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Philip Pires Appointed Chair of the Bridgeport DSSD's Board of Commissioners

BRIDGEPORT, CT – July 1, 2018 – The Bridgeport Downtown Special Services District (DSSD) announced today that Philip Pires will assume the role of Chair of the Board of Commissioners for the Downtown Special Services District, effective July 1. He succeeds Kim Morque, who after seven years as Chair of the organization will now serve as Vice Chair.

Mr. Pires is a Principal in Cohen and Wolf's Bridgeport office. He practices in the areas of commercial litigation, estate and probate litigation, real property litigation, property tax appeals, landlord/tenant litigation, and land use and zoning law.

Earlier this month, The Fairfield County Business Journal named Mr. Pires as one of their 40 Under Forty 2018 winners. The 40 Under 40 List recognizes 40 of the best, brightest and most promising business people in Fairfield County who are under the age of 40.

"I am thrilled to take on this leadership position, said Mr. Pires. I look forward to helping the DSSD continue to deliver the valuable services it provides to Downtown Bridgeport. Bridgeport is growing into a vibrant cultural, arts, and entertainment destination, so this is an exciting time to be involved in the Downtown Bridgeport community."

"It's been a privilege to serve as Chair of the Bridgeport Downtown Special Services District for the past seven years. "DSSD has made great progress that I know will continue under new board Chair Philip Pires' leadership", said Kim Morque, outgoing DSSD Chair.

In addition to his experience with commercial litigation, Mr. Pires also represents property owners, neighborhood groups, and municipalities in administrative appeals and zoning and wetlands enforcement proceedings. Mr. Pires received his B.A. from Haverford College and his J.D., with honors from the University of Connecticut School of Law.

About the Bridgeport Downtown Special Services District

As the Business Improvement District for the Park City, the mission of the Bridgeport DSSD is to "promote the preservation and development of the downtown business district; make the area more attractive and accessible; and enhance the public perception of downtown Bridgeport through overseeing and managing its appearance, security, and cleanliness." The DSSD is operated under the direction of a nine member Board of Commissioners representing property owners in downtown Bridgeport. <u>www.infobridgeport.com</u>

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