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Growing law firm moving to 11 Stanwix

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When he began thinking about his law firm's next office in town, Mike Roeschenthaler was eager not to just have room to expand, but to feature the kind of space in which the lawyers and staff of Whiteford Taylor & Preston could do more than just fuss over legal briefs.



JIM HARRIS/ PBT 11 Stanwix

The firm recently hashed out a deal to take more than 16,000 square feet of the 14th floor of 11 Stanwix, with a

future option to take all of the 21,000-square-foot floor. It's a move the Baltimore-based firms expects to make later this year from its current office in the Waterfront Building in the First Side section of downtown.

Along with enough space to expand for the growing office of a firm that now totals nine lawyers, Roeschenthaler looks forward to building out the corner of the new office, which has sweeping views of the Monongahela River and Point State Park, as a social space to unwind, meet with clients and collaborate.

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and now is readying an office move to around twice the size of the firm's current office as Whiteford Taylor & Preston builds on its varied practice engaging in regional and national restructurings in sectors that include energy, health care and hospitality.

Marty Sweeney, a senior vice president of Chicago-based M&J Wilkow Ltd., which owns 11 Stanwix in a joint venture with New York-based DRA Advisors, said, "we're thrilled to have them" of the new law firm to the building, noting its location enables quick access in and out of town, ample space to spread out in amid the pandemic and a host of recent upgrades.

Roeschenthaler said the firm's Pittsburgh office has operated with a mixed approach to remote working amid the pandemic, with about one-third of the staff working from home while the rest have continued to come to the office.

He expects a near full return to working from the new office, for which he expects construction to begin in the next 30 to 45 days.

"We are not of the belief that business has abandoned Pittsburgh," he said. "I think the long-term growth and development of a law firm requires in-person interaction."

Roeschenthaler expects the firm to be fully moved into the new office by November.

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