

Gibson Dunn Adds Real Estate Partner Michael Weinberger in New York

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Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP is pleased to announce that Michael Weinberger will join the firm's New York office as a partner. Michael will continue his real estate finance practice, which is focused on commercial mortgage-backed securitization (CMBS), balance sheet, mezzanine and construction loan originations, restructurings, and secondary market transactions. "We are delighted to welcome Michael to the Gibson Dunn team," said Mylan L. Denerstein, Co-Partner-in-Charge of the firm's New York office. "He is a proven star, and his practice will further complement our market-leading real estate group." "We are thrilled to have Michael join our Gibson Dunn real estate practice," said Eric M. Feuerstein, Co-Chair of the Real Estate Practice Group. "He is one of the most respected practitioners in the field, admired by counsel and clients alike, and the top lender-side lawyer in the country. His experience, particularly on real estate financing, is simply unparalleled and will serve as a tremendous asset for the Gibson Dunn real estate platform." "I am excited to begin the next chapter of my career at Gibson Dunn," said Michael. "I look forward to working alongside this terrific group of colleagues to help our clients navigate their most complex transactions. I couldn't be happier to join this very talented team." Michael's addition continues a period of steady growth for Gibson Dunn, as the firm continues to attract top talent, including: real estate partner Lauren Giovannone in Los Angeles; private equity partners Jesse Myers and Michael Piazza; investment funds partners James Hays in Houston and Kira Idoko in New York; M&A partner Rahul Vashi in Houston; restructuring partners Chad Nichols in Houston, C. Lee Wilson and Joseph Zujkowski in New York, and AnnElyse Scarlett Gains in Washington, D.C.; finance partners Frederick Lee in Houston and Douglas Horowitz and Jin Hee Kim in New York; and FinTech and financial institutions partners Jason Cabral in New York and Sara Weed in Washington, D.C. **About Michael Weinberger** Michael focuses on real estate finance, including mortgage, mezzanine, and construction loan originations, restructurings, syndications, and secondary market transactions. He regularly represents major institutional lenders and borrowers in transactions involving hotels, shopping centers, office buildings, industrial properties, condominiums, multi-family properties, life science centers, storage facilities, movie studios, and other property types. Michael is top-ranked in Chambers USA, which has noted that he is "the best of the best for commercial real estate finance" and "quite simply unparalleled." Michael graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard Law School in 1991 and subsequently clerked for the Judge Leonard I. Garth on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. He graduated *summa cum laude* from Yale University with a B.A. in Economics in 1988.

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