

Stroock Maintains Solid Growth Adding to its Corporate and Real Estate Groups

Stroock welcomes Yong-Nam Jun and Timothy DeKeyser as partners, effective immediately, bringing Stroock's total number of lateral hires within the last year to thirteen. Per the firm's growth strategy, Yong joins the Corporate Group's private funds and asset management team in Los Angeles, while Tim joins the Real Estate Group in Miami.

"These additions demonstrate how we are further enhancing all of our offices. Yong and Tim have great experience and provide us with an opportunity to further leverage our strong presence in these offices and expand our share of the most sophisticated corporate and real estate work locally and nationally," said Jeff Keitelman, firm Co-managing partner and the Real Estate Group Co-Chair.

Yong joins the Corporate Group's private funds and asset management team which serves every type of private fund and alternative investment vehicle while pursuing a broad range of investment strategies across a variety of asset classes, geographies and market cycles.

He advises U.S. and Asia-based private equity and venture fund sponsors and institutional investors throughout all stages of the fund formation process. Yong also represents private equity and venture funds as well as strategic investors in their investment and M&A transactions. Additionally, he will lead the firm's efforts with Asia-based clients and is fluent in Korean.

"Yong's extensive background advising sponsors and investors

across the United States and Asia will be invaluable to our clients doing business across both geographies,” said Brian Diamond, Co-Chair of Stroock’s Private Funds Group.

“I’m looking forward to growing my practice with this phenomenal group,” said Yong. “Stroock’s cross-disciplinary approach provides an excellent platform for me to provide clients with innovative counsel and help them navigate the evolving demands of the marketplace.”

Yong was previously at Orrick and earned his J.D. from Harvard Law School, his M.S. from the California Institute of Technology, and his A.B. from Princeton University.

Tim represents investors, domestic and international real estate companies, funds, lenders, government-sponsored entities and other entities in complex real estate matters ranging from acquisitions and leasing to construction transactions and development of raw or underdeveloped land. His experience includes deals and disputes involving a variety of asset classes, ranging from senior housing and multifamily residential units to the hospitality industry and office buildings.

He joins Stroock’s market-leading Real Estate Group, which draws on its vast experience with every aspect of commercial, residential, industrial and mixed-use property transactions, litigation and regulation to provide sophisticated guidance on every type of project and transaction.

“I am well acquainted with Stroock’s Real Estate Group and the market relationships and intelligence that its partners have cultivated over the long term,” said Tim. “Joining Stroock is an exciting opportunity for me to expand my practice and contribute to a high-caliber team.”

Tim was previously at Bilzin Sumberg. He earned his J.D. from Vanderbilt University Law School and his B.S. from the University of Virginia.

These additions come close on the heels of John F. Pierce and Jason T. Kuzma, who joined the commodities, derivatives and energy team within Stroock's Corporate Group last month. Litigator Naim Surgeon also recently joined the firm's Miami office.