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Leading Tenant Rep Team Joins Avison Young, Ziesmer and Moore Named Principals in Chicago Office

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The office tenant rep team of John Ziesmer, Kevin Moore, Kimberly de Buhr and Brian Means has joined Avison Young from Grubb & Ellis. Ziesmer and Moore were named principals at Avison Young.



John Ziesmer (left) and Kevin Moore have become Principals at Avison Young.

The move signals Avison Young's commitment to grow its service platform in the Chicago region, according to Michael McKiernan, managing director of the company's Chicago office,

"They form one of the most successful and trusted tenant representation leasing teams serving downtown Chicago and outlying markets," said McKiernan in a statement announcing the moves. "We couldn't be more pleased to have such a highly-regarded and professional, client-focused team join our company."

Avison Young is Canada's largest independently owned [commercial real estate](#) services company. Over the past two years, the company has grown from 11 to 23 offices and from 300 to more than 700 real estate professionals across Canada and in the U.S.

Ziesmer joined Grubb & Ellis in 2007 as senior vice president. During his 27-year career, he has focused on providing strategic real estate planning and site selection to law firms, corporations and investment banking firms primarily in the Chicago region as well as throughout the U.S. He was with Trammell Crow Co. from 2004 to 2006. Before that, he was a member of Studley's tenant representation team for 14 years and a vice president at Jones Lang LaSalle for seven years. Prior to beginning his career in commercial real estate, Ziesmer was a banking associate at American National Bank of Chicago for three years.

Moore also joined Grubb & Ellis in 2007 as vice president and was a member of the tenant representation services group in the downtown Chicago office. Prior to joining Grubb & Ellis, he was associate director with Studley for six years.

de Buhr joined Grubb & Ellis in 2008 as a senior associate in the office tenant representative group, focusing primarily on the downtown Chicago office market. She was responsible for new-client development and maintaining market intelligence. Prior to joining Grubb & Ellis, de Buhr was responsible for identifying revenue-generating opportunities for a commercial office furniture and facility-services vendor, and for her own clients in B2C industries. Prior to that, she spent more than 10 years working in marketing communications, holding positions with General Motors and then with Navistar.

Means joined Grubb & Ellis in 2008 as a research analyst following internships with The Staubach Company and Jones Lang LaSalle in 2007 and 2006. He became an associate with Grubb & Ellis in 2009.

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