

## McCarter Expands Trusts, Estates Practice With New Partner

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Law360 (April 29, 2021, 3:03 PM EDT) -- McCarter & English LLP is growing its trusts, estates and private clients practice with the addition of a new partner and associate in its Newark, New Jersey, headquarters.

Judson M. Stein joined McCarter & English on April 19 as a partner, coming to the firm from Genova Burns LLC along with associate Lauren P. Nakachi.

Stein, in an email interview with Law360 Pulse on Thursday, said he made the switch to the firm because he believes the wealth of knowledge and experience at McCarter & English will allow him to expand his trust and estates practice.

"The vast expertise and resources of McCarter, especially its trust, estates and private clients practice, will allow me to better serve my existing and future clientele," he said. "Additionally, the reputation of McCarter will better enable me to retain and add clients."

He also noted that he already knew Gerard Brew and Laura Kelly, two partners in McCarter & English's trusts, estates and private clients practice, which helped inspire him to make the transition.

"We are very excited to welcome Jud and Lauren to the firm, and proud to introduce lawyers of their skill and reputation to our clients," McCarter & English managing partner Joseph Boccassini said in a statement. "McCarter's trusts, estates and private clients team have served as trusted advisers to high net worth individuals, closely held businesses and financial institutions for generations, and the addition of Jud and Lauren further expands the breadth and sophistication of our practice in this area."

Since his practice also includes representing clients before state and federal tax authorities, and counseling on business formation and operations, Stein will be playing a role in McCarter & English's tax and employee benefits practice.

With more than four decades of experience guiding clients through complex estate and personal tax planning, charitable giving, estate administration, trusts and fiduciary issues, Stein believes he is well-poised to better serve clients in his new role.

"I am looking to be able to provide my clients with higher-level, more consistent, service," he said. "I will be drawing on my nearly 43 years of practice, together with McCarter's resources, to do that."

Nakachi, who graduated from Manhattan College and received her law degree from Seton Hall University School of Law, focuses her practice on estate planning and administration, including helping her clients meet their wealth transfer, gift planning and business succession goals, according to McCarter & English. She also counsels clients in estate administration matters.

At Genova Burns, Stein chaired the firm's trusts, estates and wealth management practice group. He also is a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

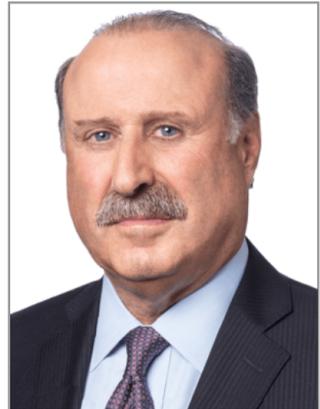
Stein, a graduate of Rutgers Law School, previously served as an adjunct professor for 16 years at Seton Hall University School of Law until 2003. He has a master's degree in taxation from New York University School of Law and earned his bachelor's degree from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Stein is also a frequent lecturer at tax and estate planning symposiums and is admitted to practice in New Jersey, the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey and the U.S. Tax Court.

He's eager to continue serving his clients in his new role at McCarter & English, and believes New Jersey is the perfect place to do so.

"There is no question that New Jersey is a prime location to practice trusts and estates law," he said. "In addition to the dense and high population, New Jersey is very affluent. This means that there are many prospective clients who need our services."

--Editing by Stephen Berg.



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