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MacKenzie VP to serve as President of Maryland/DC/Northern Virginia Chapter of the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors (SIOR)

Julio O. Purcell, SIOR, a Vice President at MacKenzie Commercial Real Estate Services was elected in November to serve as the President of the Maryland/D.C./Northern Virginia Chapter of the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors (SIOR) in 2009.

The Society of Industrial and Office Realtors, a leading professional commercial and industrial real estate association with more than 3,100 members in 480 cities in 20 countries worldwide, represents today's most knowledgeable, experienced, and successful commercial real estate brokerage specialists. As President, Purcell will be responsible for overseeing the activities of the Executive Committee.

Purcell has 20 years of experience in commercial real estate and specializes in office leasing and sales along the Central Business Corridor of Baltimore County. He has a Bachelors of Arts Degree from the University of Richmond, and a Master of Business Administration from Johns Hopkins University. During his tenure with MacKenzie, he has worked with a number of local and national clients including MacKenzie Properties, Stevenson University, Chesapeake Urology and Associates, Mercy Medical Center, and Paul H. Brookes Publishing Co.

In the announcement SIOR also named Karl Lehmann, SIOR of Preston Partners, Inc. Vice President; Hayes Merkert, SIOR of Preston Partners as Treasurer and Athan Sunderland, SIOR of Preston Partners as Secretary. The remainder of the Executive Committee includes Steve Fezell, SIOR of Prudential Carruthers Realtors who will be Director of Programs; Public Relations Chair Joe Bradley, SIOR of Manekin, LLC, and Admissions Chair Matt Haas, SIOR of Manekin, LLC. The Recruitment and Retention Co-Chairs for next year are Lacey O'Neil of Mackenzie Commercial Real Estate Services and Lindsay McClory, SIOR of Corridor Reznick, LLC. The immediate past president is Jim Lighthizer, SIOR of Chesapeake Real Estate Group.

For more information on SIOR, please contact Larry Lichtenauer of Lawrence Howard & Associates at larryhow@aol.com. To contact Julio O. Purcell or view his biography, please visit www.mackenziecommercial.com.

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