Jackson Walker Adds Two More From Thompson & Knight to Real Estate Group

Jackson Walker L.L.P. has added Lewis Kasner and Briggs Knight to the firm's Houston office. Kasner and Knight join Alfie Meyerson, Thad Armstrong, David Jones, and David Robins, who moved from Thompson & Knight to Jackson Walker on April 20. In joining Jackson Walker, Kasner becomes a partner in the Real Estate group, while Mr. Knight joins as an associate.

The new additions add even further to the depth and distinction of Jackson Walker's robust Real Estate and Finance practice groups, Jackson Walker said in a release.

"We are delighted to have Lewis and Briggs with us at Jackson Walker," Meyerson said. "Keeping our team together was a key aspect to making this a successful move and a seamless transition for our clients."

Real Estate practice leader Steve Martens agreed, stating, "To have such a strong, cohesive group join Jackson Walker is a boon to our firm and our clients. Lewis and Briggs are excellent lawyers whose practices are a perfect fit with ours. We couldn't be happier to have them on board."

With the new additions, Jackson Walker now boasts more than 50 attorneys who are dedicated to Real Estate law, making the firm's group one of the largest and most experienced in the region.

Kasner has developed a reputation for providing clients with practical solutions based on his years of experience representing both lenders and borrowers in different types of transactions. He regularly represents financial institutions in both interim and permanent loan transactions of all sizes

and complexity – ranging from $1,000,000 to $100,000,000. He also routinely represents commercial real estate owners and developers with the acquisition, disposition, and leasing of commercial property. Mr. Kasner is Board Certified in Commercial Real Estate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and was named a “Texas Rising Star” by Thomson Reuters in 2013-2015.

Knight focuses his practice on real estate and banking matters. He represents purchasers, owners, and developers in connection with a variety of types of improved and unimproved real property. Additionally, he represents lenders and borrowers in connection with loans secured by commercial real estate, such as retail, office, and multifamily projects, and middle market commercial loans. Mr. Knight’s real-world experience as an analyst in the commercial mortgage lending group at AIG Investments from 2006-2009 provides a depth of practical knowledge that is invaluable to clients. In addition, during law school, he served as a judicial intern to Judge David Hittner in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas in 2011.

Kasner and Knight join a growing number of lateral attorneys who have made the move to Jackson Walker over the last few years. The firm’s competitive platform and efficient cost-structure have proven highly attractive to Texas attorneys looking to both expand their practices and provide excellent service to existing clients, the firm said in the release.

Jackson Walker L.L.P. has 125 years of experience in providing legal counsel to clients throughout Texas, the United States and internationally. The firm provides a strong regional base of more than 350 attorneys in Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, San Angelo, San Antonio and Texarkana.