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Solecki elevated to named partner at Winton & Larson

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The attorneys at Winton & Larson like Peter Solecki so much they've decided to put his name on the door.

Solecki, who joined the firm as "of counsel" last summer, became a named partner this week at the real estate and business law boutique.

"We had gotten the opportunity to know Pete and thought that he was one of the finest lawyers and people that we knew in our industry," said Steve Winton, managing partner of the newly re-named **Winton Larson & Solecki LLP**.

"Not just Prudential agents and brokers in California, but RE/MAX, Coldwell and Century 21 agents also think very much of Pete. So to bring that exposure and reputation to our firm is a real coup for us."

Before joining the firm, Solecki was general counsel of **Prudential California Realty** for eight years. While there, he headed a corporate legal department that was responsible for overseeing an extensive litigation portfolio and for risk management at almost 100 real estate offices throughout Southern California.

He is a legal expert in the areas of real estate, real estate disputes, risk management, litigation management, corporate legal and business operations and compliance issues.

His extensive legal background also includes eight years in the litigation department of the San Diego real estate law firm **Hecht Solberg Robinson Goldberg & Bagley LLP**, and 20 years in the Marines, from which he retired as a Lt. Col. Judge Advocate.

"I feel as though I've seen it all, and this is a lot of fun," Solecki said. "It's nice to be a part of something, and it's nice to really be a part of something, where you can have some control over what work gets done to the ethics of the firm."

When Solecki went looking to pursue new interests, Winton & Larson provided the resources he wanted for his clients. He also liked the fact the firm can handle both litigation and transactional matters.

"They had always been on my referral list for the way they handled cases and treated their clients," he said. "And I like their ethics. I think that's important in this day and age."

Winton was eager to add Solecki for his "knowledge, experience and reputation in real estate circles in Southern California."

Winton also liked the military background of Solecki, who is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy.

"He's just a person of tremendous personal integrity," Winton said. "That's the framework upon which this firm is built - the highest standards of professionalism, and he brings that to the table."

In addition to his lawyer duties, Solecki provides educational opportunities for real estate professionals seeking information about legal issues, corporate compliance and other topics focused on the real estate industry.

Solecki also currently is the interim general counsel of the San Diego Association of Realtors.

"I've always had my finger on the pulse of what happens in the real estate community," he said. "I'm still involved in the California Association of Realtors. I still speak regularly in real estate offices. It's a good way for me to know what is happening and give back to the industry that's been (so) good to me."