

Winston & Strawn Bolsters Real Estate Practice with Addition of Christine Spletzer to its New York Office

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NEW YORK — Winston & Strawn LLP announced today that **Christine Spletzer** has joined its real estate practice in New York as of counsel. Spletzer brings more than 20 years of sophisticated experience in the area of mortgage and asset securitization and finance. In recent years, Spletzer's practice has focused on the area of commercial mortgage-backed securitization, representing issuers, underwriters and loan sellers in connection with securities offerings. She joins Winston from Duval & Stachenfeld LLP, where she was a partner and co-chair of their structured finance strategies practice group. Spletzer previously was a special counsel in the capital markets group at Cadwalader Wickersham & Taft.

"Christine brings tremendous talent, experience and high energy to our real estate practice," said former chair of the firm's real estate practice. "Her understanding of the market and our clients' needs is an immediate asset," he noted. "As the New York real estate market evolves, it will look for the kind of savvy and practical know-how that Christine offers," added **Michael Elkin**, managing partner of Winston's New York office. "Her abilities are a superb fit for the practice and firm, and will allow us to grow in a strategic way."

Spletzer earned her J.D., with distinction, from Hofstra University School of Law, where she was a member of the Hofstra Law Review. She received a B.A., *magna cum laude*, from Adelphi University.

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