburgh; State College; Washington, D.C.; Sarasota, Florida; and Wilmington, Delaware.

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