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# Paul Weiss Raid on Kirkland & Ellis Continues With London Hires

by Charlotte Johnstone and Paul Hodkinson

Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison is set to further bolster its private equity offering in London with the addition of four more partners from Kirkland & Ellis and a partner from Linklaters.

Kirkland private equity partners Roger Johnson and Andreas Philipson, and tax partners Timothy Lowe and Cian O'Conner—both of whom were previously lawyers at Linklaters—will all join Paul Weiss alongside Linklaters partner Will Aitken-Davies, people with knowledge of the move said.

The latest hires come just weeks after it emerged that Kirkland & Ellis PE heavyweight Neel Sachdev was to join the firm. Sachdev was joined by a team that included partners Kanesh Balasubramaniam, Matthew Merkle and Deirdre Jones. When news broke of Sachdev's hire, it was also reported that Johnson was likely to join, as was U.S. Kirkland partner Eric Wedel.

It had led many in the industry question whether Kirkland's London office could survive the hit.

Philipson has advised financial sponsors and portfolio companies such as BlueStep Bank, Triton and EQT, as well as advising pharmaceutical company Galderma on a private placement round of \$1 billion.

Aitken-Davies has a comprehensive PE client base that includes, TDR Capital, whom Aitken-Davies helped on the €4.3bn disposal of Modulaire to Brookfield

The dramatic hires follow Kirkland's hire of Paul Weiss' London head, Alvaro Membrillera earlier this month. Membrillera's defection marks the third partner loss for Paul Weiss' London base, after the firm's deputy London head, Ramy



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J. Wahbeh, left for Sidley Austin alongside fellow partner Kaisa Kuusk in May.

In August, Law.com revealed that Paul Weiss was set to add more than 10 more partners to its London and U.S. ranks following the shock hire of Sachdev.

For the best part of a decade, Sachdev has enjoyed a reputation as being one of London's best known and most influential private equity partners, helping lead Kirkland's London office to the forefront of the City's PE scene.

A Kirkland spokesperson said: "We appreciate their contributions to the partnership and wish them the best at their new firm."

Linklaters had not responded to requests for comment at the time of publication.

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# Slaughter and May Agrees to Meet Lawyer Climate Pressure Group

by Jack Womack

Slaughter and May has agreed to meet with Lawyers Are Responsible (LAR), a group of lawyers campaigning for law firms to cut their ties to the fossil fuel industry.

LAR has also written to Allen & Overy, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, and Clifford Chance, but Slaughter and May has become the first Magic Circle firm to engage with the group.

Over 180 lawyers have signed LAR's "declaration of conscience" and committed to withholding their services to support "new fossil fuel projects," as well as "action against climate protesters exercising their democratic right of peaceful protest."

Most of the signatories are not from large commercial law firms, but they include the likes of Jolyon Maugham KC, who is executive director of the Good Law Project, and Sir Geoffrey Bindman KC, founder of Bindmans human rights law firm.

Explaining their campaign on their website, LAR has said: "We take this action in solidarity with young lawyers who are forced to choose between making a living and a livable future."

The group wrote to Slaughter and May's senior partner Steve Cooke, and managing partner Deborah Finkler in July, urging the firm to "not accept any further instructions in relation to developing new (or the expansion of existing) fossil fuel infrastructure" and "that it refuses any such instructions for the foreseeable future."

Slaughter and May did not comment on whether Cooke or Finkler would be present at the meeting with the group.

Earlier this year, Law.com International reported that LAR was planning to attend certain recruitment events put on by elite law firms at Oxford and Cambridge universities, in order to spread awareness among graduate recruits.

The meeting is likely to add to the debate about whether large commercial law firms can and should turn any clients down on ethical grounds. In a survey of 30 firms last year, 25 said they had turned down clients or matters due to concerns about unethical behavior.

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## CITY OF DORAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

All residents, property owners and other interested parties are hereby notified of a **COUNCIL ZONING MEETING** on **September 27, 2023 beginning at 6:00 PM** to consider a large-scale land use amendment to the City's Comprehensive Plan, Future Land Use Map (FLUM) from Community Mixed Use (CMU) to Downtown Mixed Use (DMU). The City Council will consider this item for **SECOND READING**. The meeting will be held at the **City of Doral, Government Center, Council Chambers located at 8401 NW 53rd Terrace, Doral, Florida, 33166**.

The City of Doral proposes to adopt the following Ordinance:

**ORDINANCE No. 2022-20**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, APPROVING A LARGE-SCALE LAND USE AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF DORAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP, TO CHANGE THE LAND USE CATEGORY FROM COMMUNITY MIXED USE (CMU) TO DOWNTOWN MIXED USE (DMU) FOR ±56.4 ACRES FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4400 NW 87 AVENUE; AUTHORIZING THE TRANSMITTAL OF THE FLUM AMENDMENT ADOPTION PACKAGE TO THE STATE LAND PLANNING AGENCY IN THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND OTHER REQUIRED GOVERNMENTAL REVIEWING AGENCIES PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 163.3184, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**HEARING NO.:** 23-09-DOR-06

**APPLICANT:** Trump Endeavor 12 LLC (the "Applicant") c/o Felix M. Lasarte, Esq.

**PROJECT NAME:** Doral International Towers

**PROPERTY OWNER:** Trump Endeavor 12 LLC

**LOCATION:** 4400 NW 87 Avenue, Doral, Florida 33178

**FOLIO NUMBER:** A Portion of 35-3021-001-0010; 35-3028-000-0050; 35-3021-008-0010; 35-3028-029-0020; 35-3028-029-0010; 35-3022-010-0010

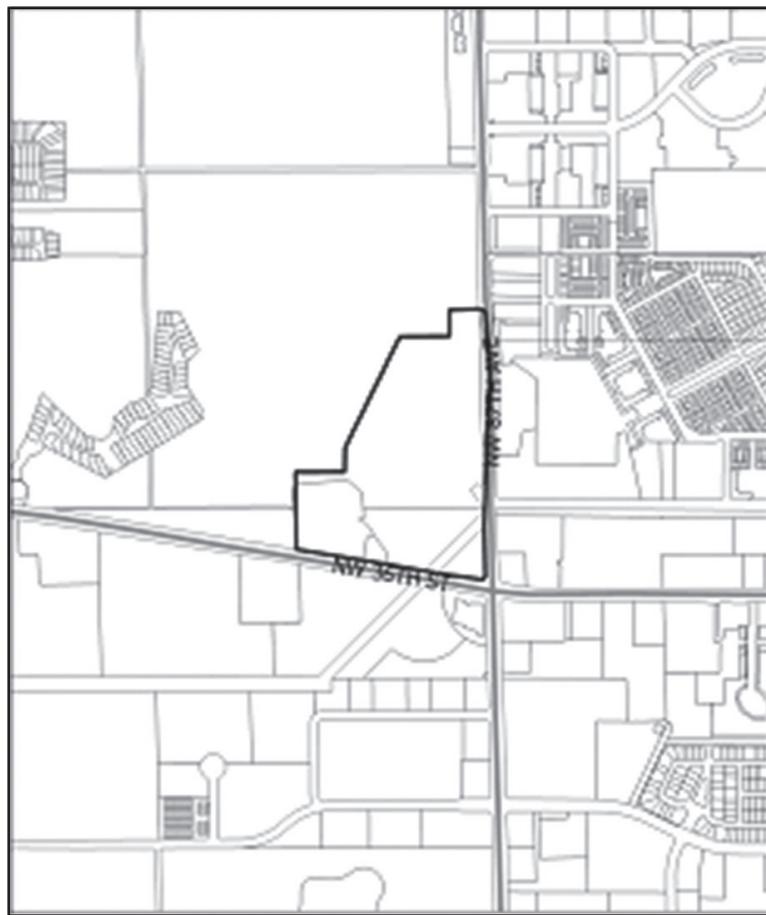
**SIZE OF PROPERTY:** ±56.4 acres

**FUTURE LAND USE MAP CATEGORY:** Community Mixed Use (CMU)

**ZONING DISTRICT:** Multi Family Residential-4 District (MF-4) and Industrial Commercial District (IC)

**REQUEST:** The Applicant is seeking to amend the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map designation on the Property from Community Mixed Use (CMU) to Downtown Mixed Use (DMU).

### Location Map



Inquiries regarding the item may be directed to the Planning and Zoning Department at 305-59-DORAL. The application file may be examined at the City of Doral Planning and Zoning Department located at 8401 NW 53 Terrace, Doral, FL 33166.

Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, if a person decides to appeal any decisions made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. This notice does not constitute consent by the City for introduction or admission of otherwise inadmissible or irrelevant evidence, nor does it authorize challenges or appeals not otherwise allowed by law. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person who are disabled and who need special accommodations to participate in this meeting because of that disability should contact the Planning and Zoning Department at 305-59-DORAL no later than three (3) business days prior to the proceeding.

Connie Diaz, MMC  
City Clerk  
City of Doral