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## **Fried Frank Elects New Partners and Promotes Special Counsel**

New York - February 1, 2022 - Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP today announced that it has elected new partners and promoted new special counsel, effective March 1, 2022.

“We congratulate our new partners and special counsel,” said David J. Greenwald, Chairman of Fried Frank. “Our people are integral to our success, and it is important that we attract, develop, retain and promote skilled, talented lawyers to ensure that we continue to grow our business and serve our clients on their most complex and sophisticated matters.”

The following lawyers were elected partners in the Real Estate Department:

- **Julianne E. Befeler** is a member of the Real Estate Department, resident in New York. Ms. Befeler represents developers, owners, and financial institutions in connection with a broad range of commercial real estate transactions, including acquisitions and dispositions, mortgage and mezzanine financing, construction financing, and the development of office, residential, hotel and mixed-use projects. She received her JD from Seton Hall University School of Law and her BA from the University of Miami, *cum laude*.
- **Wesley O'Brien** is a member of the Real Estate Department and Land Use Practice, resident in New York. Mr. O'Brien practice focuses on advising leading real estate owners and developers as well as major institutions such as hospitals, non-profits, and cultural institutions in connection with the zoning, land use, and environmental matters for transformative development projects in New York City. He also regularly advises financial institutions in the zoning diligence for large-scale real estate project loans. He received his LLM from New York University School of Law, his JD from Brooklyn Law School, *cum laude*, and his BS from Louisiana State University College of Business.
- **Alexander B. Sutherland** is a member of the Real Estate Department, resident in New York. Mr. Sutherland's practice focuses on representing developers, lenders, owners and institutional investors in a variety of commercial real estate transactions, including acquisitions, dispositions, financing, development and leasing of commercial, residential, hospitality and mixed-use properties. He received his JD from Cornell Law School, *cum laude*, and his BA from the University of Washington.

The following lawyers were promoted to special counsel in the Real Estate Department:

- **Matthew Bettinger** is a member of the Real Estate Department, resident in New York. He received his JD from Fordham University School of Law, his MPhil and MA from Yale

University, and his BA from Brandeis University.

- **David E. Firestone** is a member of the Real Estate Department, resident in New York. He received his JD from New York University School of Law and his BA from Binghamton University, State University of New York, *magna cum laude*.
- **Danielle R. Frank** is a member of the Real Estate Department, resident in New York. She received her JD from Cornell Law School and her BA from the Southern Methodist University.
- **Neil G. Hood** is a member of the Real Estate Department, resident in Washington, DC. He received his JD from Boston College Law School, *cum laude*, *Order of the Coif*, and served as Editor of the *Boston College Law Review*. He received his MPA from the George Washington University, and his BA from the University of Illinois.
- **Adam L. Streicher** is a member of the Corporate Department and Corporate Real Estate Practice, resident in New York. He received his JD from Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, *magna cum laude*, and his BS from Syracuse University, *summa cum laude*.