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## **McKool Smith law firm takes 64,000 s/f at One Manhattan West**

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Brookfield Property Partners announced that McKool Smith, one of America's leading trial firms, has signed a lease at One Manhattan West, Brookfield's 67-story, 2.1-million-square-foot office tower anticipated for delivery at the end of 2019.

One Manhattan West is part of Brookfield's new eight-acre neighborhood being developed in the Hudson Yards district on Manhattan's west side. McKool Smith will join the tenant roster at the building, including anchor tenant Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher, Flom LLP and the new headquarters for the NHL. McKool Smith signed a 15-year lease to occupy floors 50 and 51 of the state-of-the-art office building, covering 64,120 s/f.

"We are thrilled to welcome one of the country's leading trial firms, McKool Smith, to our growing roster of tenants at One Manhattan West," said David Cheikin, Executive Vice President, Brookfield Property Partners New York Office Division. "Leading companies continue to be drawn to Manhattan West, where we are combining state-of-the-art office space, the highest quality amenities, design and technology, experiential shops, vibrant culinary options, and two acres of world-class public open space to create a workplace destination that attracts, retains and motivates the top talent that helps businesses' succeed."

"This year marks the tenth anniversary since we opened our New York office in 2007," said Mike McKool, a founder and Chairman of McKool Smith. "New York is a very important market for the firm and our clients, and our move to One Manhattan West demonstrates our continued commitment to strengthening and expanding our capabilities in the region. We are very excited about the new space."

McKool Smith was represented by John Amend and JW Amend of The Amend Group and Josh Kuriloff and Drew Braver of Cushman & Wakefield. Brookfield was represented by Bruce Mosler, Rob Lowe, Ethan Silverstein and Matthias Li of Cushman & Wakefield, and in-house by Jeremiah Larkin, Duncan McCuaig and Alex Liscio.

Manhattan West is an eight-acre, six-building mixed-use development, stretching from Ninth Avenue to Tenth Avenue and 31st Street to 33rd Street. It will feature nearly six million square feet of Class-A office space, luxury residences at The Eugene, a boutique hotel and landscaped gardens and street-front retail along with public art and events by Arts Brookfield, Brookfield's award-winning arts and entertainment program.



Five Manhattan West

One Manhattan West is rising on the northeast corner of the site at Ninth Avenue and 33rd Street. It is the first of two new major office buildings to be built at the site. Two other commercial buildings comprise the remaining office space: Five Manhattan West, which has been completely renovated and re-launched as a collaborative urban space with large floor plates and floor-to-ceiling glass, creating environments that foster innovation and exploration for cutting-edge companies like JP Morgan Chase, Markit, R/GA Media and Whole Foods, which will anchor the ground level; and “The Lofts,” a boutique, 13-story building that features high ceilings, terraces and exposed I-beam columns.

The Eugene at Manhattan West opened earlier this year, featuring 844 rental units, bringing a surge of residents to the vibrant Hudson Yards district. The Eugene features more than 55,000 square feet of unrivaled amenity space, offering residents a new standard in experiential living with a series of curated conveniences and exclusive social opportunities. Amenities include health and wellness programming, a rock climbing wall and golf simulator managed by La Palestra, a regulation-size indoor basketball court, and experiential-driven services provided by LIVunLtd. The building is branded for the “You Generation,” aimed at residents with an active New York City lifestyle seeking on-demand conveniences. The Australian-influenced premium coffee shop Bluestone Lane will open in the retail space of The Eugene this month.

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