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## Foley & Lardner legal eagle leaves for GrayRobinson

Terry Delahunty joins firm as its first LEED-accredited attorney

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Well-known real estate lawyer Terence "Terry" Delahunty Jr. is leaving Foley & Lardner LLP after 24 years with the firm to join Orlando-based **GrayRobinson PA** on May 4.

The former Foley & Lardner partner will become the first U.S. Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design-accredited attorney at GrayRobinson, said firm executives.

Delahunty, 54, said the reason for his departure was due to Foley & Lardner taking on more national-level litigation, rather than dealing with local issues, which are more his passion. He declined to go into the financial terms of the move, but said it was competitive with what he earned at Foley & Lardner.

Since his first job as an attorney for Van den Berg, Gay & Burke, an Orlando-based law firm Foley & Lardner bought in 1985, Delahunty has been active in the real estate world.

Currently, he's involved in organizations such as the city of Orlando's Community Redevelopment Agency advisory board and the U.S. Green Building Council's Central Florida chapter.

Last year, he also was president of the Central Florida chapter of Naiop, a national commercial real estate division, where he's now a board member.

Still, with more than 25 years in the business, Delahunty said he's nervous about the move. "It feels like what I imagine getting a divorce feels like, and it will be a major change in my life. But I'm excited about the challenge."

However, he said there are several colleagues at Foley & Lardner he'll miss after the transition, particularly longtime friend Paul Rosenthal, a lawyer who recruited him to the firm.

"Before I brought Terry to Foley & Lardner, we were roommates at the University of Florida in 1974 at Delta Upsilon," Rosenthal said, noting he also worked for Van den Berg, Gay & Burke before the merger.

Although Rosenthal said he'll miss his fraternity brother, Delahunty's knowledge of the real estate world, as well as his community involvement with organizations such as Naiop, will be an asset to GrayRobinson and his clients.

Take Fred Pauzar, principal for the Orlando-based Group One Productions Inc. real estate consulting company, which has been a client of Delahunty's for more than 10 years.

"There's no question that Terry is an attorney I want to work with in any pursuit I am in," said Pauzar, who plans to follow Delahunty to GrayRobinson. "He's an exceptional professional with the legal knowledge you'd expect, but he goes beyond that by understanding the inner workings of the business and political worlds."

That expertise is exactly why GrayRobinson is happy to have Delahunty on board, said Byrd "Biff" Marshall Jr., president and managing director of the firm. "He's got the kind of talent, experience and reputation we love to see join our firm."

Terence "Terry" Delahunty Jr.

Education: Law degree, University of Florida

Years in law: 25

First firm: Van den Berg, Gay & Burke

Years at Foley & Lardner: 24

Areas of specialty: Real estate, hospitality, entertainment and media

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