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Ga. law firm opening uptown

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[Mann Bracken](#), an Atlanta law firm specializing in the representation of creditors, is opening a local office in The Carillon building uptown.

The 2,400-square-foot office, which will have a staff of seven, will be led by husband and wife Ahmad and Karen Washington.

The operation, scheduled to open within three weeks, will serve clients in the Carolinas.

Mann Bracken provides legal support for a range of national credit companies. In Atlanta, the firm operates a call center with more than 175 employees.

Gibson Thrift of the Atlanta office of Phoenix Advisory Group represented Mann Bracken in lease negotiations. Steve McClure of Spectrum Properties represented The Carillon ownership.

Justin Hunt of the Charlotte Chamber has worked with Mann Bracken's tenant representative for more than a year to help the company identify suitable office space here.

DCI buys South Tryon building

[DCI Home Resources](#), a high-end home furnishings and appliance supplier, has bought a South End building for warehouse space.

DCI needs only about 9,000 square feet of the 25,000-square-foot building at 2027 S. Tryon St. So the company has formed a partnership with local canine aficionado Andy Bunn, who will use the balance of the space as headquarters for Metro Paws, a dog grooming, boarding and training center.

Charlotte-based DCI operates a sales office and showroom in the Factory South building at 1300 South Blvd. The company sells cabinetry, appliances, countertops, plumbing fixtures and floor coverings.

Its new storage space is in a former Tyco Safety Products warehouse. DCI bought the building for \$1.3 million from ESCO Corp.

At Metro Paws, Bunn plans to include an outdoor play yard for pets, complete with swimming pool.

"It's been a lot of fun," DCI President Carol Lindell says of her company's dealings with Bunn.

Long-term plans call for eventually adding a full-time veterinary clinic at the site. "It will truly be a total canine experience," Lindell says.

Jim Petit of The Nichols Co. represented DCI in the property transaction. Steve Gentry of Piedmont Properties represented the seller.

News & notes

A Raleigh developer hopes to build a 92-unit townhome community on Weddington Road, near the Mecklenburg-Union county line.

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DeWitt Real Estate Services has not named the 26-acre development. A company official did not return calls seeking comment.

DeWitt is seeking a mixed-use zoning classification for the property, switching from single-family residential. A City Council decision is expected Oct. 19.

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