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Insurance Co. Taps Ex-Gordon Rees Partner As GC

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Law360 (April 5, 2023, 3:21 PM EDT) -- Housing insurance company HAI Group has named a former Gordon & Rees LLP partner as its first general counsel and compliance officer, the company said Wednesday.

Tony Corleto, who was a partner at Gordon Rees for more than two years, will oversee HAI Group's legal and regulatory compliance operations, as well as claims, governance and internal audit matters, the company said in a news release.

"It's an honor to join this exceptional company," Corleto said in the announcement. "I've admired HAI Group's work for years and couldn't pass up an opportunity to join this dedicated group of professionals whose work makes an impact on a daily basis."



Tony Corleto

With more than two decades of experience in private practice, the Cheshire, Connecticut-based company said Corleto's legal background working with nonprofits and the insurance industry, as well as his knowledge of complex litigation and class actions, will help HAI Group navigate regulatory changes that impact affordable housing

"As an insurance company, we operate in an environment of continuous regulatory changes," CEO Ed Malaspina said in the release. "We are excited to add Tony, and his wealth of first-hand experience, to our team to help us better anticipate how those changes will impact our customers. Tony has an outstanding track record of securing successful verdicts for his clients and we are looking forward to having his skill set in house."

HAI Group is a property-casualty insurance company focused on affordable housing insurance programs. It provides asset protection, risk mitigation and other products and services to promote the sustainability of affordable housing, according to the company's website.

Company officials weren't immediately available for additional comment on Wednesday.

Before Gordon & Rees, Corleto was a partner at Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP for nearly 14 years, according to his LinkedIn profile. It was during his tenure at that firm that Corleto defended cases on behalf of HAI Group, as well as spoke on various panels for housing authority defense attorneys.

He started his legal career as a principal attorney at Corleto & Associates PC, the private firm he founded in 1994. Corleto earned his bachelor's degree from St. John's University and his law degree from Pace Law School.

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