

Morristown man to oversee town's affordable housing

Governor taps native son, an attorney, to serve as commissioner

Steven A. Loeb, an associate at Fein, Such, Kahn & Shepard in Parsippany, was recently appointed commissioner of the Morristown Housing Authority by Governor Jon S. Corzine.

In that role, Loeb will help ensure that correct measures are taken to improve safe and affordable housing for New Jersey residents and also be responsible for reviewing actions contemplated for affordable housing in New Jersey.

He will work with members to analyze the implications of certain allocations and decisions related to the affordable housing process.

"Morristown does a fantastic job with Marlon Sally, who runs the day-to-day operation. The residents in the housing authority love her," he said.

Housing background: Loeb gained Section 8 housing experience while volunteering at a legal clinic for homeless at Seton Hall University.

"It got me involved even though my area was in estate planning. I found it important and necessary to maintain decency among people when it came to housing," he said.

Beginnings: Loeb was born Aug. 15, 1979, in New Brunswick. He grew up in Morris Plains and graduated from Morristown High School. He has a degree in economics from Rutgers University, where his father is an economics professor; a law degree from Seton Hall University Law School; and a pending master's degree in law in taxation from New York University Law School.

"In high school, I was always interested in the tax code and how the Internal Revenue Service monitors the changing tax code and its ripple effects," he said.

Career path: While attending law school, Loeb spent summers working at Fein Such. He then clerked for tax court Judge Vito Bianco before



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Steven A. Loeb,
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becoming full-time at Fein Such in 2001.

At home: Loeb and his wife, Jessica, a teacher, live in Morristown. He enjoys reading good mysteries, playing golf and rooting for Rutgers sports teams.

Favorite restaurant: Provesi in Morristown.

Favorite vacation spot: Aruba.

Mentors: Hank Fein and Philip Kahn.

"They were phenomenal mentors and great lawyers and people."

Best part of job: "The clients, and there's always something new in estate tax and planning."

Stimulus plan: "The country is in transition. These are tough times, the worst in my career and others, who have 50 years of experience. Drastic times call for drastic measures. The target should be the housing market. Once you can value mortgage-backed securities, people will have greater confidence. They are doing the best they can. It's not a perfect solution."

Dossier was reported by Sally Silverman, a freelance writer.