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## A HOMECOMING IN PITTSBURGH

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MCGUIREWOODS HAS WELCOMED BACK TOP PERFORMER GERALD J STUBENHOFER AFTER SEVEN YEARS PRODUCTIVELY SPENT WITH GENERAL NUTRITION CENTERS INC. (GNC).

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Stubenhofer has returned as a partner in the Commercial Litigation Department at McGuirewoods' Pittsburgh office where his corporate experience and insight is gladly anticipated.

As Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary at GNC, Stubenhofer oversaw the company's litigation, domestic franchising and regulatory compliance. He was also in charge of both governmental and public affairs whilst serving on various GNC committees.

He said of the move: "I will always treasure my time at GNC, but returning to McGuireWoods feels like coming back home. I am back where I feel comfortable, with our dedicated team of commercial litigators, and I am more prepared than ever to contribute to our continuing success on behalf of our clients."

This is unsurprising given his past success with the firm. Whilst with McGuirewoods from 2002-07, he secured a USD 2 million jury verdict on behalf of a marketing company after a three-week trial over the breach of, and fraudulent inducement into, an executive distribution agreement governing the rights to a patented dietary product.

Leonard J. Marsico, the Pittsburgh-based chairman of the Commercial Litigation Department, said: "Having Jerry back with our firm is a wonderful homecoming for McGuirewoods. His experiences in the corporate world bring insights to our practice that will provide priceless benefits for all our clients."

Stubenhofer is not the only formidable presence to have joined McGuirewoods recently. Only weeks after the announcement of his return, Hannah T. Frank was also welcomed into the fold. Recognised as the Pittsburgh Mergers and Acquisition Law "Lawyer of the Year" for 2014, by The Best Lawyers in America, Frank is now but one of a handful of powerful and experienced legal minds currently installed at McGuirewoods' Pittsburgh office.

Meanwhile GNC may now be sorely missing the expertise of Stubenhofer. The Pittsburgh Business Times reports that GNC is facing concerns over the content of some of its health supplements following tests run by the New York State Attorney General's Office.