



Stephen McGovern, MDS'21

****This award is given posthumously to Stephen's family in his memory***
Associate Director - Commercial Development and Investment
SAI Group, LLC

Stephen "Steve" McGovern, MDS'21, brought more than fifteen years of distinguished experience in the real estate industry, with a career that spanned legal practice, development, investment, and academic leadership.

Steve most recently served as the Associate Director of Commercial Development & Investment at SAI Group, LLC, where he played a key role in shaping commercial real estate strategy. He possessed expertise in portfolio building across acquisitions, development, brokerage, asset management, and strategic disposition of income-generating properties. Working on behalf of SAI Group, Steve was very involved in identifying, acquiring, developing, managing, and planning the targeted disposition of commercial real estate assets.

Alongside his professional practice, Steve was deeply committed to education and lifelong learning. He was instrumental in shaping The Boston Architectural College's Master of Design Studies in Real Estate Development (MDS-RED) curriculum. After graduating with his master's degree from the program in May 2021, he contributed to curriculum reviews, developed course content, and taught Real Estate Law, Regulations, Transactions, and Project Approvals, first implemented in the 2022–23 academic year. He also served as a trusted advisor to faculty, prospective students, and current students.

In addition to his master's degree from BAC, Steve completed advanced coursework in financial analysis, acquisitions, and development at Boston University, as well as a certificate in Construction Project Management from Wentworth Institute of Technology. He truly exemplified the professional and academic excellence to which our students aspire.