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Bill Finnegan joins Avison Young in Philadelphia

***Highly regarded industry veteran will help grow the Center City office
and continue to focus on corporate tenant representation***

Philadelphia – David Fahey, Avison Young Principal and Managing Director of the company's Philadelphia region, announced today the strategic hiring of highly regarded industry veteran **Bill Finnegan**.

Effective immediately, Finnegan becomes a Principal of Avison Young with a mandate to help grow the company's Philadelphia Center City office. He will also continue to focus on his specialty of corporate tenant representation. Finnegan brings 20-plus years of commercial real estate experience to Avison Young, most recently as a Senior Vice-President with Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL) in Philadelphia.

"Bill's deep financial background, coupled with more than 20 years of experience in real estate, is a perfect fit for our solutions approach to servicing clients," comments Fahey. "Bill specializes in providing a myriad of services to his clients, including sophisticated real estate-based financial advice with a primary focus on financial-statement enhancement, tax mitigation and the most efficient application of clients' capital resources. As a certified public accountant, Bill will also offer expert guidance to his extensive CFO network on the recent changes to the lease-accounting standards."

Fahey adds: "Bill will play a vital role in growing our Center City presence, and we couldn't be more excited to welcome Bill to help lead our Center City team."

Finnegan's past and current clients have included: Amerimar Enterprises, Inc., Behringer Harvard, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Crown Properties, eResearch Technology, GE Capital; Kaplan, Pitney Bowes, TMS International, Inc., and Wolters Kluwer.

Before moving to JLL, he held senior executive and director positions with Cresa, Newmark Knight Frank and Cushman & Wakefield. Prior to entering the commercial real estate industry, Finnegan worked in finance with Bristol Myers Squibb, GlaxoSmithKline and PwC.

Finnegan's many industry accolades include Broker of the Year awards from Newmark Knight Frank and Brandywine Realty Trust. In addition, he has been recognized as a CoStar Power Broker on numerous occasions.

"I am ecstatic to join Avison Young at a time of rapid growth in the Philadelphia market," says Finnegan. "The company's Principal-led ownership structure does not only encourage internal collaboration, but it also aligns perfectly with our clients' objectives. Additionally, the combination of the friendly work environment, the overall culture and the firm's mission made joining Avison Young an easy decision for me. I'm ready to help enlarge our Center City footprint."

Finnegan is active in the real estate industry as a member of the National Association of Realtors and Tri-State Realtors Commercial Alliance. In the community, he was previously on the board of the Huntingdon Valley Activities Association and currently volunteers as a basketball, soccer and softball travel coach.

Finnegan holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Rider University and a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from St. Joseph's University. In addition to being a licensed real estate broker, he is a certified public accountant and holds memberships in both the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

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