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Real Estate Attorney Joshua Stein's Art Collection Focuses on the Beauty of Buildings

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"When I was growing up I didn't know whether I wanted to be an architect, a journalist, a book publisher or a lawyer," Stein told the Law Journal. "I'm a real estate lawyer so I'm very involved with buildings,"

Standing at one intersection of Stein's passions is the art collection on display at his firm's office on West 57th Street. It features four works by Emilio Sanchez, who painted portraits of ordinary New York City streetscapes that focus on architectural themes.



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Stein, a former longtime member of the board of trustees at the Bronx Museum, said he is attracted to Sanchez's work because of how the Cuban-American painter "plays with light," but also because he often focuses on subjects that are near and dear to a real estate attorney: buildings.

He purchased the Sanchez pieces at auctions at the Bronx Museum.

Stein is also showcasing works by his 95-year-old father Sherman Stein, a professor emeritus at the University of California-Davis who has authored a dozen mathematics textbooks and who is himself a prolific artist.



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