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Four partners and an associate join top NY Real Estate practice

New York, NY (June 1, 2021) – Phillips Nizer LLP is pleased to announce that the partners at Brill & Meisel, a leading New York real estate practice with a specialization in cooperative and condominium law, have joined Phillips Nizer's New York office.

Allen H. Brill and Elliott Meisel, who founded Brill & Meisel in 1979, partners Mark Axinn and Christopher Aldridge, and associate Amanda Benishai are joining forces with one of New York's top real estate teams, including real estate practice co-chairs Marc Landis and Lisa Radetsky, real estate partners Jay Kim and Thomas Fuerth and land use and government relations co-chairs Christian Hylton and Kevin McGrath.

Landis, the firm's managing partner, said, "Having worked collaboratively with one another for years, we are happy to welcome the Brill & Meisel attorneys to Phillips Nizer. They are highly respected in the real estate and co-op/condo field and allow us to expand our full-service offerings to our current and future clients."

Axinn represents cooperative and condominium associations, sponsor/developers, holders of unsold shares and individual property owners and businesses. A graduate of Columbia College and Fordham Law School, he performs all aspects of cooperative and condominium association practice and also has extensive commercial litigation experience.

Brill, a graduate of Columbia College, Columbia Business

School and Columbia Law School, represents individuals and businesses in the purchase, sale and leasing of cooperatives, condos, buildings, residential, office and retail spaces. His litigation work includes commercial and contract disputes, construction issues, real estate disputes and challenging real estate tax assessments.

Meisel, a graduate of Cornell University and Yale Law School, represents numerous New York cooperatives and condominiums in all aspects of their operations including financings, alterations, contract negotiations and the development and implementation of policies and shareholder and owner relations. Mr. Meisel, a nationally recognized authority in cooperative and condo law, has converted many buildings to cooperative and condo ownership and represented tenant associations in connection with the conversions of their buildings sponsored by others. He also represents owners and investors in all aspects of their real estate ownership, including optimizing their portfolios through the sale of air rights, Section 1031 exchanges and Opportunity Zone investments.

Aldridge represents clients in a broad range of residential and commercial real estate matters, including hundreds of purchases, sales and financing of all types of properties. A graduate of Hofstra University and Fordham Law School, his experience includes representing boards of associations in general corporate governance, mortgage refinancing, contractor and architect agreements and shareholder and unit owner disputes.

Ms. Benishai, a graduate of Yeshiva University's Stern College and New York Law School, is a real estate litigator focusing on commercial landlord-tenant disputes and cooperative corporation matters.