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# Top Conn. Appellate Litigator Switches Firms

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One of the state's top appellate attorneys is switching firms, with Proloy Das moving from Rome McGuigan to 130-lawyer Murtha Cullina.

In a social media posting, Das said he will become chair of the appellate practice group at Murtha, which has offices in Hartford, New Haven, White Plains, New York, and Boston and Woburn, Massachusetts.

On Facebook, Das described Murtha as being "consistently ranked as one of the top five law firms in Connecticut and regarded as one of the best business litigation firms in New England. I am honored to be entrusted with the opportunity to further enhance its appellate reputation and excited to be part of the Murtha Cullina team."

Das has provided representation for clients as diverse as the state Republican Party and Kleen Energy Systems, which owns a Middletown power plant where there was a fatal explosion in 2010. He also recently filed an amicus brief on behalf of the Connecticut Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and California Attorneys for Criminal Justice, seeking a U.S. Supreme Court review of a Connecticut criminal case in which a trial judge dismissed a jury foreperson during deliberations.

Das is a former state prosecutor and has held several leadership positions in the Connecticut Asian Pacific American Bar Association. He had worked at Rome McGuigan since 2007, and was named a partner the following year.

A recent Facebook posting thanked "Rome McGuigan for being my home for the past eight years. I have learned a tremendous amount from my friends and colleagues at the firm and have been fortunate to work alongside them on some of Connecticut's most interesting cases. They have prepared me to succeed in my next challenge."

Earlier this year, when the Law Tribune bestowed its Litigation Departments of the Year Award for appellate practice on Rome McGuigan, the firm's managing editor cited Das's work. "We like to consider him, and a lot of other people do as well, as one of the top five

appellate attorneys in the state of Connecticut, if not the best," Burns said. "Certainly Proloy has earned that respect. It's much to his credit that we've been honored with this award."

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