

Downtown's Brunkenhoefer Law Firm office sold

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CORPUS CHRISTI — The white, two-story office building at the corner of Lawrence and Lower Broadway streets was known as the Brunkenhoefer Law Firm office for 13 years. A McAllen lawyer has acquired it.

Channing Slusher, a trustee with Slusher and Associates, purchased the building for an undisclosed amount. Calls on Thursday to Slusher and his representative, George Clower of The Clower Co., were not returned.

Robert Brunkenhoefer's reason for selling was to downsize office space, said Matt Cravey with NAI Cravey Real Estate Services.

Cravey represented Brunkenhoefer during the sale. The lawyer will move to Wilson Plaza, 606 N. Carancahua St., Cravey said.

The Brunkenhoefer building is about 7,700 square feet and was built in 1912 for Southwestern Telegraph & Telephone Co. When the telephone company moved to the bluff in about 1938, the building was renovated for the Frank Sparks Insurance Co.

It later was occupied by Celanese Corp. and in 1968 by the city's tax office. It was restored in 1997 for the Brunkenhoefer Law Firm.

It is said to be the first structure in town built expressly as a telephone building and the city's first fireproof building, Cravey said.

