

Mintz Lands 2nd Real Estate Lawyer From Mayer Brown

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Law360 (March 5, 2019, 7:07 PM EST) -- Mintz Levin Cohn Ferris Glovsky and Popeo PC has snagged its second real estate lawyer in as many months from Mayer Brown LLP as the firm continues to grow its real estate and private equity practices in New York, Mintz exclusively told Law360 on Tuesday.

Stephen MacDonald joins Mintz as a member in the firm's New York office, and his arrival at the firm comes a month after Robert Koen decamped Mayer Brown to join Mintz as a member in New York and chair of the firm's real estate finance practice.



Stephen MacDonald

MacDonald works across a wide area of real estate and focuses on sales and acquisitions, joint ventures, and financing work. He represents lenders, borrowers, developers, institutional investors, private equity shops, investment advisers, and pension funds, and has a particular niche focus on real estate private equity.

He told Law360 on Tuesday he believes Mintz's real estate platform, which he characterized as having strong synergy among its lawyers, will be a good fit for his clients.

"We are keenly interested in staffing matters in a very efficient way," he told Law360 in an interview on Tuesday, referring to his new law firm. "Its size allows us to focus on that."

MacDonald has expertise with fund investment and formation of opportunity funds, and also represents portfolio companies. On the debt side, MacDonald has expertise on mezzanine and mortgage financing as well as workouts and restructurings.

MacDonald works across various asset classes and markets.

He has represented insurance companies and pension funds in connection with various office, residential and retail matters in New York, and has also represented mall owners.

Among the Manhattan matters he's worked on are assisting an insurance company with acquisition and financing of residential and retail condo units on Broadway.

And he's also represented investors in retail properties.

In a statement sent to Law360 on Tuesday, Mintz Managing Member Bob Bodian said MacDonald "fits the bill" of an attorney who is hardworking, understands the needs of clients and works on sophisticated matters.

MacDonald worked at Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP from 1986 until the firm folded in 2012, and at that point moved to Mayer Brown, where he was counsel.

MacDonald earned his law and undergraduate degrees from Boston College.

Mintz was founded in Boston and has seven U.S. offices as well as an office in London.

The firm's United States offices are in Boston, Los Angeles, New York, San Diego, Washington, D.C., San Francisco and Stamford, Connecticut. The firm has roughly 500 attorneys.

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