

Miles & Stockbridge Adds Real Estate Principal In Maryland

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Law360 (March 24, 2022, 4:20 PM EDT) -- Miles & Stockbridge PC announced that it has hired an experienced real estate attorney with a specialty practice in solar energy projects as a principal in its Frederick, Maryland, office.

Sarah D. Cline joined Miles & Stockbridge's real estate group earlier this month after spending the last nine years with Shulman Rogers. She told Law360 on Thursday that she chose to join the firm because of a number of close colleagues who currently work there, finding that her practice was also a good fit for what the firm was looking for at the moment.



Sarah D. Cline

"They reached out about a need that they had, and they thought my skill set would fit," she said. "I was really excited to work on some interesting projects."

A graduate of Tulane University Law School, Cline boasts a real estate practice that focuses on purchase and sale transactions in a variety of areas, including industrial, office buildings, apartment buildings and undeveloped land. She also works with solar energy companies throughout Maryland and Virginia on large development projects.

"I am thrilled to have Sarah onboard," real estate principal Stacy Manley said in a statement. "I've seen firsthand how Sarah works and she gets things done. Not only is she sought out by clients for the acquisition, sale and financing of real estate, but she is often brought in for troubleshooting whatever comes up in real estate matters."

Having originally planned to become a bankruptcy attorney, as she graduated from law school around the time of the 2007-2008 financial crisis, Cline said that she became involved in real estate work initially by necessity. She said that during the same week she started her career at Hartman & Egeli LLP, the firm's entire real estate department left, and the firm needed somebody to take over the pending transactions.

"I just really loved the work, and I've been doing it ever since," she said. "I really enjoy the technical aspects and the historical research of looking at a property's title, who owned it and how development has changed that property."

Cline is the latest hire in what's been a busy last few years for Miles & Stockbridge. In February, health

care principal Celia Van Lenten joined the firm in Baltimore, and last year, the firm hired attorneys in the real estate, tax and insurance practice areas.

Miles & Stockbridge currently has around 230 attorneys located throughout seven offices in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

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