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Fried Frank Welcomes Tax Partner Libin Zhang

New York, April 8, 2019 – Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP announced today that Libin Zhang has joined the Firm as a partner in the Tax Department. He will be based in the Firm’s New York office.

Mr. Zhang has extensive experience advising on a diverse range of real estate, corporate, and international taxation matters. He will represent clients, including real estate investment trusts and other companies, on tax-free reorganizations, spin-offs, cross-border joint ventures, complex leases, and other tax-efficient transactions. Mr. Zhang will also advise clients on tax credits, state and local transfer taxes, and qualified opportunity zones.



“Our industry-leading Real Estate Practice advises key real estate players on the largest and most complicated transactions around the world, and we continue to expand our capabilities to address the growing demands of our clients in this space,” said David J. Greenwald, chairman of Fried Frank. “In today’s ever-changing real estate tax landscape, Libin’s arrival will allow the Firm to continue to provide best-in-class service. I am pleased to welcome him to the Firm.”

“We look forward to adding Libin’s extensive real estate-related tax knowledge to our team,” added Alan S. Kaden, co-head of the Firm’s Tax Department. “His experience will translate seamlessly into the Fried Frank platform, and will complement our efforts to service existing clients on their most complex tax-related needs.”

Mr. Zhang has written periodically about the 2017 tax reform law, most recently in an article published by *Tax Management Real Estate Journal* regarding qualified opportunity zones. Prior to joining the Firm, he was a partner at Roberts & Holland LLP. Mr. Zhang received his JD, *magna cum laude*, from Harvard Law School, where he was a senior editor of the *Harvard Environmental Law Review*. He received his LLM in taxation from New York University and his MS and BS, with honors, from the California Institute of Technology.

“Our clients are market leaders and I am excited to work with Libin to further expand those relationships,” said Jonathan L. Mechanic, chair of the Firm’s Real Estate Department. “Earlier this year we welcomed two partners focusing on REITs—Stuart Barr and Cameron Cosby— who, along with Libin, will allow us to continue providing our clients with the highest quality advice across the full real estate spectrum.”

Fried Frank's international Tax Department regularly advises clients on the most sophisticated matters involving public and private corporations and partnerships and a variety of transactions, including in real estate and corporate real estate. The Firm's real estate clients are industry powerhouses that are responsible for contributing to the development of New York City's skyline and those of other major cities around the world.

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