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Jeffrey Stern Joins Winston & Strawn in New York

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NEW YORK, NY — Winston & Strawn LLP is pleased to announce that Jeffrey Stern has joined the firm's structured finance practice as partner in its New York office.

"Jeffrey brings significant experience to Winston and will augment our ability to advise clients on structured products and derivatives transactions involving both traditional and esoteric asset classes," said Dominick DeChiara, chair of Winston's corporate department. "This latest addition underscores our commitment to expanding our corporate practice, particularly in New York."

"We are placing an emphasis on strategically expanding our corporate practice in key markets including Houston, London, Los Angeles, New York, Silicon Valley, and Washington, D.C.," added Tom Fitzgerald, Winston's firmwide managing partner. "Jeffrey's practice is an excellent addition to Winston."

Mr. Stern joins Winston from Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP and has more than 20 years of experience in structured finance and derivatives. He has played a leading role in developing and refining new and emerging forms of domestic and cross-border structured financings, credit derivative structures, structured funds, asset-based lending and structured credit facilities, crowdfunding platforms, and alternate risk transfer transactions. Mr. Stern also has significant experience representing clients in Latin America.

"Our New York office has attracted several prominent lawyers and lateral groups in recent years," said Michael Elkin, Winston's New York office managing partner. "Winston's status as a key player in the New York legal market will be further enhanced by the synergies generated with Jeffrey's arrival."

In the previous three years, Winston has grown its New York office substantially. Also in this timeframe and in line with its growth strategy, the firm has added a presence in several new markets, including Brussels, Silicon Valley, and Taipei.

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