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Jason Kleiman and Bob Budington join Avison Young's Chicago brokerage operation

CHICAGO, July 8 /PRNewswire/ - Michael McKiernan, Avison Young Principal and Managing Director of the company's Chicago office, announced today that two leading commercial real estate brokers have joined Avison Young's brokerage operation.

Effective immediately, Jason Kleiman becomes a Principal of Avison Young and a member of the office tenant representation group in Chicago. Kleiman was formerly Managing Principal at Lakefront Advisory Services, a corporate real estate advisory practice that focuses on the representation of users of office space.

Bob Budington joins Avison Young as senior director of Chicago's office tenant representation group. He was most recently a Vice-President with Colliers Bennett & Kahnweiler Inc. and formerly with Golub and Company and Jones Lang LaSalle.

Avison Young is Canada's largest independently-owned commercial real estate services company. The firm opened its first U.S. office in Chicago, IL in 2009, followed by U.S. offices in Washington, DC, Atlanta, GA and Houston, TX over the past half year.

"We are pleased to be able to unite two energetic, experienced brokers who will help Avison Young realize its vision for further growth and success in the Chicago marketplace. Their backgrounds, coupled with their strong work ethic, will provide clients with the highest quality of service," says McKiernan.

He continues: "Jason's experience is extensive and his focus on tenant representation is augmented by his background in corporate services. Avison Young now has a presence in the central business district and will continue to grow."

"Bob brings a diverse background to Avison Young. His analytical experience at Jones Lang LaSalle, his landlord representation role at Golub and Company, and his tenant representation activities at Colliers provide Bob and his clients with a unique perspective on the market. Everyone here at Avison Young and our clients look forward to taking advantage of Bob's skill sets," says McKiernan.

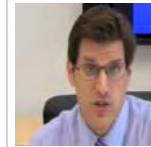
Over the past 18 months, Avison Young has grown from 11 to 18 offices and from 300 to 600-plus real estate professionals in Canada and the U.S.

"In order to remain at the forefront of our highly competitive industry, Avison Young recognizes the need to continually add new resources to the company. Jason and Bob are both experienced tenant representatives with excellent reputations in the market and among their clients," says Earl Webb, Avison Young's President, U.S. Operations.

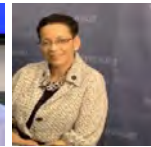
"They both have strong relationships with a number of Chicago-area clients with whom they have been working over the years. As we begin to build our Chicago business downtown as well as in the suburbs, we are pleased that Jason and Bob have come on board to begin what will be a rapidly-growing downtown tenant representation practice," adds Webb.

"I am excited to be joining an organization with such an enviable track record of success, and one that is committed to expanding in all facets of the commercial real estate industry," notes Kleiman. "I look forward to being an integral part of Avison Young's growth and success in the U.S. marketplace."

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