

# Jason Comer Joins Sidley as Counsel in Global Real Estate Practice with Two Associates

New York and Miami – Sidley Austin LLP is pleased to announce that Jason Comer has joined the firm as counsel in the Real Estate practice in Miami. Mr. Comer joins Sidley with two associates from Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP. Liz Jaikaran has joined in New York and Katya Medianik has joined the New York office and will relocate to Miami. Connor Evans will be joining in Miami as an incoming fall associate.

Mr. Comer focuses his practice on a broad range of commercial real estate matters, including acquisitions and dispositions, mortgage and mezzanine loan originations and restructurings, complex joint venture transactions, and preferred equity investments. He represents institutional investors, private equity funds, closely held real estate companies and developers related to multifamily, hotel, office, retail, and industrial assets. Mr. Comer has handled transactions for properties globally, as well as a variety of general corporate and financing matters including significant workout, bankruptcy, and restructuring matters.

He previously served as general counsel and senior vice president of a real estate private equity firm, where he oversaw the acquisition, disposition, ownership, and repositioning of real estate properties of various asset classes and related debt and equity positions.

“Jason adds depth to our growing Real Estate practice along with the recent addition of partner, Beatriz Azcuy,” said Michael Gordon, a member of the firm’s Executive Committee and global leader of Sidley’s Real Estate practice. “He will be joining our diversified practice as we continue to increase our presence in markets around the world.”

Jason previously served as a member of the Board of Governors

for the Young Lawyers Division of the Florida Bar and has served as an adjunct professor at Tulane Law School.

“We are growing our real estate practice with key talent like Jason to address the needs of our clients,” said Yvette Ostolaza, Sidley’s Management Committee Chair. “By identifying lawyers like Liz, Katya, and Connor early in their careers and providing them with the tools to be successful, we are ensuring our position as one of the leading global firms in this area. For example, Katya and Liz just completed Sidley’s Built to Lead program at Columbia University and Northwestern’s Kellogg School. These programs will further prepare them to address our clients’ expectations that lawyers understand their business.”

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