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Tighe, Knakal, Levinson: New REBNY Roles



With the start of 2010 and a new chair named, the Real Estate Board of New York announced a slate of executive committee changes last week.

CB Richard Ellis chief executive for the tristate region, **Mary Ann Tighe**, was named REBNY chair, as **Stephen Ross** of Related Companies stepped down from the post he had held since 2007. Mr. Ross is now chairperson emeritus.

Meanwhile, **Frederick Peters**, president of Warburg Realty Partnership, was named vice president, Residential Brokerage Division. Mr. Peters has served on REBNY's Board of Governors since 1995, according to a statement.

Robert Knakal, a member of the REBNY Board of Governors since 2000 (and *The Commercial Observer's* Concrete Thoughts columnist), was named as Mr. Peters' commercial brokerage counterpart.

Additionally, L&L Holdings chairman **David Levinson** was named as a new Member at Large for 2010, as was Related executive vice president **Bruce Beal**.

"As we welcome new chair Mary Ann Tighe, we also bid farewell to Stephen Ross, who has played a ma-



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major role in the creation and passage of many important federal programs that have been essential to our industry," said Steven Spinola, REBNY president. "He has worked with the city on efforts that will result in safer buildings and improved construction standards, among many other highlights of his tenure. We thank Steve Ross for his dedication and leadership over the last three years and we will continue to rely on his invaluable expertise as chairperson emeritus."

Herskowitz to Cohen Brothers

The Cohen Brothers Realty Corporation has named veteran real estate executive **Joel Herskowitz** as senior vice president of leasing, ac-



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ording to an announcement.

Mr. Herskowitz, formerly a president and chief executive officer at Grubb & Ellis, will join the commercial property management firm's in-house team, which carries out leasing for approximately 11 million square feet of Manhattan office space.

"We are delighted that one of our industry's most respected and accomplished professionals has agreed to join our firm," said Charles Cohen, the company's CEO and president. "I'm confident that his talent and extensive experience will prove to be a valuable resource to our organization."

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