

Winston & Strawn Expands its Leveraged Finance Practice in New York

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NEW YORK, NY — Winston & Strawn LLP is pleased to announce that four finance and securities attorneys have joined the firm's New York office from Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP.

The latest group to join Winston includes leveraged finance attorney Mats Carlston, who will serve as Winston's co-chair of global finance. He has more than 20 years of experience and represents lead arrangers, agents, lenders, investors, and borrowers in domestic and cross-border financings, with an emphasis on leveraged buyouts and recapitalizations of private equity-sponsored enterprises.

"Joining Winston's already impressive finance practice provides us with the opportunity to expand our leveraged finance capabilities to better serve our clients globally," said Mr. Carlston. "The move also allows us to expand our structured finance, project finance, and securities practices in the United States and internationally."

Joining with Mr. Carlston is William Egler, who joins as a partner. Working alongside Mr. Carlston for more than a decade, he represents diversified international financial institutions in structuring, negotiating, and documenting domestic and cross-border credit facilities, both in the leveraged buyout arena, as well as in trade finance. Tim Kober also has joined the firm as of counsel, and represents financial institutions, corporations, and private equity sponsors in acquisition financings, restructurings, and other finance transactions.

Another long-time colleague of Mr. Carlston's, David Odrich, has joined the M&A and securities practice as a partner. He supports the leveraged finance practice and also works with emerging and established companies on equity and debt offerings, IPOs, private placements, M&A, and venture capital.

"We are strategically expanding our corporate practice based on an evolving market and the needs of our clients," said Tom Fitzgerald, Winston's firmwide managing partner. "A critical part of our strategy is placing an emphasis on key practice areas and markets including New York, Houston, London, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Silicon Valley, and Washington, D.C. This talented team of attorneys will help us in our efforts to accomplish these goals."

"One of our priorities is to grow our corporate presence in New York," said Dominick DeChiara, chair of Winston's corporate department. "The addition of these attorneys enhances our capabilities, strengthens our bench, and aligns with our strategy to add talent and practices that complement the firm's strengths and client base."

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