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**Avison Young negotiates 100,952-sf lease  
renewal and expansion at 77 Water Street, Manhattan**

***National law firm Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith extends lease  
at Downtown Financial District office***

**New York City – Avison Young** announced today that it has negotiated a new 15-year, 100,952-square-foot lease for national full-service law firm Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith at 77 Water Street, a 26-story, 600,000-square-foot Class A tower located in the heart of the Financial District in downtown Manhattan.

Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith, ranked as one of the nation's top 100 law firms according to *American Lawyer Magazine*, will continue to occupy the 19th through 21st floors and expand into the 18th floor of 77 Water Street, widely considered one of Wall Street's most recognizable properties.

**Jonathan Larsen**, a Principal of Avison Young and Managing Director of the Los Angeles West office, who serves as national broker for Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith, and **Mitti Liebersohn**, President and Managing Director of the company's New York City office, represented the tenant in the transaction. Michael Lenchner, Vice-President and Director of Leasing of Sage Realty, was the in-house representative for the ownership group.

"The 77 Water Street property is an iconic jewel among New York City Financial District assets and is particularly attractive to law firms due to its proximity to downtown county courts, high visibility and easy access to transportation," comments Larsen. "After numerous discussions with our client on the ideal long-term New York City location, it became obvious that the firm's current space, along with a prominent identity at 77 Water Street, ideally suited the company's needs, and its goal was to commit to a multi-year renewal. Negotiating with the building's owner and representatives was a seamless process, and we were able to ink a deal that met all of our client's requirements. We are excited to announce this transaction and pleased that the professionals at Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith, as well as the company's next generation of legal talent, will call 77 Water Street home for years to come."

Greg Katz, Managing Partner of the New York office for Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith, adds: "Lewis Brisbois is pleased that 77 Water Street will continue to be our firm's New York home. The location in the heart of the downtown business and financial district is ideally situated among the majority of our New York client base. We look forward to many years of continued growth at this key location."

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