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Thomas McGowan is a partner at Meltzer Lippe Goldstein & Breitstone LLP in Mineola. McGowan is also head of the firm's litigation group.

McGowan has successfully represented major lending institutions, developers, brokers, creditor's committees, corporations, partnerships, officers, shareholders, contractors, owners, sponsors, professionals and bankruptcy trustees.

His cases include commercial foreclosures, recovery upon commercial notes and guarantees, fraudulent conveyance and alter ego claims, professional liability claims, workouts, corporate/partnership dissolutions and valuation disputes, estate litigation, discrimination claims, Lanham Act claims, creditors' rights and construction defect and delay claims.

"I have recently obtained a verdict after trial in which my client, a real estate broker, was held to be entitled to recover from the defendant developers upon an oral special contract to introduce the defendants to a third party for the purpose of purchasing certain unimproved real property from the third party," McGowan said. "The denial of the client's role in making the introduction which was asserted as a defense to this claim was rejected; with the court finding that the claimed defense was not credible."

Since the contract did not fix the exact compensation to which the client was entitled, the court awarded the client 3 percent of the \$18 million sale price on a quantum meruit basis based on expert testimony together with prejudgment interest from February 2001, McGowan explained. "The Court also found that the defendant devel-

opers were alter egos," he said.

McGowan is a member of the NYS Bar and is admitted to the US Court of Appeals, Second Circuit and the US District Court, Eastern and Southern Districts of NY. He is also a member of the NYS Bar Association, Commercial and Federal Litigation Section as well as a member of the Nassau County Bar Association.

McGowan earned a juris doctorate from Georgetown University Law Center; and a bachelor's degree, magna cum laude with honors, from Hofstra University.

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