



Michael Besen's Firm to Manage Steve Croman's Properties as of July 1

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343-345 EAST FIFTH STREET, ONE OF STEVE CROMAN'S PROPERTIES. PHOTO: COSTAR GROUP



[Croman & Associates](#), will operate landlord Steve Croman's Manhattan 100-plus building portfolio for five years, a spokeswoman for the state attorney general's office told Commercial Observer.

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The AG selected NYC Management after rejecting two other companies that Croman proposed, the spokeswoman indicated. She didn't know the date NYC Management was selected, but said tenants were notified of the decision in April.

During the period when NYC Management is running the buildings, Croman may only have "incidental interaction with tenants of the subject properties," as per a December 2017 consent decree.

Croman—of **Croman Real Estate** and **9300 Realty Management** (which oversaw a number of Croman Real Estate's properties)—settled with the AG's office "for engaging in illegal conduct, including harassment, coercion and fraud, to force rent-regulated tenants out of their apartments and convert their apartments into highly profitable market-rate units," according to a Dec. 20, 2017 press release from the AG's office. He was required to pay \$8 million in restitution to his tenants, and find an independent property management company for his residential properties, many of which are in the East Village and the Lower East Side.

NYC Management—at the expense of Croman—will oversee the building operations and institute policies that "ensure full compliance with the law and correction of all past violations," the press release indicates. There will be a monitor, also on Croman's dime, that will oversee compliance with the settlement for seven years.



tax paid. He got out of jail on June 1 after a year-long sentence, and paid a separate \$5 million settlement in connection with the criminal charges.

Jane Hardy, a spokeswoman for 9300 Realty Management, didn't immediately respond to a request for comment, nor did Besen.

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